

area, and the NW ¼ of Section 24 and the SW ¼ of Section 13, T. 25 S., R. 20 E. S.L.M. in the Little Canyon area is limited to designated routes.

Limited to Existing Roads and Trails Areas

The 1985 RMP designated the Mancos shale areas in the Cisco and Green River desert areas; the Colorado, Green, and Dolores river corridors; portions of the Canyon Rims Recreation Area, and the area between Dead Horse Point State Park and the Colorado River as limited to existing roads and trails.

Exceptions

The travel restrictions in this notice do not apply to wheelchairs, water craft, military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement vehicles used for emergency purposes, vehicles expressly permitted by the BLM, or BLM vehicles required for official use, and are subject to valid existing rights.

Authority: Pub. L. 94-579, E. O. 11644, E. O. 11989, 43 CFR 8341.2, 43 CFR 8364.1

Dated: January 12, 2001.

Sally Wisely,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-110-6320-AA; HAG01-0071]

Prohibition of Certain Activities on the Medford District in and Around the Woodrat Mountain hang Gliding Site, Jackson County, Oregon

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

ACTION: Prohibition on Certain Activities on Public Lands in Jackson County, Oregon.

SUMMARY: Hang gliding is temporarily prohibited on the Medford District, Jackson County, Oregon, from January 4, 2001 to November 1, 2001, during periods of helicopter logging, or upon cancellation of this notice. This prohibition is being made in the interest of public safety while the Poor Bishop timber sale is taking place in the Woodrat Mountain area.

The following public lands are affected: T. 38 S., R. 3 W, Sections 23, 25, 26; *Williamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Armitage, Forest Manager, at (541) 618-2333.

Authority: 43 CFR 8364.

Penalty: Any person failing to comply with this prohibition may be subject to imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or a fine in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 U.S.C. 3571, or both.

Dated: January 4, 2001.

Rich Dreihobl,

Field Office manager, Ashland Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-110-6320-NW; HAG01-0063]

Notice of Temporary Restriction on Public Lands; Jackson, County, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Medford District, Ashland Field Office, Oregon.

ACTION: A temporary restriction of the use of paint ball equipment on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Ashland Field Office, Medford District, Oregon.

SUMMARY: The BLM is temporarily restricting the use of paint ball equipment on certain public lands in Jackson County.

DATES: This restriction will take effect upon the published date of this notice. The closure will continue until rescinded by BLM, to allow time for natural restoration to be completed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Field Office Manager, Ashland Field Office, Medford District, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504, telephone (541) 618-2310.

Discussion of the Rules: The public lands affected by this closure are all lands administered by the BLM in NE¼SW¼, section 23 of Township 37 South, Range 1 East, Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon. This area is located on the west side of Antelope Creek, within the riparian reserve zone. Antelope Creek is an anadromous fish stream and is managed in accordance with the Aquatic Conservation Strategy of the Northwest Forest Plan. This area has been used for unregulated paint ball activity, unauthorized cutting of vegetation, trampling of riparian vegetation and crossing of the stream by off-road vehicles. This use is causing soil erosion into streams, loss of vegetation and disturbance to anadromous fish populations. In addition, vehicles are being used for transporting household and commercial trash that is being

illegally dumped, causing further degradation of the soil and water conditions. In order to protect the natural resources, and follow the guidance of the Northwest Forest Plan, paint ball and off-road activity must stop.

Closure and restriction signs will be posted at main entry points. Maps of the closure area may be obtained from the Medford District Office.

Prohibited Act: Under 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management will enforce the following rule within the Antelope Creek closure and restriction area:

- a. You must not use paint ball equipment.
- b. You must not engage in paint ball activity.
- c. You must not drive off established roads.

Exemptions: Persons who are exempt from these rules include any federal, state or local officer or employee in the scope of their duties, members of any organized rescue or fire-fighting force in performance of an official duty, and any person authorized in writing by the Bureau of Land Management.

Penalties: The authority for this closure is found under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)) and 43 CFR 8360.0-7. Any person who violates this closure may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

Dated: January 2, 2001.

Rich Dreihobl,

Field Office Manager, Ashland Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-092-1610-00]

Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Glasgow Field Station, announces the availability of a proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and Environmental Assessment (EA). The proposed plan amendment/EA addresses two potential ACECs in the Glasgow Field Station,

Valley County, Montana. The proposed plan is to designate a Bitter Creek Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and a Mountain Plover ACEC.

DATES: The proposed plan amendment may be protested. The 30-day protest period will commence with the date of publication of this notice. Protests must be submitted on or before February 21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written protests must be sent to: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Ms Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator, WO-210/LS-1075, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240. The overnight mail address is: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Ms Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator (WO-210), 1620 L Street, NW., Rm. 1075, Washington, DC 20036 [Phone: 202/452-5510].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Fahlgren, Assistant Field Manager, BLM, Glasgow Field Station, RR1-4775, Glasgow, MT 59230. 406-228-3750.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed plan amendment/EA addresses special management for two ACECs; Bitter Creek and Mountain Plover. The public land being considered is located in Valley County, Montana. This plan would amend the Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP. The Bitter Creek Wilderness Study Area (WSA) (59,660 acres) was found to meet the criteria as a potential ACEC due to the scenic diversity and variety of vegetation types and wildlife habitat. The proposed plan is to designate a Bitter Creek ACEC. If Congress released Bitter Creek from WSA status, a plan for management of the ACEC would be initiated within two years. Until an ACEC management plan is completed for Bitter Creek, management would be the same as the revised edition of the Interim Management Policy for Lands Under Wilderness Review (1998). The Mountain Plover area (24,730 acres) provides natural habitat for the mountain plover, a prairie bird. It is an area of native plover habitat which is not associated with black-tailed prairie dogs. The proposed plan is to designate a Mountain Plover ACEC. Management prescriptions limiting surface disturbing activities would apply within the ACEC to protect the mountain plover during the nesting period from April 1 to July 31. These management prescriptions include a seasonal restriction on oil and gas activities, mitigating measures considered in Plan of Operations, seasonal stipulation on right-of-way grants, and off-highway vehicle travel seasonally limited to designated roads and trails.

The BLM's resource management planning process includes an opportunity for administrative review via a plan protest to the BLM's Director. Any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the approval of an amendment to an RMP may protest such approval. Careful adherence to the following guidelines will assist in preparing a protest that will assure the greatest consideration to your point of view. Only those persons or organizations who participated in the planning process may protest. A protesting party may raise only those issues which were commented on during the planning process. New issues may be raised at any time but should be directed to the appropriate BLM field office for consideration in plan implementation, as potential plan amendments, or as otherwise appropriate. The protest period extends for 30 days. There is no provision for any extension of time. To be considered "timely," your protest must be postmarked no later than the last day of the protest period. Also, although not a requirement, we suggest that you send your protest by certified mail, return receipt requested. In order to be considered complete, your protest must contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- (1) The name, mailing address, telephone number and interest of the person filing the protest.
- (2) A statement of the issue or issues being protested.
- (3) A statement of the part or parts of the amendment being protested. To the extent possible, this should be done by reference to specific pages, paragraphs, sections, tables, maps, etc. included in the proposed amendment.
- (4) A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues submitted during the planning process by the protesting party or an indication of the discussion date of the issue(s) for the record.
- (5) A concise statement explaining why the proposed decision is believed to be incorrect. This is a critical part of your protest. Take care to document all relevant facts. As much as possible, reference or cite the planning documents, environmental analysis documents, available planning records (*i.e.*, meeting minutes or summaries, correspondence, etc.). A protest which merely expresses disagreement with the proposed decision, without any data will not provide us with the benefit of your information and insight. In this case, the Director's review will be based on the existing analysis and supporting data.

At the end of the 30-day protest period, the BLM may issue a Decision Record, approving implementation of any portions of the proposed plan amendment not under protest. Approval will be withheld on any portion of the plan under protest until the protest has been resolved.

(**Authority:** Sec. 202, Pub. L. 94-579, 90 Stat. 2747 (43 U.S.C. 1712))

Dated: January 8, 2001.

John Fahlgren,

Assistant Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-957-00-1420-BJ: GP01-0069]

Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/ Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

Willamette Meridian

Oregon

- T. 22 S., R. 8 W., accepted November 3, 2000
- T. 19 S., R. 1 W., accepted November 13, 2000
- T. 29 S., R. 10 W., accepted November 22, 2000
- T. 31 S., R. 5 W., accepted December 18, 2000

Washington

- T. 23 N., R. 10 W., accepted November 6, 2000

If protests against a survey, as shown on any of the above plat(s), are received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s). A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

The plat(s) will be placed in the open files of the Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1515 SW. 5th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plat(s) may be obtained from the above office upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management,