

decisions to minimize land use conflicts; consider planning jurisdictions of other federal agencies, and state, local and tribal governments; develop reasonable and sound alternatives; use current scientific data to evaluate appropriate management strategies; analyze socioeconomic effects of alternatives along with the environmental effects; carry forward valid analysis from existing documents; and consider public welfare and safety.

The Socorro Field Office borders the Cibola, Apache, and Gila National Forests, the Alamo Navajo Reservation, the White Sands Missile Range, and the Sevilleta and Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. Elevations in the area range approximately 4,600 feet along the Rio Grande to over 8,500 feet on Pelona Mountain.

The Socorro Field Office is presently managed under the Socorro RMP (1989, as amended). Information and decisions from the existing Socorro RMP will be reviewed and incorporated in this plan revision to the extent possible.

Management will continue under the Socorro RMP until the revised RMP is approved.

Dated: March 27, 2002.

Richard A. Whitley,

New Mexico Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-110-1060-JJ]

Public Hearings Addressing the Use of Helicopters and Motorized Vehicles During the Capture of Wild Horses

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: Two public hearings addressing the use of motorized vehicles and helicopters during the capture of wild horses have been scheduled in Colorado in 2002. One hearing will address use in the Piceance-East Douglas Herd Management Area, White River Field Office, Meeker, Colorado; a second hearing will address use in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range, Grand Junction Field Office, Grand Junction, Colorado.

DATES: The public hearings will be held in May and June, 2002. The White River and Grand Junction field offices will publish exact dates and times for these hearings through public notices, local newspaper announcements and mailings.

ADDRESSES: The hearings will be held at the following locations:

1. White River Field Office; 73544 Highway 64; Meeker, Colorado
2. Grand Junction Field Office; 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Piceance-East Douglas wild horse gather is scheduled for completion between June 15, 2002 and September 30, 2002.

The Bookcliffs Wild Horse Range wild horse gather is scheduled for completion between June 15, 2002 and September 30, 2002.

For additional information regarding the Meeker, Colorado public hearing contact James Cagney, Associate Field Manager, at 970-878-3803. For further information regarding the Grand Junction, Colorado public hearing contact Gerald Thygerson, Wild Horse Specialist, at 970-244-3000.

Dated: March 15, 2002.

Vernon Rholl,

Acting Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-ET; NVN-59476]

Expiration of Public Land Order No. 7253 and Opening of Land; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Public Land Order No. 7253, which withdrew 21,969.012 acres of public land from surface entry and mining, expired on April 7, 2002. The withdrawal was not extended because land use planning to demonstrate a need for continuation of the withdrawal was not completed. This notice will open the land to surface entry and mining.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 7, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jo Ann Hufnagle, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701, 775-885-6000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 7, 2002, Public Land Order No. 7253 expired under its own terms. The purpose of this withdrawal was to protect recreational, cultural, wildlife, riparian, and watershed values in the Pah Rah Range while the Bureau of Land Management completed land use planning for the land. The withdrawal was not extended because land use planning to demonstrate a need for continuation of the withdrawal was not

completed. The land included in the withdrawal was described in the public land order published as FR Doc. 97-8960, 62 FR 16866-16867, April 8, 1997.

At 9 a.m. on June 7, 2002, the land described in Public Land Order No. 7253 will be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 9 a.m. June 7, 2002, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

At 9 a.m. on June 7, 2002, the land described in Public Land Order No. 7253 will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of any of the land described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1994), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: April 5, 2002.

John O. Singlaub,

Manager, Carson City Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Final Recreation Use Restrictions, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Final Supplementary Rules: Restrictions adjacent to and within the Sand Mountain WSA, Idaho.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 43 CFR 8341.1 and 8365.1-6, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to make permanent the temporary restrictions currently in place within the