

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 forms of information technology.

The Color-of-Title Act of December 22, 1928, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1068, 1068a, 1068b), provides for the issuance of a land patent (deed) to eligible individuals, groups, or corporations who believe they have a valid claim to public lands under color-of-title. The information collected on Color-of-Title Application Form 2540-1, is required by Departmental regulations at 43 CFR 2541.2 (35 FR 9592, June 13, 1970), and is used by the agency to identify information concerning improvements, cultivation, title ownership and related matters.

Any individual seeking to acquire a title to public land under the color-of-title authority must make application and provide information essential to compliance with law, regulations, and procedures. As required by the Color-of-Title Act and 43 CFR 2541.2(b) and (c), information provided on Form 2540-1 is used to certify the applicant's claim for land property title rights from the Federal government. Without this information, BLM cannot finalize the claim.

Form 2540-1 may be submitted in person or by mail to the proper BLM office. The following specific items of information are requested on Color of Title Application Form 2540-1, pursuant to 43 CFR 2541.2(b) and (c): (1) the name of applicant; (2) applicant's address; (3) applicant's phone number; (4) the legal description of the lands claimed; (5) type of claim (class 1 or class 2); (6) record title holder declaration and explanation; (7) description and copy of written instrument asserting ownership (deed, will, court order, etc.); (8) date applicant learned about title problem; (9) source of information from which applicant learned of title problem; (10) title search information; (11) purchase price of property, value of improvements, revenue from forest products; (12) cultivation information; (13) property improvement information; (14) mineral estate information; and (15) filing fee (\$10), applicant's signature and date of application. Response is mandatory if the color-of-title claimant wishes to obtain the benefits of the statute and

gain clear title to his claimed property. Failure to provide the necessary information results in the rejection of the color-of-title application.

If BLM did not collect the information on Color of Title Application Form 2540-1, the agency would be unable to carry out the mandate of the Color-of-Title Act and the responsibilities for implementing 43 CFR 2540 and 2541. Form 2450-1 requires only the minimal information necessary to determine claim validity.

Based on its experience processing Color-of-Title applications, BLM estimates the public reporting burden for completing Color of Title Application Form 2540-1 is 15 minutes. BLM estimates that approximately 37 Color-of-Title applications are filed annually for a total annual burden of 9 hours.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Color of Title Application Form 2540-1 by contacting any BLM Office or the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become part of the public record.

Dated: April 9, 1996.

Annetta L. Cheek,

Chief, Regulatory Management Team.

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Emergency Closure of Public Lands and Access Roads in Benton County, Oregon

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain public lands and access roads in Benton County, Oregon, are temporarily closed to all public use, including vehicle operation, camping, shooting, hiking, and sightseeing, from April 9, 1996, through December 31, 1996. The closure is made under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1.

The public lands affected by this emergency closure are specifically identified as follows:

T. 14 S., R. 7 W., Section 19, Lot 2

(NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$);

Lot 3 (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$);

Lot 4 (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$);

Lot 5 (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$);

Lot 6 (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$);

Lot 7 (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$);

S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Willamette Meridian, Oregon.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) road affected by this closure is:

Road 14-7-18 from the South Fork Alsea County Road 48200 to the gate located approximately 100 feet north of the junction of Roads 14-7-18 and 14-7-32.2. The closure includes all area within 150 feet slope distance on either side of the above-listed road.

The following persons, operating within the scope of their official duties, are exempt from the provisions of this closure order: BLM employees; State, local, and Federal law enforcement and fire protection personnel; the holders of BLM road use permits that include roads within the closure area; the purchaser of BLM timber within the closure area and its employees and subcontractors. Access by additional parties may be allowed but must be approved in advance in writing by the Authorized Officer or his Designated Authorized Officer.

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this closure order may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7, which include a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, as well as the penalties provided under Oregon State law.

The public lands and roads temporarily closed to public use under this order will be posted with signs at points of public access.

The purpose of this emergency temporary closure is to protect persons from potential harm from logging operations, protect valuable public timber resources from unauthorized damage, and to facilitate authorized timber harvest operations.

DATES: This closure is effective from April 9, 1996, through December 31, 1996.

Copies of the closure order and maps showing the location of the closed lands and roads are available from the Salem District Office, 1717 Fabry Rd. SE, Salem, OR 97306.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Bacho, Marys Peak Resource Area Manager, Salem District Office, at (503) 315-5969.

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Call for Nominations on Resource Advisory Councils

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.