



Agency, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and neighboring BLM offices to develop the Approved RMP. The Approved RMP seeks to provide for the long-term conservation and protection of the “unique and important values” of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA identified in the area’s enabling legislation: The Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, Public Law 111–11 (Omnibus Act). These values include the “geological, cultural, archaeological, paleontological, natural, scientific, recreational, wilderness, wildlife, riparian, historical, educational, and scenic resources of the public lands, as well as the water resources of area streams, based on seasonally available flows, that are necessary to support aquatic, riparian, and terrestrial species and communities.” The Omnibus Act specified that these values be conserved and protected “for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.” Furthermore, in recognition of the historic and current traditional use of the NCA for livestock grazing, the Omnibus Act specifically stated that the BLM “shall issue and administer any grazing leases or permits in the Conservation Area in accordance with the laws (including regulations) applicable to the issuance and administration of such leases and permits on other land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management.” This RMP continues livestock grazing to meet land health standards in consideration of the other purposes of the NCA.

Management decisions outlined in the Approved RMP apply only to BLM-managed lands in the Dominguez-Escalante NCA (approximately 210,172 acres). The Approved RMP will replace management direction contained in the 1987 Grand Junction Resource Area RMP and 1989 Uncompahgre Basin RMP. The Approved RMP establishes goals, objectives, management actions and allowable uses for resources and land uses including, but not limited to: Air, soil, water, Wild and Scenic Rivers, upland and riparian vegetation, fish and wildlife, cultural and paleontological resources, visual resources, National Historic Trails, recreation, lands with wilderness characteristics, livestock grazing, forestry and realty.

The BLM initiated scoping for the RMP revision in 2010 and collected information and public input via public meetings in order to develop the Draft RMP/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) released in May 2013. The BLM developed the Proposed Plan Alternative based upon the Draft

Preferred Alternative and public comments on the Draft RMP/EIS.

The BLM published the Proposed RMP/Final EIS on July 1, 2016, and made it available for a 30-day public protest period. During the protest period for the Proposed RMP/Final EIS, the BLM received seven protests on a variety of issues. All protests were dismissed; however, the BLM made minor editorial modifications to the Approved RMP to provide further clarification of some of the decisions.

The BLM regulations also require a 60-day Governor’s Consistency Review period for the Proposed RMP/Final EIS to ensure consistency with State government plans or policies. The Governor did not identify any inconsistencies with State government plans or policies.

The Approved RMP includes decisions that implement components of the land use plan. These implementation decisions are displayed and numbered in the Approved RMP. Implementation decisions are generally appealable to the Interior Board of Land Appeals under 43 CFR 4.410.

For example, the decisions identifying designated routes of travel are implementation decisions and are appealable under 43 CFR part 4. The route decisions are displayed as an attachment to Appendix N of the Approved RMP. Any party adversely affected by the proposed route identifications may appeal within 30 days of publication of this Notice of Availability pursuant to 43 CFR, part 4, subpart E. The appeal should state the specific route(s), as identified in Appendix N of the Approved RMP, on which the decision is being appealed. The appeal must be filed with the NCA Manager at the above listed address. Please consult the appropriate regulations (43 CFR, part 4, subpart E) for further appeal requirements.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Temporary Closures and Restrictions of Public Lands in La Paz County, AZ

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that closures and restrictions will be in effect on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Lake Havasu Field Office. This action is being taken to protect public safety and resources within and adjacent to the permitted operations of the Best in the Desert (BITD) Racing Association “GMZ Utility Terrain Vehicle Winter Nationals Parker 250” and “BlueWater Resort Parker 425” off-highway vehicle (OHV) events.

**DATES:** The closures and restrictions will be in effect from 2 p.m., January 6, 2017, through 6 p.m., January 8, 2017, and 2 p.m., February 3, 2017, through 2 a.m., February 5, 2017, Mountain Standard Time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan Azar, Colorado River District Chief Ranger, or Amanda Deeds, Assistant Field Manager, at BLM Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Avenue, Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86406, telephone 928–505–1200. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. This Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The closures and restrictions are issued under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1 which allows the BLM to establish closures for the protection of persons, property, and public lands and resources. Violation of any of the terms, conditions, or restrictions contained within this closure order may subject the violator to citation or arrest with a penalty or fine or imprisonment or both as specified by law.

*Description of Race Course Closed Area:* With the exception of access to designated spectator areas, areas subject to this closure include all public lands situated within the interior of the race course, as well as county-maintained roads and highways located within 2 miles of the designated course’s perimeter. Beginning at the eastern boundary of the Colorado River Indian Tribe (CRIT) Reservation, the closed area runs east along Shea Road, then east into Osborne Wash on the Parker-Swansea Road to the Central Arizona Project (CAP) Canal. The closed area runs north on the west side of the CAP Canal, crossing the canal on the county-maintained road, running northeast into