

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Designation Order; Lifting of the Moratorium on Commercial Outfitting Permits and the Establishment of Special Stipulations, Conditions, and an Environmental Analysis Process for New and Existing Commercial Outfitting Permits for the San Miguel River Special Recreation Management Area and Area of Critical Environmental Concern

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Office, Montrose, Colorado.

ACTION: Lifting of the 1995 moratorium on commercial outfitting permits, establishment of special stipulations and conditions, and initiating an environmental analysis process to evaluate new and existing commercial upland and river permits within 32,641 acres of public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management as the San Miguel River Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) and Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in San Miguel and Montrose Counties, Colorado.

SUMMARY: In June, 1995, the BLM issued a Federal Register Notice establishing a moratorium on commercial outfitting permits within the SRMA and ACEC to hold commercial use at 1994 levels while a multi-objective watershed plan was being prepared. The Notice of the moratorium (Vol. 60, No. 125, Thursday, June 29, 1995) stated that when the watershed plan was completed, the moratorium would be lifted and constraints on the number of outfitting permits and/or the total number of user days associated with those permits, if any, would be implemented.

The San Miguel Watershed Plan was completed in June, 1998 and actions in the Plan pertaining to Public Lands will be implemented by the BLM where determined feasible and in compliance with existing BLM management objectives or approved plan amendments. Additional environmental analyses will be completed, where determined necessary, to evaluate the impacts of implementation of general and/or site specific management actions and projects.

As part of the Watershed Plan implementation process, the BLM is lifting the commercial permit moratorium until April 15, 1999 and entering into a two-year analysis period during which time it will: (1) Issue new annual probationary permits to both

river and upland outfitters that meet Special Recreation Permit application requirements and BLM management objectives for the SRMA/ACEC; (2) Allow existing permitted outfitters within the SRMA/ACEC area to propose modifications to their operating plans and proposed use figures; (3) Conduct on-the-ground monitoring of all uses within the SRMA/ACEC to provide environmental and social data for analyzing the impacts of those uses; (4) Establish interim Special Stipulations and Conditions for commercial permits and site-specific management regulations for all uses within the management area where needed to protect resources and reduce user conflicts; and, (5) Work with the public and the San Miguel Coordinating Council and a San Miguel Watershed Task Force to prioritize and implement additional resource management actions and develop resource protection standards, Limits of Acceptable change, and other similar protection guidelines for recreation uses within the SRMA and ACEC.

At the end of the two-year period, the BLM will determine, through an environmental analysis process, how commercial permits will be issued and managed in the future to ensure maximum protection of the area's sensitive riparian resources, reduce user conflicts, and provide the highest quality recreational opportunities for the outfitted public. The process will include, but not be limited to, analyzing the impacts of reissuing permits to existing outfitters, the impacts of the new probationary permits on the existing uses, and the potential impacts of restricting commercial use in the future under a closure or allocation system.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The moratorium is lifted as of March 10, 1999 and will be reinstated on April 16, 1999. All new river permit applications for the San Miguel River must be postmarked by April 15, 1999 and received no later than five days afterward by the Uncompahgre Field Office. The environmental analysis period will begin April 15, 1999 and extend through December 31, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Tucker, Recreation Planner, Uncompahgre Field Office, 2505 South Townsend Ave., Montrose, Colorado 80401, (970) 240-5309.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

Allan J. Belt,

Uncompahgre Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Cancellation of Proposed Withdrawal; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to withdraw 3951.36 acres of public land in Big Horn County, to protect important paleontological resources within the Red Gulch dinosaur track site pending completion of land use planning. This notice closes the land for up to two years from surface entry and mining. The land will remain open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 5, 1999.

Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by June 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests should be sent to the BLM Wyoming State Director, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003-1828.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Booth, BLM Wyoming State Office, 307-775-6124, or Chuck Wilkie, BLM Worland Field Office Manager, P.O. Box 119, 101 South 23rd Street, Worland, Wyoming 82401-0119, 307-347-5100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 1. On January 29, 1999, a petition was approved allowing the BLM to file an application to withdraw the following described public land in aid of planning from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

T. 52 N., R. 91W.,

Sec. 17, all;

Sec. 18, lots 5-8, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 19, lots 5-7, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 20, N $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 21, all;

Sec. 28, all;

Sec. 29, N $\frac{1}{2}$ M $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 30, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains approximately 3951.36 acres in Big Horn County, Wyoming.

2. This notice also cancels a withdrawal application approved May

14, 1998, for the BLM to protect paleontological resources in an initial 40-acre tract within this same Red Gulch Dinosaur Tracksite (published May 29, 1998, in the **Federal Register** as FR Doc. 98-148083, 63 FR 29428). The segregative effect associated with that application is hereby terminated; however, the land described below is not open to surface entry and mining as it is within the proposed withdrawal described herein. The land is described as follows:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

T. 52 N., R. 91 W.,
Sec. 20, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 40.00 acres in Big Horn County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect important paleontological resources pending completion of land use planning, further study and development of appropriate, and possibly longer-term, actions to protect and manage the resources.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the undersigned officer of the BLM.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the BLM Wyoming State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of two years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature which would not impact or impair the existing values of the area may be allowed with the approval of an authorized officer of the BLM during the segregative period.

Dated: February 23, 1999.

Alan L. Kesterke,

Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Task Force

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of a meeting of the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Task Force.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, March 19, 1999, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be at Best Western's Victoria Inn, 1709 Main Street, Weaverville, California 96093. Telephone: 530/623-4432.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Russell P. Smith, Chief, Environmental and Natural Resource Division, Northern California Area Office, 1639 Shasta Dam Boulevard, Shasta Lake, California 96019. Telephone: 530/275-1554 (TDD 530/450-6000).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Task Force members will approve minutes of the June 30, 1998, meeting and a priority list of additional projects for Fiscal Year 1999. The members will be briefed on the Solicitor's review of the Three-Year Action Plan, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Trinity River Flow Evaluation, and the Trinity River Mainstem Fishery Restoration Environmental Impact Statement.

Dated: February 26, 1999.

Kirk C. Rodgers,

Acting Regional Director.

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY

Overseas Private Investment Corporation

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Overseas Private Investment Corporation, IDCA.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), agencies are required to publish a Notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the Agency is preparing an information collection request for OMB review and approval and to request public review and comment on the submission. At OPIC's request, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is reviewing this information collection for emergency processing for 90 days, under OMB control number 3420-0024.

Comments are being solicited on the need for the information, its practical utility, the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate, and on ways to minimize the reporting burden, including automated collection techniques and uses of other forms of technology. The proposed form under review is summarized below.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the subject form and the request for review prepared for submission to OMB may be obtained from the Agency Submitting Officer. Comments on the form should be submitted to the Agency Submitting Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *OPIC Agency Submitting Officer:* Carol Brock, Records Manager, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20527; 202/336-8563.

Summary of Form Under Review

Type of Request: New form.

Title: Client Year 2000 Program Assessment Checklist.

Form Number: OPIC-230

Frequency of Use: Once per project.

Type of Respondents: Business or other institutions (except farms).

Standard Industrial Classification Codes: All.

Description of Affected Public: U.S. companies or citizens investing overseas.

Reporting Hours: 1 hour per project.

Number of Responses: 500 per year.

Federal Cost: \$5,000 per year.

Authority for Information Collection: Year 2000 Information and Readiness Disclosure Act of 1998.

Abstract (Needs and Uses): OPIC is surveying its clients to determine their status on addressing Year 2000 issues to ensure that OPIC's clients will be able to continue to make payments of premiums, principal, interest, and fees due to OPIC. The continued flow of these payments helps OPIC to ensure a positive cash flow and maintains its position as a self-sustaining agency.