

Veterinary medicine (equine science)
Natural resources management
(especially rangeland science)
Humane organization
Wildlife management
Livestock management
Public-at-large.

The specific category that the nominee will represent should be identified in the letter of nomination.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted to the address listed below no later than October 27, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Fox, Bureau of Land Management, LS 314, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, telephone (202) 452-7744. Internet: j1fox@wo.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board will be to advise the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chief of the Forest Service on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands.

Board membership shall be balanced in terms of categories of interest represented. Each member will be a person who, as a result of training and experience, has knowledge or special expertise that qualifies him or her to provide advice from among the categories of interest listed above. Pursuant to Section 7 of the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act, members of the Board shall not be employees of Federal or State Government.

Members will serve without salary, but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for Government employees.

The Board will meet no less than two times annually. Additional meetings may be called by the Director, Bureau of Land Management, in connection with special needs for advice.

Dated: September 19, 1997.

Tom Fry,
Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-020-1020-00]

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montana, Miles City District, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Miles City District Resource Advisory Council will have a meeting Wednesday, October 22, 1997 at 8:00 a.m. at the Big Horn Restaurant meeting room in Lovell, Wyoming. On October 23 the Council will participate in a field trip to the Pryor Mountains.

Topics of discussion at the meeting will be an overview of the management and gather plan for the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range, access, and updates on current BLM projects including the alluvial valley floor coal exchange.

The meeting is open to the public and the public comment period is set for 12:30 p.m. The public may make oral statements before the Council or file written statements for the Council to consider. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make an oral statement, a per person time limit may be established. Summary minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn Krause, Public Affairs Specialist, Miles City District, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana 59301, telephone (406) 233-2831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management. The 15 member Council includes individuals who have expertise, education, training or practical experience in the planning and management of public lands and their resources and who have a knowledge of the geographical jurisdiction of the Council.

Dated: September 17, 1997.

Timothy M. Murphy,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-070-1230-00]

Castle Peak Area Travel Management Designations and Use Restrictions

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of change in off highway vehicle use designations, and area closure and use restrictions.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given on changes in the off highway vehicle use designations and travel related rules of conduct on approximately 119,631 acres

of public land administered by the Grand Junction District, Glenwood Springs Resource Area of the Bureau of Land Management. This order closes public lands in the Bull Gulch and Castle Peak Wilderness Study Areas to use and operation of all motorized and mechanized vehicles, limits use of said vehicles to designated routes on all other public lands in the Castle Peak planning area, and prohibits use of motorized vehicles in specified areas during the fall and winter seasons. The motorized and mechanized travel designations and use restrictions are established pursuant 43 CFR 8341.2(a), and 43 CFR 8464.1. These designations and use restrictions modify current designations established in the Glenwood Springs Resource Area Resource Management Plan, record of decision signed in January 1984, and supersede general rules of conduct for recreational use of public lands in the affected area.

The affected public lands are bounded by the Colorado River, Eagle River and Highway 131 and are located in Townships 2, 3, 4, and 5 South, Ranges 83, 84, 85 and 86 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Eagle County, Colorado.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The designations will be effective as of the date of approval of the Castle Peak Travel Management Plan. The use restrictions shall be effective as of September 15, 1997 until rescinded or modified by the Authorized Officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public lands in the Castle Peak area contain important and fragile resource values and provide a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities. Changes in the current travel designations are needed to protect erosive soils, wintering wildlife habitat, sensitive water quality management areas, cultural resources, important scenic values, semi-primitive non-motorized settings, and wilderness values. Growing recreational use in the area is expected to continue, and travel management is needed to prevent conflicts between users and unacceptable impacts on resource values, while continuing to provide a variety of recreational opportunities.

These travel designations and use restrictions are the result of the Castle Peak Travel Management Plan. Public comments were received throughout the planning process beginning in April 1996, which included scoping of the issues and potential solutions, review of alternatives and the plan proposed in September 1996, and review of the final plan with record of decision approved

by the Colorado State Director on August 8, 1997. Comments were received from users, adjacent landowners, interest groups, the Colorado Division of Wildlife and other State and local agencies.

The areas, roads and trails affected by this order will be posted with appropriate regulatory signs. Information including maps of the restricted areas and travel management designations is available in the Resource Area Office and District Office at the addresses shown below.

The Castle Peak Area described herein will be subject to the following designations, closures and use restrictions:

A. Closed Designation

Use and operation of all motorized and mechanized vehicles including mountain bikes and snowmobiles operating over snow shall be prohibited year round within the following areas:

(1) Bull Gulch Wilderness Study Area—15,201 acres located 8 miles north of the Town of Gypsum in all or portion of T2S R85W Secs. 21, 28, 32, 33; T3S R85W Secs. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32; T3S R86W Secs. 24; T4S R85W Secs. 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10.

(2) Castle Peak Wilderness Study Area—12,237 acres located 9 miles north of the Town of Eagle in all or portion of T3S R84W Secs. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34 and 35.

B. Limited Designation

All travel by motorized and mechanized vehicles, except snowmobiles operating over snow, is limited to designated routes year-round on all public lands not otherwise closed. Motorized and mechanized travel off the designated routes is prohibited.

C. Fall Limitation

Between October 1 and April 30 annually, use and operation of all motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles operating over snow, is prohibited on the following routes. This fall limitation does not restrict non-motorized travel on these routes.

1. Stagecoach Trail (Route #8535) and related spurs: 5.1 miles of route located 2 miles southwest of McCoy in T2S, R84W Secs. 10, 11, 12, 13 and 24.

2. Domantle Road (Route #8513) and related spurs: 3 miles of route located 11 miles northeast of the Town of Eagle in T3S R 84 W Secs. 11, 12, and 13.

D. Winter Limitation

Between December 1 and April 30 annually, all motorized vehicle use, including snowmobiles operating over snow, is prohibited on and off the roads and trails on public lands in the following areas and on all routes therein. This winter limitation does not restrict non-motorized travel, or any travel on county roads.

(1) Cottonwood Creek: 11,768 acres west of Eby Creek, northwest of the Town of Eagle in all or portion of T4S R84W Secs. 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32; T4S R85W Secs. 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36.

(2) Red Canyon: 5,451 acres east of Eby Creek and west of Milk Creek, northeast of the Town of Eagle in all or portion of T4S R83W Secs. 5, 7, 8 and 18; T4S R84W Secs. 8, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, and 33.

(3) Bocco Mountain: 3,117 acres east of Milk Creek, north of the Eagle River to Alkali Creek and west of Highway 131, northeast of Wolcott in all or portion of T3S R83W Secs. 27, 28, 32, 33 and 34; T4S R83W Secs. 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10.

(4) Domantle-Boore Flats: 10,134 acres north of Alkali Creek, south of Pisgah Mountain and east of the Winter Ridge Road, southeast of Burns in all or portion of T2S R83W Secs. 30, 31, 32; T2S R84W Secs. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35 and 36; T3S R83W Secs. 6, 7, and 18; T3S R84W Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.

(5) Pisgah Mountain-Windy Point Area: 15,849 acres south of the Colorado River, west of Highway 131 to Big Alkali Creek, south of McCoy in all or portion of T2S R83W 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36; T2S R84W Secs 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, and 28.

(6) Black Mountain: 7,536 acres south of the Colorado River, west of the Winter Ridge Road to the Bull Gulch area near Burns in all or portion of T2S R84W Secs. 17, 18, 19, 30, 31; T2S R85W Secs. 13, 14, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, and 36.

E. Motorized Routes

Open to use and operation of all motorized vehicles including motorcycles, all terrain vehicles, four wheel drive vehicles and snowmobiles, subject to the conditions of use in 43 CFR 8341. Also open to non-motorized travel including mountain bikes, foot and horseback or pack animal unless otherwise restricted.

F. Single Track Motorized Routes

Use and operation of motorized vehicles over 40" in width is prohibited. Open to use of motorcycles and snowmobiles operating over snow and mountain bikes unless otherwise closed.

G. Non Motorized Routes

Use and operation of all motorized vehicles is prohibited. Open to all non-motorized travel year round including mountain bikes, unless otherwise closed.

Persons who are exempt from these restrictions include any Federal, State, or local officers engaged in fire, emergency and law enforcement activities; BLM employees engaged in official duties, and other persons specifically authorized to conduct or engage in the otherwise prohibited use or activity. These designations and use restrictions do not apply to use of county roads or private lands.

The environmental impacts of these designations and use restrictions are described in the Castle Peak Travel Management Plan Environmental Assessment No. CO-078-07-49.

Penalties

Violations of this closure and restriction order are punishable by fines not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael S. Mottice, Area Manager, Glenwood Springs Resource Area, 50629 Highway 6/24, P.O. Box 1009, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602; (970) 947-2800. Mark Morse, District Manager, Grand Junction District, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506; (970) 244-3000.

Mark Morse,

Grand Junction District Manager.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Segregation

SUMMARY: An application for the conveyance of federally-owned minerals has been filed for the federally-owned mineral interests in the following described lands, under the provisions of 43 U.S.C. 1719:

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 4 S., R. 13 E.,

Sec. 33, SE¹/₄, W¹/₂.

T. 6 S., R. 15 E.,