

Dated: March 26, 1999.

Cynthia U. Barry,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

United States Geological Survey

Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI)

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting of the Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the ACWI. This meeting of the ACWI is to discuss broad policy-related topics relating to national water initiatives, and to hear reports from ACWI subgroups. The proposed agenda will include a series of discussions concerning various U.S. Government policies and programs related to the development and dissemination of water information.

The ACWI has been established under the authority of the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum 92-01 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the ACWI is to provide a forum for water-information users and professionals to advise the Federal Government of activities and plans which may improve the effectiveness of meeting the Nation's water information needs. More than 30 organizations have been invited by the Secretary of the Interior to name representatives to the ACWI. These include Federal departments, State, local, and tribal government organizations, industry, academia, agriculture, environmental organizations, professional societies, and volunteer groups.

DATES: The formal meeting will convene at 8:00 a.m., on May 18, 1999, and will adjourn on May 19, 1999 at 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Sheraton Reston Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ethan T. Smith (Executive Secretary), Chief, Water Information Coordination Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, 417 National Center, Reston, VA 20192. Telephone: 703-648-5022; Fax: 703-648-5295.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to the public. A half hour will be set aside for public comment. Persons wishing to make a brief presentation (up to 5 minutes) are

asked to provide a written request with a description of the general subject to Dr. Smith at the above address no later than noon, April 27, 1999. It is requested that 40 copies of a written statement be submitted at the time of the meeting for distribution to members of the ACWI and placement in the official file. Any member of the public may submit written information and (or) comments to Dr. Smith for distribution at the ACWI.

Dated: March 26, 1999.

Lewis V. Wade,

Assistant Chief Hydrologist for Information, U.S. Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-1220-00; Closure Notice No. NV-030-99-001]

Emergency Closure of Federal Lands

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain public lands in the vicinity of the Peterson Mountain Natural Area, Washoe County, Nevada, are closed to all motorized vehicles. This closure is necessary due to unauthorized road construction and off-road vehicle use which is causing considerable adverse effects to soil, vegetation and wildlife habitat in the area. It is possible that cultural resources also are being impacted.

DATES: This closure goes into effect on April 1, 1999, and will remain in effect until the Manager, Carson City Field Office, determines it is no longer needed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret Jensen, Assistant Manager, Division of Nonrenewable Resources, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701. Telephone (775) 885-6100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authorities for this closure are 43 CFR 8341.2, 43 CFR 8342.3 and 43 CFR 8364.1. Any person who fails to comply with a closure order is subject to arrest and fines in accordance with applicable provisions of 18 USC 3571 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

This closure applies to all motorized vehicles excluding (1) any emergency or law enforcement vehicles while being used for emergency purposes, and (2) any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized in writing by the Manager, Carson City Field Office. The public lands affected by this closure are located just east of Petersen Mountain and,

while excluding main access roads in this area, include all lands being used as an unauthorized motorcycle race course within:

Mt. Diablo Meridian

T.22N., R.18E.
Sec. 11

A map of the area closed to motorized vehicles is posted in the Carson City Field Office.

Dated: March 23, 1999.

John O. Singlaub,

Manager, Carson City Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-025-09-1430-01; G-0156]

Temporary Closure of Public Land

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), DOI.

ACTION: Notice of Temporary Closure of Public Land.

The following described public land is being temporarily closed to motorized vehicular traffic pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1:

Willamette Meridian

T.23S., R.26E.,
Sec. 28, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 29, SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Those portions of the above-described land west of the Chickahominy Reservoir Access Road; south and west of the waterline of Chickahominy Reservoir; and, north of U.S. Highway 20.

The following exceptions apply:

1. Law enforcement, emergency personnel, and Bureau of Land Management and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife employees while engaged in official duties without a written waiver.

2. Motorized water craft without a written waiver.

3. Other individuals in the possession of a written waiver who, as determined by the Authorized Officer, have a demonstrated need to travel by motorized vehicle in the area being closed.

The closure is necessary to prevent damage to roads and adjacent resources during extremely wet springtime conditions. Unrestricted traffic during this time of year is creating excessive impacts to soil and vegetative resources resulting in erosion and sedimentation of the reservoir. Additionally, funds are

not readily available to routinely repair and maintain roads in the area damaged by vehicular traffic.

The closure will take effect upon posting of this notice on the land and remain effective until, as determined by the Authorized Officer, the land is suitable for continued motorized vehicular traffic.

Failure to comply with this temporary closure may result in a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, or both, in accordance with 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information, including an analysis of the closure, and for waivers should be directed to Craig M. Hansen or Skip Renschler, Bureau of Land Management, HC 74-12533, Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, phone (541) 573-4400.

Dated: March 25, 1999.

Rudolph J. Hefter,

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-020-1220-00]

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montana, Billings and Miles City Field Offices, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Miles City District Resource Advisory Council will have a meeting April 28 and 29, 1999 in Miles City, Montana at the Range Riders Museum meeting room west of Miles City. Agenda topics include access, back-country by-ways, and the Terry Badlands Wilderness Study Area, with updates on Pompeys Pillar and the noxious weeds program. On Wednesday the meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. and is expected to adjourn about 5:00 p.m. The Council will reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday and adjourn at noon.

The meeting is open to the public and the public comment period is set for 8:00 a.m. on April 29. 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 Field Office, 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: March 17, 1999.

Timothy M. Murphy,

Miles City Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-040-99-1410-00; AA-75642]

Realty Action; FLPMA Lease of Public Lands, Near Akiachak, Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action, lands are within the boundary of the Alaska Southwest Area Management Framework Plan (MFP), dated November 1981.

SUMMARY: This Notice of realty action involves converting a permit to a lease on public lands administered by the BLM. The lease is intended to authorize continued use of one acre of land for a commercial trapping cabin approximately 60 miles west of Bethel, Alaska. This land has been examined and found suitable for leasing under the provisions of Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), of 1976, and 43 CFR Part 2920.

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 8 N., R. 61 W., Sec. 2

The above land aggregates one acre.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments until May 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted to the Anchorage Field Manager, Anchorage Field Office, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507-2599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dorothy J. Bonds, BLM, Anchorage Field Office, 6881 Abbott Loop Road,

Anchorage, Alaska 99507-2599, 907-267-1239, or 1-800-478-1263.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM proposes to lease the surface of approximately one acre of public land to Brian W. Latham of Akiachak, Alaska, under a renewable twenty (20) year lease. The appraised rental on the land is fair market rental value. In addition, the lessee shall reimburse the United States for reasonable administrative and other costs incurred by the United States in processing and monitoring the lease. The general terms and conditions for leases are found in 43 CFR 2920.7.

Nicholas E. Douglas,

Anchorage Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-050-1430-01, COC-49757, COC-62293, COC-62759]

Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The following public lands in Boulder, Gilpin and Chaffee Counties have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purpose Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*)

COC-49757—The Colorado State Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation proposes to amend their existing Recreation and Public Purpose lease to include the following 52 acres in the Big Bend area. The lands will be managed as part of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA). The area to be leased lies adjacent to lands owned and managed by Colorado State as part of the AHRA.

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 50 N., R. 8 E.,

Sec. 21: That portion of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying east of Highway 285,

Sec. 22: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Consisting of approximately 52 acres in Chaffee County

COC-62293—The Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation proposes to lease and/or patent the following lands to be included in the exiting Eldorado Canyon State Park:

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 1 S., R. 71 W.,