

exploration program shall notify, in writing, both the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800; and Decker Coal Company, P.O. Box 12, Decker, Montana 59025. Such written notice must refer to serail number MTM 89848 and be received no later than 30 calendar days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** or 10 calendar days after the last publication of this Notice in the Big Horn County News newspaper, whichever is later. This Notice will be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the Big Horn County News, Hardin, Montana.

The proposed exploration program is fully described, and will be conducted, pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management. The exploration plan, as submitted by Decker Coal Company, is available for public inspection at the Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Either Robert Giovanini, Mining Engineer, or Bettie Schaff, Land Law Examiner, Branch of Solid Minerals (MT-921), Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59017-6800, telephone (406) 896-5084 or (406) 896-5063, respectively.

Dated: March 27, 2000.

Randy D. Heuscher,
Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-680-00-1220-HQ]

The Proposal of a Supplemental Rule Restricting Recreational Shooting to Protect Human Health and Safety in the Populated Western Portion of Wonder Valley California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, Barstow Field Office, Desert District, California.

ACTION: This notice proposes that on those public lands administered by the BLM and bounded to the west by the corporate limits of the City of Twentynine Palms California, the south by Joshua Tree National Park, the north by the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center and the east by Range 11 East, San Bernardino Meridian, it would be

prohibited to fire any firearm except shotguns with shot shells containing shot no larger than one-half the diameter of the bore. This proposed supplemental rule would not affect the legitimate and legal pursuit of game or shooting at controlled, permitted ranges.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Section 8365.1-6, the State Director may establish supplementary rules in order to provide for the protection of persons, property and public lands and resources. This authority was delegated to the District Managers and Field Managers pursuant to BLM Manual 1203, California Supplement. Failure to comply with this proposed supplementary rule would be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed twelve months. The environmental effects of the proposed rule will be analyzed separately by Environmental Assessment CA-680-00-29.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing to the BLM no later than thirty days after the publishing of this proposed supplementary rule.

ADDRESSES: Written comments shall be mailed to the following addresses: Mr. Tim Read, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Uncontrolled recreational shooting on public land create a public health and safety hazard by firing solid projectile firearms (such as rifles and pistols), that have a long range, into and about a populated rural area. The area of concern also receives heavy recreational use by equestrians, recreational miners and off-highway vehicles. BLM has received complaints from area residents and recreationist that have nearly been struck by stray bullets from recreational shooting. This proposed supplemental rule would prohibit the firing of any firearm except shotguns with shot shells containing shot no larger than one-half the diameter of the bore. Rounds of this type have less energy and travel considerably shorter distanced than solid projectiles (such as those fired from a rifle or pistol). By prohibiting all but low energy, short range gunfire a safer environment on both public and private lands within this populated area will be created. This proposed supplementary rule only affects public lands administered by BLM and would not affect the legitimate and legal pursuit of game or shooting at controlled, permitted ranges. This

proposed supplemental rule will not infringe upon Constitutional rights of an individual to own or possess a lawful firearm.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: BLM Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92231, telephone (760) 252-6000.

Tim Read,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent To Repatriate Cultural Items From the Island of Oahu, HI in the Possession of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Honolulu, HI

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 43 CFR 10.10(a)(3), of the intent to repatriate cultural items from the Island of Oahu, HI in the possession of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Honolulu, HI which meet the definition of "unassociated funerary object" under Section 2 of the Act.

The 94 cultural items include a tobacco pipe (B.1451), a stone mortar or bait cup ("kapu ahi kuni ana ana", B.06374), part of a canoe (B.07852), four pieces of tapa (B.7886) and part of a canoe (B.7885), a wooden digging stick (o'o, B.008866), marble or konane stones (B.09256), stone and china beads (C.0505), a partially broken clay tobacco pipe (C.3233), a stone lamp (C.4380), a calcite pendant (C.9589), three niho palaoa pendants (C.9776-9778), two pieces of a coffin (C.9817-9818), a wooden mixer or tapa implement (C.9972), a section of a canoe (1950.136), a carved bowl with human support figures (D.0565), a piece of cordage (Oa-38), a gourd fragment (Oa-95), a basalt adz chip (Oa-96), four tapa fragments (Oa-97, Oa-99, Oa-100), cordage (Oa-101), cordage (Oa-102), two wood pipes (Oa-21, Oa-22), cordage (Oa-23), a ceramic ink jar (D.2099), a necklace of bone and glass beads (D.2100), a wood pipe and a piece of brown cloth (Oa-43), a broken wooden spear (Oa-57), a section of a wooden canoe used as a coffin (D.02829), a stone pounder (D.02978), a wooden tobacco pipe (Oa-69), metal and wood pieces of a tobacco pipe (Oa-70), a knife handle and blade of ivory and steel (Oa-71), an ivory wrist ornament (Oa-72), a double-sided