

meets the requirements of law. If the Service determines that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of the listed species. A final decision on permit issuance will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: January 29, 1998.

**Thomas Dwyer,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-930-1430-01; CACA 7912, CACA 8153]

#### Public Land Order No. 7200, and one Opening Order, California; Corrections

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Correction.

**SUMMARY:** This notice corrects the following two orders:

(1) Public Land Order No. 7200, which was published on June 12, 1996 at page 29758 (61 FR 29758), as FR Doc. 96-14802:

On page 29758, in the third column, under T. 46 N., R. 7 W., which reads "Sec. 30, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ," is hereby corrected to read "Sec. 36, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ."

(2) Order Providing for Opening of Lands Subject to Section 24 of the Federal Power Act, which was published on July 24, 1997 at page 39861 (62 FR 39861), as FR Doc. 97-19411):

On page 39861, in the second column, and in paragraph 4 under T. 48 N., R. 5 W., which reads "Sec. 34, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ " is hereby corrected to read "Sec. 34, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ "

Dated: February 3, 1998.

**Duane Marti,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Lands.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT-942-4212-13; UTU-76188]

#### Filing of State Indemnity Selection Application; Utah

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On December 2, 1996, the State of Utah filed a state indemnity selection application, UTU-76188, to have 5,025.94 acres of federally-owned land and interest in land transferred to the State of Utah pursuant to section 2275 and 2276 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, (43 U.S.C. 851-852).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Angela D. Williams, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, 324 South State Street, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155, 801-539-4107.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Of the 5,025.94 acres filed under this application: 525.05 acres were rejected due to inconsistency with planning; and 1121.36 acres were rejected due to prior segregation and conveyance. The lands containing the federally-owned lands and interests in land included in this application are described as follows:

#### Salt Lake Meridian, Utah

T. 35 S., R. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  W.,  
Sec. 9, Lots 3, 4, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 16, Lots 1 thru 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$   
Sec. 19, Lots 1, 2, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Sec. 30, Lots 2, 3, 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ .

T. 35 S., R. 5 W.,  
Sec. 24, NE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Sec. 25, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 36 S., R. 11 E.,  
Sec. 15, All;  
Sec. 29, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 37 S., R. 11 E.,  
Sec. 5, Lots 1 thru 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The lands described contain 3,379.53 acres located in Garfield County.

The filing of this application segregates the federally-owned lands and interests in land from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the public land laws, including the mining laws but not the mineral leasing act. This segregative effect shall terminate upon the issuance of a document of conveyance to these federally-owned lands and interests in lands, or upon the publication in the **Federal Register** of a notice of termination of the segregation, or upon the expiration of two years from

the date of the filing of this application, whichever occurs first.

**Teresa L. Catlin**

*Chief, Branch of Lands and Minerals Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT-930-08-1020-00]

#### Notice of Proposed Supplementary Rule

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed supplementary rule to require the use of certified noxious weed-free forage on Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-administered lands; in Utah. Prevention of the spread of noxious weeds on BLM-administered lands in Utah.

**SUMMARY:** The State Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Utah is proposing a requirement that all visitors and permittees using BLM lands in Utah use certified noxious weed-free hay, straw, or mulch when visiting the public lands. This requirement will affect visitors who use hay, straw or mulch on the BLM-administered lands in Utah such as: recreationists using pack and saddle stock, ranchers with grazing permits, outfitters, guides, and permittees, lessees or contractors who use straw or other mulch for reseeding purposes. These individuals or groups would be required to purchase certified noxious weed-free forage products, or use other approved products such as processed grains and pellets while on BLM-administered lands in Utah.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the proposal should be received on or before March 11, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments concerning the Utah requirement to: State Director (930), USDI, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0155. Electronic mail comments will also be received via: [inet:lmaxfiel@ut.blm.gov](mailto:inet:lmaxfiel@ut.blm.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry Maxfield, Rangeland Management Specialist, Biological Resources, Division of Natural Resources, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0155, or phone (801-539-4059).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Noxious weeds are a serious problem in the western United States. Estimates of the rapid spread of weeds in the west

include 2,300 acres per day on BLM-administered lands and 4,500 acres per day on all western public lands. Species like Leafy Spurge, Squarrose Knapweed, Spotted Knapweed, Russian Knapweed, Musk Thistle, Dalmatian Toadflax, Purple Loosestrife, and many others are alien to the United States and have no natural enemies to keep their populations in balance. Consequently, these undesirable weeds invade healthy ecosystems, displace native vegetation, reduce species diversity, and destroy wildlife habitat. Widespread infestations lead to soil erosion and stream sedimentation. Furthermore, noxious weed invasions weaken revegetation efforts, reduce domestic and wild ungulates' grazing capacity, occasionally irritate public land users by aggravating allergies and other ailments, and threaten federally-protected plants and animals.

To curb the spread of noxious weeds, a growing number of western states have jointly developed noxious weed-free forage certification standards, and, in cooperation with various federal, state, and county agencies, passed weed management laws. Utah BLM's Resource Advisory Council developed guidelines requiring only hay cubes, hay pellets made from weed free hay, or certified weed-free hay to be fed on BLM lands. This guideline was approved by both the Utah BLM State Director and the Secretary of the Interior in May, 1997. Because hay and other forage products containing noxious weed seed are part of the infestation problem, Utah has developed a state hay inspection-certification-identification process, participates in a regional inspection-certification-identification process and encourages forage producers in Utah to grow noxious weed-free products.

The Intermountain and Rocky Mountain Regions of the United States Forest Service, Department of

Agriculture, have implemented similar policies for National Forest lands in 1994. The BLM in Colorado implemented a standard stipulation on all Special Recreation Permits in 1994 requiring holders of those permits to use certified weed-free products. This proposal will provide a standard regulation for all users of BLM lands in Utah and will provide for coordinated management with National Forest lands across jurisdictional lines.

In cooperation with the State of Utah and the U.S. Forest Service, Utah BLM is proposing a ban on hay, straw or mulch that has not been certified weed free. This proposal includes a public information plan to ensure that: (1) this ban is well publicized and understood; and (2) BLM visitors and land users will know where they can purchase state-certified hay or other products.

The supplementary rules will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

For the reasons stated above, under the authority of 43 CFR 8365.1-5, the Utah State Office, BLM, proposes supplementary rules to read as follows:

**Supplementary Rules to Require the Use of Certified Noxious Weed-Free Forage on Bureau of Land Management-Administered Lands in Utah**

(a)(1) To prevent the spread of weeds on BLM-administered lands in Utah, effective March 6, 1998, all BLM lands within the State of Utah, at all times of the year, shall be closed to possessing or storing hay, straw, or mulch that has not been certified as free of prohibited noxious weed seed.

(2) Certification will comply with Regional "Forage Certification program for noxious weed seed-free forage and noxious weed-free forage", jointly developed by the States of Utah, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, and Nevada. A

brochure called Q & A about the Regional Forage Certification Program for Noxious Weed Seed-Free Forage and Noxious Weed-Free Forage is available.

(3) The following persons are exempt from this order: anyone with an unexpired permit signed by BLM's authorized officer at the Field Office specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission within that Field Office Area.

(b) Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the provisions of these supplemental rules regarding the use of noncertified noxious weed-free hay, straw, or mulch when visiting Bureau of Land Management-administered lands in Utah, without authorization required, may be commanded to appear before a designated United States Magistrate and may be subject to a fine of no more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both, as defined in 43 United States Code 1733(a).

Dated: January 30, 1998.

**G. William Lamb,**

*Utah State Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

**60-day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information—Opportunity for Public Comment**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, National Park Service, and 5 Units of the National Park System.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The University of Vermont is proposing to conduct four projects at up to five parks during FY 98:

NPS unit	Estimated number of responses	Estimated burden hours
(1) Yosemite National Park .....	1200	600
(2) Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island National Monuments .....	800	400
(3) Golden Gate National Recreation Area:		
(A) Alcatraz Island .....	500	250
(B) Muir Woods .....	500	250
Totals .....	3000	1500

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) is soliciting comments on the need for gathering the information in

the proposed visitor studies listed above. The NPS is also asking for comments on the practical utility of the information being gathered; the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and

clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including the use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology.