

considered in preparing the information collection package.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand deliver comments to either of the following addresses: (1) Bureau of Land Management, Helium Operations, 801 S. Fillmore, Suite 500, Amarillo, Texas 79101-3545, or (2) Bureau of Land Management, Regulatory Affairs Group, 1849 C St., N.W., Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, D. C. 20240. The address for hand delivery is: Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L St., N.W., Washington, D. C. You may also file comments by way of the Internet at: WOCComment@wo.blm.gov.

Comments will be available for public review during regular business hours at the Fillmore address (7:30 am to 4:30 pm), Monday through Friday, and at the L Street address (7:45 am to 4:15 pm).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connie H. Neely, Helium Sales Officer, (806) 324-2636.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The regulations at 5 CFR 1320.12(a) require the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning a collection of information contained in published current rules to solicit comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary to perform properly the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other form of information technology.

The regulations at 30 CFR Part 602, Chapter VI, Subchapter A, Article III, require collecting the information contained in the following forms:

(1) Form 6-1575-A, Stocks, Receipts and Distribution, which requires helium distributors contractors to provide information about their opening inventory of helium (ending balance from previous reporting period may be carried forward), sales to Federal agencies and other distributors, their receipts from BLM and other distributor contracts and their ending balance of helium for the annual reporting period. Sales data include the name, location and quantity of helium; and

(2) Form 6-1580-A, Certificates of Resale of BLM Helium, which requires helium distributor contractors to certify the resale of helium.

Seventy-five respondents fill out these forms. The estimated time for reading the instructions, collecting the information, and filling out the forms is 0.5 hour per respondent, for a total of 37.5 burden hours.

Any interested person may request and obtain copies of the relevant regulations and the forms by contacting either of the above mentioned BLM offices or the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request to the Office of Management and Budget for approval of the extension of this information collection. All comments will become part of the public record.

BLM expects to collect this information one time. Recent revisions to the helium statute have changed the method by which helium will be distributed and will make these forms obsolete.

Dated: December 16, 1996.

Annetta Cheek,

*Leader, Regulatory Affairs Group.*

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### **Closing of Certain Public Lands in Idaho**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of potential emergency 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 subject to emergency closure to prevent erosion and rutting of the roads traveled by motor vehicles during wet or snowy conditions. The roads will be subject to closure during wet or snowy conditions from December 1-May 31 each year. If conditions of the entire road are dry enough to withstand motorized travel without causing erosion and rutting in the road, the routes will remain open during this period. The status of these roads (open/closed) is to be determined by the Authorized Officer and will be posted at the entrance to public lands. Road status can also be obtained from the BLM-Burley Field Office by calling (208) 678-5514. 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:** These roads will be subject to closure immediately and shall remain subject to closure each year from

December 1–May 31 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: December 9, 1996.

Gary Bliss,

*Acting Upper Snake River Districts Manager.*

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**Utah: Release of Coal Exploration License Data, UTU-48608**

**ACTION:** Notice of preliminary determination to allow public access to data from coal exploration license UTU-48608.

**SUMMARY:** BLM regulations at 43 CFR 2.22 and 3410.4(b) provide that data obtained under an exploration license will be kept confidential until the lands have been leased or BLM determines that public access to the data would not damage the competitive position of the licensee, whichever comes first. Coal Exploration License UTU-48068 was issued to Royal Land Company on August 4, 1981. Exploration under this license included drilling 15 holes in the vicinity of North Horn Mountain, Emery County, Utah. The lands covered by this license were offered for lease on May 29, 1982, and no bids were received. Based on the lack of interest in the unleased Federal coal covered by this license since the drilling was completed and the fact that no bids were received when the lands were offered for lease in 1982, BLM has determined that it is in the public interest to release the data obtained under Exploration License UTU-48608. BLM has further made a preliminary finding that the competitive interest of the licensee or any participants would not be harmed by the release of this data. The licensee, any participants, or any successor thereto, objecting to this determination, must respond by January 24, 1997, to document any assertion that public release of these data would damage any present competitive position they hold. Such documentation must include:

1. A statement describing the data to whose disclosure you object.

2. A copy of any participation agreement or other evidence verifying your participation in UTU-48606 and any interest you may have in the data.

3. A demonstration of the specific competitive harm that disclosure of the data would cause to your competitive position.

**DATES:** Objections, if any, to be filed by January 24, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Douglas M. Koza, Deputy State Director, Natural Resources, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155.

Dated: December 13, 1996.

Douglas M. Koza,

*Deputy State Director, Natural Resources.*

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**Planning and Environmental Analysis, Yalobusha County, Mississippi**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** At this time the Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States, Jackson District, announces that a planning analysis and environmental assessment will be completed for the following described land.

Choctaw Meridian, Yalobusha County, Mississippi

T. 24 N., R. 6 E.,

Sec. 14, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

This planning and environmental analysis is being prepared to determine the suitability of the above tract of land for disposal under authority of the Color-of-Title Act of December 22, 1928 (amended by 67 Stat. 227; 43 U.S.C. 1068, 1068a).

**DATES:** The Bureau of Land Management is asking the public for comments on issues which relate to the preparation of the planning analysis with respect to the above described land. Anyone wishing to comment has until January 21, 1997 to send remarks to the address given below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Clay Moore, Bureau of Land Management, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, Mississippi 39206, telephone number 601-977-5400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This planning analysis and environmental assessment will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team of specialists. Records concerning preparation of the

document will be available at the Jackson District Office.

Bruce E. Dawson,

*District Manager.*

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[OR-958-0777-54; GP6-0237; OR-19644 (WASH)]

**Public Land Order No. 7229; Partial Revocation of the Secretarial Order Dated August 5, 1926; Washington**

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

**ACTION:** Public land order.

**SUMMARY:** This order revokes a Secretarial order insofar as it affects 3,250 acres of National Park lands withdrawn for the Bureau of Land Management's Powersite Classification No. 151. The lands are no longer needed for this purpose, and the revocation is needed to permit disposal of 29.83 acres of land through a National Park Service exchange. The remaining 3,220.17 acres are within the boundary of the Olympic National Park and have been and will remain closed to surface entry, mining, and mineral leasing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 19, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Betty McCarthy, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965, 503-952-6155.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1988), it is ordered as follows:

1. The Secretarial Order dated August 5, 1926, which established Powersite Classification No. 151, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described lands:

Willamette Meridian

T. 23 N., R. 5 W.,

Secs. 3 and 4, Tract 37, and all unsurveyed lands that lie within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of the North Fork of the Skokomish River.

T. 24 N., R. 5 W.,

Secs. 5, 6, 7, 8, 18, 19, and 28 to 33, inclusive, all unsurveyed lands that lie within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of the North Fork of the Skokomish River.

T. 24 N., R. 6 W.,

Secs. 12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 36, all unsurveyed lands that lie within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of the North Fork of the Skokomish River.

The areas described aggregate approximately 3,250 acres in Mason County.

2. The following described land is hereby made available for exchange in accordance with Public Law 102-436:

T. 23 N., R. 5 W.,