

B. All public lands within T. 1 S., R. 2 W. lying within the NCA north of the Snake River Canyon.

C. All public lands within T. 1 S., R. 1 W. lying north of the Snake River Canyon and west of Swan Falls Road. Also within the same township, all of Section 1 and that portion of Sections 12 and 13 lying north of the Pacific Power and Light Company 500 KV electric transmission line.

D. All public lands within T. 1 S., R. 1 E. lying north of the Pacific Power and Light Company 500 KV electric transmission line.

E. All public lands within T. 2 S., R. 1 W. and T. 2 S., R. 1 E. lying west of Swan Falls Road and east of the Snake River Canyon.

2. The following described public lands are closed from February 15 to August 31 to the discharge of shotguns and muzzleloaders, and closed year-round to the discharge of rifles and pistols, with the exception that rifles may be used during established deer hunting seasons in Hunting Unit 40.

All public lands from Grandview, Idaho downstream to Guffey Bridge, lying within 1/2 mile of either side of the Snake River or 100 yards back from the canyon rim, whichever is the greater distance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NCA was established on August 4, 1993 to protect and enhance raptors, their habitat, and associated natural and scientific resources. The NCA encompasses 484,873 acres of public land in southwest Idaho, extending along 80 miles of the Snake River. The above-described closures and restrictions are effective immediately, and will continue in effect until specifically revoked or modified.

This order is issued pursuant to the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1. The order implements decisions in the 1995 Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area Management Plan to improve safety for persons visiting the NCA, and is consistent with land use plan decisions found in the Bruneau, Kuna, and Owyhee Management Framework Plans. Violation of this order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact John Sullivan, National Conservation Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Lower Snake River District, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705.

Rodger E. Schmitt,
District Resource Coordinator.

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Vehicle Management Area Designation and Road Closure Order; Ada, Elmore, Canyon, and Owyhee Counties, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Effective immediately, the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (NCA) is declared a Designated Vehicle Management Area except for those portions of the NCA currently included within the Owyhee Front Special Recreation Management Area and the Fossil Creek Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Management Unit. Also excepted from this order is military training maneuvers within the Orchard Training Area. Operation of motorized vehicles within the Designated Vehicle Management Area will be restricted to designated roads and trails. In addition, the following described roads and trails are closed to motorized vehicles:

1. The unimproved dirt road extending downstream along the north side of the Snake River from the Initial Butte Farms pump station in Section 35, T. 1 S., R. 1 W. to where the road enters private land in Section 36, T. 1 S., R. 2 W.

2. The unimproved dirt road, known as Priest Grade, that traverses the wall of the Snake River Canyon in Section 33, T. 1 S., R. 1 W.

3. The trail that extends along the south side of the Snake River from near the pump station at the end of Con Shea Basin Road in Section 6, T. 1 S., R. 1 W. downstream to Guffey Bridge.

4. The trail on the south side of the Snake River extending downstream from the lower end of the old Priest Ranch.

5. The Cabin Draw road in Section 11, T. 4 S., R. 2 E. Except for the above-described road closures, visitors to the NCA may drive on existing roads or trails unless or until they are designated as "closed". As road inventories are completed, designated vehicle routes will be signed as "open". Roads or trails designated as "closed" will be signed, blocked where necessary, and rehabilitated as needed to reduce soil erosion and improve wildlife habitat.

The Bureau of Land Management retains the right to use or authorize use of roads and trails, or authorize specific off-road travel for administrative or emergency purposes. This vehicle management area designation and closure order shall remain in effect until specifically revoked or modified.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NCA was established on August 4, 1993 to

protect and enhance raptors, their habitat, and associated natural and scientific resources. The NCA encompasses 484,873 acres of public land in southwest Idaho, extending along 80 miles of the Snake River. This order is issued pursuant to the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1, and is consistent with decisions in the 1995 Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area Management Plan, the Bruneau, Kuna, and Owyhee Management Framework Plans, and the Jarbidge Resource Management Plan. Violation of this order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Sullivan, National Conservation Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Lower Snake River District, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705.

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Shooting Closure on Public Lands in Placitas, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Shooting closure.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Rio Puerco Resource Area is closing approximately 2,499.09 acres of public lands in the Rio Puerco Resource Area, located in Sandoval County, New Mexico, to the discharge of firearms (including black powder and antique arms). This action will provide the necessary public safety and will also decrease potential conflicts with recreational users by keeping a logical shooting area open. Unrestricted discharge of firearms in this area has led to a public health and safety issue with recreational users including hikers, bicyclists, horseback riders, bird watching groups, and others.

The public lands closed to discharging of firearms under this closure will be posted with signs at the most prominent points of public access as well as being displayed on a map available for public information at the area office.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Notice is hereby given that effective March 22, 1996, shooting on public lands is prohibited on approximately ten sections of public lands in Sandoval County, New Mexico.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public lands affected by this closure are described as follows:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 13 N., R. 4 E.,

Secs. 14, Lots 13 to 15, inclusive,
NE¹/₄SE¹/₄; S¹/₂SE¹/₄;

15, Lot 10;

22, Lots 7, 8, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄;

23, N¹/₂, NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄;

24, N¹/₂.

T. 13 N., R. 5 E.,

Secs. 19, Lots 1, 3, N¹/₂;

20, NW¹/₄NW¹/₄, E¹/₂NW¹/₄, NE¹/₄,

NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄;

29, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4;

30, SE¹/₄;

30, SE¹/₄;

31, NE¹/₄NE¹/₄.

Aggregating approximately 2,499.09 acres.

The areas not included in the shooting closure are described as follows:

T. 13 N., R. 4 E.,

Sec. 13, Lots 6 to 9, S¹/₂;

Sec. 14, Lot 12, SE¹/₄SE¹/₄, S¹/₂SE¹/₄;

Sec. 23, NE¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄.

T. 13 N., R. 5 E.,

Sec. 18, Lots 1 to 6, inclusive, S¹/₂SE¹/₄;

Sec. 17, Lots 1 to 4, Inclusive, S¹/₂S¹/₂.

Aggregating approximately 1,092.27 acres.

The Public Service Company of New Mexico powerline will serve as the south boundary for the Open Area and the north boundary for the Closure Area with an exception in NE¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄ of section 23, T. 13 N., R. 4 E., NMPM. (The westerly bank of Las Huertas Creek and the easterly of the PNM substation will serve as the boundary for this exception.) The BLM will be posting signs on the southerly boundary of the exemption area.

The purpose of this action is to enhance visitor safety on public lands, to minimize conflict, and adhere to the concept of multiple use. This designation remains in effect until further notice. The purpose of this shooting closure is to ensure public safety on public lands. This closure order is in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR 8364.1, and applies to all persons.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Jaramillo, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, Rio Puerco Resource Area, 435 Montano NE., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107, (505) 761-8779.

Michael R. Ford,

District Manager.

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Environmental Statements; Cedar City District, UT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management, Cedar City District, Dixie Resource Area, has completed an Environmental Analysis (EA)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) of the Proposed Plan Amendment to the Virgin River Management Framework Plan. The Proposed Amendment involves the addition of five new land exchange criteria.

DATES: The protest period for this Proposed Plan Amendment will commence with the date of publication of this notice and last for 30 days. Protests must be received on or before April 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Protests must be addressed to the Director (480), Bureau of Land Management, Resource Planning Team, Box 10, 1620 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 within 30 days after the date of publication of this Notice of Availability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Crisp, Area Manager, Dixie Resource Area, Cedar City District at 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah 84770, (801) 673-4654. Copies of the proposed Plan Amendment are available for review at the Dixie Resource Area.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is announced pursuant to Section 202(a) of the Federal Land Management Act (1976) and 43 CFR Part 1610. This Proposed Amendment is subject to protests by any party who has participated in the planning process. Protest must be specific and contain the following information:

- The name, mailing address, phone number, and interest of the person filing the protest.
- A statement of the issue(s) being protested.
- A statement of the part(s) of the proposed amendment being protested and citing pages, paragraphs, maps etc., of the Proposed Plan Amendment.
- A copy of all documents addressing the issue(s) submitted by the protestor during the planning process or a reference to the date when the protestor discussed the issue(s) for the record.

—A concise statement as to why the protester believes the BLM State Director is incorrect.

Dated: March 14, 1996.

G. William Lamb,
State Director, Utah.

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Notice of Realty Action; Non-Competitive Sale of Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Designation of public lands located in Archuleta County, Colorado, as being suitable for disposal out of federal ownership through sale.

SUMMARY: The following described public lands have been determined to be suitable for disposal by sale utilizing non-competitive procedures, at not less than the fair market value as determined by an appraisal completed by a Federal or independent appraiser using the principles contained in the "Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions". Authority for the sale is Section 203 of Public Law 94-597, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 32 N., R. 2 W.,

Sec. 2, lot 7,

Containing 3.48 acres.

The lands will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. This land is being offered as a direct non-competitive sale to Navajo River Ranch, L.C.C. BLM has determined a direct sale is necessary to protect existing equities in the land and to resolve an unauthorized occupancy of the land.

In the event of sale, the mineral interests shall be conveyed simultaneously with the surface interest. The mineral interests being offered for conveyance have no known mineral value. Upon acceptance of a direct sale offer, the purchaser shall be required to make application for conveyance of those mineral interests.

Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the lands will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining law. This segregation will terminate upon