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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Nichols, Wildlife Biologist, BLM Prineville District Office, P.O. Box 550, Prineville, Oregon 97754, telephone (541) 416-6725.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Violation of this closure order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months as provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

Dated: July 14, 1997.

James G. Kenna,

Deschutes Resource Area Manager, Prineville District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-050-1110-00:G7-0195]

Prineville District; Shooting Restriction on Public Lands; Oregon

July 14, 1997.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice is hereby given that the area as legally described below is closed to shooting yearlong except when legally hunting game birds, game mammals, or furbearers during official state waterfowl, upland game, big game, and furbearer seasons.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: This order applies to all areas within Township 17 South, Range 13 East, Section 23, NE of the SE.

All areas within Township 17 South, Range 13 East, Section 23, NE of the SE, are closed to shooting yearlong except when legally hunting game birds, game mammals, or furbearers during official state waterfowl, upland game, big game, and furbearer seasons. Shooting is defined as "the discharge of firearms". A firearm is defined as "a weapon, by whatever name known, which is designed to expel a projectile by the action of powder and which is readily capable of use as a weapon." The purpose of this closure is to protect wildlife resources and other natural values, reduce vandalism, and improve public safety. Currently, the occurrence

of shooting at Mayfield Pond continues to result in damage to wildlife resources (including migratory shorebirds, resident wildlife, and special status animal species); destruction of natural features; and vandalism to land and installations. The occurrence of shooting poses a threat to recreationists and other public land users. Exemptions to this closure order may be made on a case-by-case basis by the authorized officer. This emergency order will be evaluated in the Urban Interface Amendment to the Brothers/La Pine Resource Management Plan of 1989. The authority for this closure is 43 CFR 8364.1: Closure and restriction orders.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-070-96-1990-00]

Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, Montana

AGENCY: Butte District Office, Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of Butte District Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, Montana.

SUMMARY: The Council will convene at 9 a.m., Wednesday, August 20, 1997. Issues that will be discussed include 3809 Surface Management Regulations, the approval process of ORV use on public lands, updates on RS2477, the Beaverhead Lawsuit, and Standards & Guidelines Implementation. The meeting will be held at the Fan Mountain Inn in Ennis, Montana. The meeting is open to the public and written comments may be given to the Council. Oral comments may be presented to the Council at 11 a.m. The time allotted for oral comment may be limited, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the

meeting, or need special assistance, such as sign language or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Butte District, 106 North Parkmont (P.O. Box 3388), Butte, Montana 59702-3388, telephone 406-494-5059.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Owings at the above address or telephone number.

Dated: July 16, 1997.

James R. Owings,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Order Providing for Opening of Lands Subject to Section 24 of the Federal Power Act; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This order opens to disposal by either land exchange or sale, subject to section 24 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 1,561.66 acres of public lands withdrawn by an U. S. Geological Survey Order dated April 22, 1948, an Executive Order dated May 11, 1915, and two Federal Power Commission orders, dated July 18, 1949 and June 12, 1962, respectively, for power site purposes. This action will permit consummation of pending land exchanges and retain the power rights to the United States of America. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has determined that the power value of the subject lands will not be injured or destroyed by their disposal by either land exchange or sale, if the land exchange or sale are subject to section 24 of FPA. FERC concurred with this action in three letters: DVCA-1241, dated December 10, 1996; DVCA-1242-000, dated April 17, 1997; and DVCA-1243-000, dated May 5, 1997. Although the lands have been and will remain closed to mining because of the withdrawals for the two power projects or the existing segregation for the pending land exchanges, they have been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 24, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Duane Marti, BLM California State Office (CA-931.4), 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825-0451, 916-978-4675.