

Status: Unutilized  
Reason: Secured Area  
Bldg. CF-665  
Idaho National Engineering Laboratory  
Scoville Co: Butte ID 83415-  
Landholding Agency: Energy  
Property Number: 419610035  
Status: Unutilized  
Reason: Secured Area  
Bldg. CF-691  
Idaho National Engineering Laboratory  
Scoville Co: Butte ID 83415-  
Landholding Agency: Energy  
Property Number: 419610036  
Status: Unutilized  
Reason: Secured Area  
Bldg. CF-606  
Idaho National Engineering Laboratory  
Scoville Co: Butte ID 83415-  
Landholding Agency: Energy  
Property Number: 419610037  
Status: Unutilized  
Reason: Secured Area  
Louisiana  
Weeks Island Facility  
New Iberia Co: Iberia Parish LA 70560-  
Landholding Agency: Energy  
Property Number: 419610038  
Status: Underutilized  
Reason: Secured Area  
North Carolina  
Bldg. 8525  
Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point Co:  
Jones NC 28585-  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779610013  
Status: Unutilized  
Reason: Secured Area; Extensive  
deterioration  
Virginia  
Bldg. 79  
Norfolk Naval Shipyard  
Portsmouth VA 23079-5000  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779610014  
Status: Unutilized  
Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or  
explosive material; Secured Area.

#### *Land (by State)*

California  
Lease Parcel #2  
Naval Construction Battalion Center  
Port Hueneme Co: Ventura CA 93043-4301  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779610004  
Status: Underutilized  
Reason: Secured Area  
N. 1/2 of Lease Parcel #3  
Naval Construction Battalion Center  
Port Hueneme Co: Ventura CA 93043-4301  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779610005  
Status: Underutilized  
Reason: Secured Area  
Lease Parcel #4  
Naval Construction Battalion Center  
Port Hueneme Co: Ventura CA 93043-4301  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779610006  
Status: Underutilized  
Reason: Secured Area  
Lease Parcel #6

Naval Construction Battalion Center  
Port Hueneme Co: Ventura, CA 93043-4301  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779610007  
Status: Underutilized  
Reason: Secured Area  
Lease Parcel #7  
Naval Construction Battalion Center  
Port Hueneme Co: Ventura, CA 93043-4301  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779610008  
Status: Underutilized  
Reason: Secured Area  
Lease Parcel #8  
Naval Construction Battalion Center  
Port Hueneme Co: Ventura, CA 93043-4301  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779610009  
Status: Underutilized  
Reason: Secured Area  
Lease Parcel #9  
Naval Construction Battalion Center  
Port Hueneme Co: Ventura, CA 93043-4301  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779610010  
Status: Underutilized  
Reason: Secured Area  
Lease Parcel #10  
Naval Construction Battalion Center  
Port Hueneme Co: Ventura, CA 93043-4301  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779610011  
Status: Underutilized  
Reason: Secured Area  
Lease Parcel #11  
Naval Construction Battalion Center  
Port Hueneme Co: Ventura, CA 93043-4301  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779610012  
Status: Underutilized  
Reason: Secured Area

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

**[ID-020-1200-00]**

#### **Idaho; Closure of Public Lands**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary closures of public lands in Cassia and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that certain public lands in Idaho, within Cassia and Twin Falls Counties, shall be closed to prevent erosion and rutting of the roads traveled by motor vehicles during wet or snowy conditions. The roads will be closed immediately and remain closed through March 15, 1996. All roads will be posted at the entrance to public lands. The legal land descriptions for the road closures are as follows:

The Indian Springs Road (BLM road #4214), from the Foothill Road to the U.S.

Forest Service boundary, a distance of approximately 4.5 miles. The road is located at T. 12 S., R. 18 E., section 4 in Twin Falls County.

The Cherry Springs Road (BLM road #4213), from the Rock Creek Road southwest to its intersection with the Indian Springs Road, just north of the U.S. Forest Service boundary. This is a distance of approximately 6 miles. The road is located at T. 12 S., R. 18 E. section 2 in Twin Falls County.

The North Cottonwood Road (BLM road #4221) has two entrances, one on the east side and one on the west. The east entrance of North Cottonwood Creek Road starts at the Foothill Road and goes to the junction of the North Cottonwood Creek Road, approximately 6 miles. The west entrance to North Cottonwood Road starts at the Foothill Road and goes to the U.S. Forest Service boundary, a distance of approximately 5 miles, and back to the Foothill Road, a loop of approximately 11 miles total. The legal description is T. 12 S., R. 17 E., section 11 (for the west entrance), and T. 12 S., R. 18 E., section 06 (for the east entrance), in Twin Falls County.

The Curtis Spring Road (BLM road #42163), begins at the Foothill Road and goes for approximately 3.5 miles. The legal description is T. 12 S., R. 17 E., section 02, in Twin Falls County.

The Squaw Joe Road (BLM road #4220), south of the Nat-Soo-Pah Warm Springs, to the U.S. Forest Service boundary, approximately 3.5 miles. The legal description is T. 12 S., R. 17 E., section 02, in Twin Falls County.

The West Fork of Dry Creek Road (BLM road #1610), from the Tugaw Ranch southwest to the U.S. Forest Service boundary, a distance of approximately 6 miles. The legal description is T. 12 S., R. 19 E., section 01, in Cassia County.

The East Fork of Dry Creek, off Foothill Road (BLM road #1609), southeast to the U.S. Forest Service boundary, a distance of approximately 7 miles. The legal description is T. 12 S., R. 19 E., section 01, in Cassia County.

No person may use, drive, move, transport, let stand, park, or have charge or control over any type of motorized vehicle on closed routes.

Exceptions to this order are granted to the following: Law enforcement patrol and emergency services and administratively approved access for actions such as monitoring, research studies, grazing activity, and access to private lands.

Employees of valid right-of-way holders in the course of duties associated with the right-of-way.

Holders of valid lease(s) and/or permit(s) and their employees in the course of duties associated with the lease and/or permit.

Other actions would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This closure is effective immediately, and shall remain effective until March 15, 1996 or until rescinded by the Authorized Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Dyer, Snake River Resource Area Manager, 200 South 15 East, Burley, ID 83318. Telephone (208) 677-6641. A map showing vehicle routes of travel is available from the Burley BLM Office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Authority for this closure and restriction order may be found in 43 CFR 8364.1.

Violation of this closure is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Dated: January 16, 1996.

Tom Dyer,

*Snake River Resource Area Manager.*

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**Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Midnite Uranium Mine (MUM) Reclamation**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102 (2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Spokane District, as the lead federal agency, will be directing the preparation of an EIS for final reclamation of the Midnite Uranium Mine located on the Spokane Indian Reservation, in Washington State. The EIS will evaluate the environmental impacts of alternative plans for mitigating the affects of past mining activities. The reclamation objective is to ensure that a physically stable condition is achieved whereat environmental impacts are mitigated or controlled and public safety is protected. This notice initiates the scoping process for the EIS and also serves as an invitation for other potential cooperating parties. Potential cooperating parties include the Spokane Tribe of Indians, the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Washington State Department of Health (WADOH).

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received by March 29, 1996, to receive full consideration in the development of alternatives. Three public scoping meetings will be held: February 26, 1996 at the Spokane Tribal Longhouse, Sherwood Loop Road, Wellpinit, Washington from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; February 27, 1996 at the Davenport Community Memorial Hall, 511 Park

Street, Davenport, Washington from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and February 28, 1996 at the Spokane County Agricultural Center at 222 N. Havana Spokane, Washington from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.. Additional briefing meetings may also be held as appropriate.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District Office, 1103 N. Fancher, Spokane, Washington, 99212-1275, ATTENTION: Midnite Uranium Mine.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kelly Courtright, Project Manager, or Gary Yeager, Planning & Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District Office, 1103 N. Fancher, Spokane, Washington, 99212-1275; or call (509) 536-1200.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Midnite Uranium Mine is located on the Spokane Indian Reservation, Stevens County, about 45 miles northwest of Spokane, Washington, and about 3.5 miles upstream of the Spokane River arm of Lake Roosevelt. Dawn Mining Company (DMC) leased the property and operated the Midnite Uranium Mine from 1955 to 1964 and again from 1968 to 1981. Active mining ceased on the site in 1981 and the mine has remained inactive since that time, except for construction and operation of internal drainage channels, collection of seepage below the mined area, and operation of a mine water treatment plant.

Approximately 320 acres have been directly affected by mining and waste disposal and will require reclamation. Mine workings and waste dumps span over 1,000 feet of topographic relief within the one mile length of the highly disturbed area. About 33 million tons of waste rock remain on-site. Two of the mine pits—Pits 3 and 4—totaling about 70 surface acres remain open. Another multiple pit area (Pit 2) was backfilled with mine waste rock during active operations in the 1970's.

Leases for the mining activities were issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Bureau of Land Management assumed responsibility for regulating mining activities in 1983 as a result of Interior Department reorganization. The Department has determined that BLM will have primary authority for overseeing preparation of the EIS and that the decision authority on the proposed action rests by delegation with BLM.

DMC started treating mine water in 1992. The solid product of mine water treatment, a semi-solid sludge or filter cake, is classified as "source material" and must be disposed of according to

Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulations. This material is transported by covered truck to DMC's mill, 25 miles to the east in Ford, Washington, and off of tribal land, where uranium is extracted and the by-product, known within NRC regulations as 11.e.2. material, is piped to the nearby licensed and lined tailings pond. It is important to note that BLM and BIA have no jurisdiction at the mill site. The Washington Department of Health has regulatory jurisdiction at the mill site (off-reservation on private land) and also at the water treatment plant at the mine. That authority covers the water treatment plant's generation, handling and disposal of the regulated source material. Environmental data has been collected at the Midnite Mine for over ten years. A significant amount of data has been collected, compiled and analyzed by the U.S. Bureau of Mines (USBM). Because that agency has been eliminated by legislative action, the large body of data developed by USBM has been transferred to BLM for maintenance and management. The responsibility for site clean-up lies with DMC. Reclamation standards and reasonable alternatives will be addressed by the NEPA process initiated by this scoping action. DMC will be developing a reclamation proposal that will be considered as one approach to site reclamation, but other approaches will also be evaluated.

The Bureau of Land Management's NEPA scoping process for the EIS will include: (1) identification of issues of concern that will need to be addressed in the EIS process; (2) identification of ideas for reclamation alternatives; (3) identification of additional scientific and creditable site data that may not be reflected in the existing database; and (4) notification of interested groups, individuals, and agencies so that additional information concerning these issues can be obtained.

The scoping process will consist of news releases announcing the start of the NEPA process; and newsletters inviting the public to participate in the scoping process. A scoping summary report will be prepared at the close of scoping that will summarize the findings. This report will be made available to the public through local public libraries, and offices of the lead and cooperating agencies.

Dated January 19, 1996.

Joseph Buesing,

*Spokane District Manager.*

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