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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Diwachak, EIS Team Leader, (801) 539-4043.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Final EIS analyzes direct, indirect and cumulative impacts from a proposal to develop natural gas from coal seams in the Castle Valley area of Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah. Environmental impacts from the proposed project and alternatives were considered and analyzed in a Draft EIS prepared and released for public review in October 1998. Based on comments received on the DEIS, modifications and revisions were made.

The approved project (Alternative 2, Proposed Action with Environmental Protection Measures) would involve the construction, drilling, completion, and stimulation of approximately 335 natural gas wells drilled into coal beds of the Ferron Formation. Associated access roads, gas and water pipelines, electrical distribution lines, compressor stations, disposal wells and related facilities would also be constructed. A 27 mile long, 20-inch gas transmission line would be constructed to transport produced gas.

The Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service, Manti-La Sal National Forest, participated in the preparation of the EIS as a cooperating agency, as there are FS lands included in the Project Area. The FS is responsible for making a decision on individual drilling and special use permit applications on National Forest lands. The FS will consider a separate Record of Decision for the portions of the Ferron Natural Gas Project within the Manti-La Sal National Forest.

The State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining participated as a cooperating agency to provide technical support during preparation of the EIS.

Dated: July 8, 1999.

Linda Colville,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-160-1220-00]

Recreation Supplementary Regulations in Effect on Public Land Adjacent to the North Fork of the Kaweah River

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Final supplementary rule making.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Bakersfield (California) Field Office has established the supplementary rules listed below to protect natural resources, prevent wildfires, maintain public health and sanitation, and address occupancy and recreational use of BLM land along the North Fork of the Kaweah River. BLM will also post each supplementary rule near and/or within the lands, sites, or facilities affected.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES: Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1 and 8365.1-6 (Supplementary Rules) the following supplementary rules are in effect on BLM land within Township 16 South, Range 28 East, Sections 13, 23, 24, 26 and 34, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, under the management of the BLM, Bakersfield Field Office.

A. Camping, parking of vehicles, occupancy or placing private property on BLM land within 500 feet of the North Fork of the Kaweah River or within 200 feet of the North Fork Drive is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM. However, the Authorized Officer and authorized representatives of the BLM may grant organized groups use of the area consistent with the supplementary regulations listed below.

B. Only portable stoves using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel or charcoal grills may be used for cooking. Used charcoal may not be dumped or discarded onto the ground or into the river. Campfires, warming or cooking fires using wood, vegetation or any other substance, except as described above, are prohibited. Building, maintaining, attending or using any fire other than the above described stove or grill is prohibited. Fire permits are required at all times. Any emergency fire restriction established by the authorized officer or any government agency of proper jurisdiction will supersede the above upon appropriate signature or required publication.

C. All papers, plastic and paper bags or wrappers must be controlled to prevent their being blown away from the immediate control of their owner.

All garbage or food residue such as egg shells, peelings, pits or other waste must be placed in an appropriate container pending proper disposal. Picnic sites must be kept free of refuse. All refuse must be placed into an appropriate container or litter bag pending proper disposal. Refuse means trash, garbage, rubbish, waste papers, empty bottles or cans, debris, litter, oil, solvents, liquid waste, diapers or other items of personal hygiene, or any other discarded materials.

D. The spilling, placing, pumping or other discharge of contaminants, pollutants or other wastes, including human waste, on the ground or into the Kaweah River is prohibited. Used diapers must be placed into an appropriate receptacle as soon as practical and may not be stored or placed within 40 feet of the North Fork of the Kaweah River.

E. The consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the above defined BLM land. This does not apply to unopened containers in vehicles traveling through BLM land on roads maintained by Tulare County or the State of California.

F. Except for the lawful taking of game, any discharge of firearms is prohibited on the above defined public land. For the purpose of this supplementary rule, a firearm is defined as under Title 18, U.S.C., chapter 44, section 921(a)(3). Federal, State and local law enforcement officers are exempt from this order in the course of their official duties.

G. If you knowingly and willfully violate this supplementary rule, you may be subject to arrest and a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months as provided by 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

DATES: The above supplementary rules have been revised following a review of public comment. They will take effect July 14, 1999. These supplementary rules will remain in effect until replaced by a comprehensive Recreation Management Plan for the area.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver comments to Bureau of Land Management, Bakersfield Office, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308; telephone (661) 391-6120.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Hervey at (805) 391-6121 or at the BLM, Bakersfield field Office, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These supplementary regulations have been effected to curtail the considerable accumulation of refuse and waste on public land adjacent to the North Fork of the Kaweah River. The area receives

considerable recreational use in limited accessible locations. Public health and safety, sanitation and the pollution of water resources are also of concern.

Public comments following initial publication of these supplementary rules strongly recommended the addition of supplementary rules prohibiting the discharge of firearms for purposes other than the lawful taking of game on the above defined public land. Equestrians, bicycle riders, persons involved in recreational fishing and hiking, and adjacent property owners all requested this change.

Nothing herein is intended to in any way restrict or prevent access to or use of private property within the designated area. Public officers or employees in the performance of their official duties are exempt from these supplementary regulations. These supplementary regulations are not intended to and will not be enforced to hinder or curtail any valid existing right, permit, or authorization. Access and use by owners or legitimate occupants or adjacent private property is permitted at all times. With the exception of supplementary rule E in the above list, these supplementary rules do not apply to individuals involved in the lawful taking of game. These supplementary rules are in conformance with the May 1997 Caliente Resource Management Plan.

Dated: June 15, 1999.

Al Wright,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-952-09-1420-00]

Filing of Plats of Survey; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public and interested State and local government officials of the filing of Plats of Survey in Nevada.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Filing is effective at 10:00 a.m. on the dates indicated below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert H. Thompson, Acting Chief, Branch of Geographic Services, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520, 702-861-6541.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The Supplemental Plat of the following described lands was officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on April 22, 1999:

The supplemental plat, showing new lottings in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 8, Township 33 North, Range 70 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, was accepted April 19, 1999.

This plat was prepared to meet certain administrative needs of Big Springs Associates and the Bureau of Land Management.

2. The Plat of Survey of the following described lands was officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on May 20, 1999:

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the north and west boundaries and a portion of the subdivisional lines, the subdivision of sections 6 and 7, and a metes-and-bounds survey in section 6, Township 6 South, Range 61 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, under Group No. 776, was accepted May 18, 1999.

This survey was executed to meet certain administrative needs of James H. Christianson, Grace K. Christianson, and the Bureau of Land Management.

3. The Supplemental Plat of the following described lands was officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on June 10, 1999:

The supplemental plat, showing amended lottings in sec. 4, Township 20 North, Range 25 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, was accepted June 8, 1999.

This plat was prepared to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management.

4. The Plat of Survey of the following described lands was officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on June 24, 1999:

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and a metes-and-bounds survey in section 32, Township 20 South, Range 54 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, under Group No. 779, was accepted June 22, 1999.

This survey was executed to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management.

5. The above-listed surveys are now the basic records for describing the lands for all authorized purposes. These surveys have been placed in the open files in the BLM Nevada State Office and are available to the public as a matter of information. Copies of the surveys and related field notes may be furnished to the public upon payment of the appropriate fees.

Dated: June 30, 1999.

Robert H. Thompson,

Acting Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Nevada.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Change in Noise Evaluation Methodology for Air Tour Operations Over Grand Canyon National Park

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Disposition of Public Comments and Adoption of Final Noise.

Evaluation Methodology for Air Tour Operations Over Grand Canyon National Park

SUMMARY: On January 26, 1999, the National Park Service (NPS) published a Public Notice of agency policy in the **Federal Register** with the above title (64 FR 3969-3972), requesting comments on refinements to NPS' noise evaluation (i.e., impact assessment) methodology for air tour operations over Grand Canyon National Park (GCNP). Specifically, the refinements contemplated a two-zone system for assessing impacts related to substantial restoration of natural quiet at GCNP. In Zone One, which would encompass about one-third of the Park's area, the threshold of noticeability previously used in noise modeling for environmental analyses related to GCNP air tours would continue to be used (i.e., the average A-weighted natural ambient level plus 3 decibels). In Zone Two, which would encompass about two-thirds of the Park's area, the threshold for the onset of impact would be audibility (i.e., the level at which aircraft can begin to be heard by people with normal hearing, determined to be 8 decibels below the average A-weighted natural ambient level at GCNP).

The NPS received 19 comments in response to the Public Notice. Comments were received from industry associations (e.g., United States Air Tour Association, Helicopter Association International, National Air Transportation Association); environmental groups (e.g., Sierra Club, Grand Canyon Trust, Friends of Grand Canyon); air tour operators; representatives of tribal concerns; and the general public. The NPS considered all substantive comments.

DATES: The noise impact assessment methodology presented herein is effective immediately.