

National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) located in Harney County, Oregon. This notice temporarily segregates these lands for up to 2 years and announces to the public an opportunity to comment and request a public meeting on the proposed withdrawal.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by December 28, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments and meeting requests should be sent to the BLM Oregon/Washington State Director Attn: Malheur NWR Withdrawal Notice, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208. The BLM will not consider comments via telephone calls. The application and case file are available for public examination by interested persons by appointment at the BLM Public Room, 1220 SW 3rd Ave., 11th Floor, Portland, Oregon 97208 during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays. Please call 503-808-6001 to make an appointment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Luke Poff, Realty Specialist, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, 503-808-6249, email at [lpoff@blm.gov](mailto:lpoff@blm.gov), or you may contact the BLM office at the address noted above. The FWS can be reached at the Region 1 Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Ave. Portland, Oregon 97232 or through Sequoia Williams, Realty Specialist, at 503-956-7691, or by email at [sequoia\\_williams@fws.gov](mailto:sequoia_williams@fws.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FWS filed a petition/application requesting that the Secretary of the Interior withdraw the following described public lands from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, for up to 100 years to protect and reserve the land for wildlife refuge purposes:

**Willamette Meridian, Oregon**

*Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, Addition*

T. 25 S., R. 33 E.,

Sec. 34, lot 10.

T. 26 S., R. 33 E.,

Sec. 3, lots 2, 4, and 10, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 10, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate 199.90 acres.

The Secretary of the Interior approved the FWS's petition. Therefore, the petition/application constitutes a withdrawal proposal of the Secretary of the Interior (43 CFR 2310.1-3(e)).

The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, or cooperative agreement would not provide adequate protection of the wildlife refuge. There are no suitable alternative sites since these lands are located within the Malheur NWR.

No water is necessary to fulfill the purpose of the proposed withdrawal.

Comments will be available for public review. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personally identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask the BLM in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

An opportunity for a public meeting may be afforded in connection with the application for withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the application for this withdrawal must submit a written request to the State Director, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office at the address in the **ADDRESSES** section, within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. If the authorized officer determines that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the date, time, and place will be published in the **Federal Register** and local newspapers and posted on the BLM website at [www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov) at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

For a period of two years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or cancelled or if the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses that may be permitted during this segregation period are leases, licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and disposal of mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

The withdrawal application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1714)

**Barry R. Bushue,**

*BLM Oregon/Washington State Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Temporary Closure of Public Lands for the 2023-2027 Laughlin Off-Highway Vehicle Races, Clark County, NV**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary closure.

**SUMMARY:** The Las Vegas Field Office announces the temporary closures of certain public lands under its administration for three annual off-highway vehicle (OHV) races that occur in Laughlin, Nevada. This area is used by OHV recreationists, and the temporary closures are needed to limit their access to the race area and to minimize the risk of potential collisions with spectators and racers.

**DATES:** One event will take place between January and March and two races will occur between October and December from 2023 through 2027. Each race will span a 2-day period. The closure dates will be listed on [www.blm.gov/nevada](http://www.blm.gov/nevada) 30 days prior to each event.

**ADDRESSES:** The temporary closure order, communications plan, and map of the temporary closure area for each event will be posted at the BLM Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130, and on the BLM website: [www.blm.gov/nevada](http://www.blm.gov/nevada). These materials will also be posted at the access point of the Laughlin race area and surrounding areas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Braden Yardley, Outdoor Recreation Planner, (702) 515-5089, or [byardley@blm.gov](mailto:byardley@blm.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This action is being taken to help ensure public safety during the official permitted races in the Laughlin area. The public lands affected by this closure are described as follows:

**Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada**

T. 32 S., R. 66 E.,

Sec. 8, lots 2 thru 33;

Sec. 9;

Sec. 10, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec. 11, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec. 14;  
 Sec. 15, E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec. 16, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 17, lots 1 thru 8, lots 21 thru 25, and  
 lots 30 thru 44.

The area described contains 4,521.97 acres, according to the official plats of the surveys of the said lands on file with the BLM.

The temporary closures will be posted to roads leading into the public lands to notify the public of the closures for these events. The closure areas include State Route 163 to the north and T. 32 S., R. 66 E sections 8 and 17 to the west and are bracketed by Bruce Woodbury Drive to the south and southwest and Thomas Edison Drive to the east. Under the authority of Section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)), 43 CFR 8360.0-7, and 43 CFR 8364.1, the BLM will enforce the following rules in the area described above:

The entire area as listed in the legal description earlier is closed to all vehicles and personnel except law enforcement, emergency vehicles, event personnel, event participants, and spectators. Access routes leading to the closed area will be signed to indicate a closure ahead. No vehicle stopping or parking in the closed area except for designated parking areas will be permitted. Event participants and spectators are required to remain within designated areas only.

The BLM will enforce the following restrictions for the duration of the closure to ensure the safety of participants and spectators. Unless otherwise authorized, the following activities within the closure area are prohibited:

- Camping;
- Possession and/or consuming any alcoholic beverage unless the person has reached the age of 21 years;
- Discharging or use of firearms or other weapons;
- Possession or discharging of fireworks;
- Allowing any pet or other animal in one's care to be unrestrained at any time. Animals must be on a leash or other restraint no longer than 3 feet;
- Operation of any vehicle that is not legally registered for street and highway operation (e.g., All Terrain Vehicles, motorcycles, Utility Terrain Vehicles, golf carts, and any OHV, including operation of such a vehicle in spectator viewing areas);
- Parking any vehicle in violation of posted restrictions, or in such a manner as to obstruct or impede normal or emergency traffic movement or the parking of other vehicles, create a safety

hazard, or endanger any person, property, or feature. Vehicles so parked are subject to citation, removal, and impoundment at the owner's expense;

- Operating a vehicle through, around, or beyond a restrictive sign, recognizable barricade, fence, or traffic control barrier or device;
- Failing to maintain control of a vehicle to avoid danger to persons, property, or wildlife; and
- Operating a motor vehicle without due care or at a speed greater than 25 mph.

Signs and maps directing the public to designated spectator areas will be provided by the event sponsor.

**Exceptions:** Temporary closure restrictions do not apply to activities conducted under contract with the BLM, agency personnel monitoring the event, or activities conducted under an approved plan of operation. Authorized users must have in their possession a written permit or contract from the BLM, signed by the authorized officer.

**Enforcement:** Any person who violates this temporary closure may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 3571, imprisoned no more than 12 months under 43 U.S.C. 1733(a) and 43 CFR 8360.0-7, or both. In accordance with 43 CFR 8365.1-7, State or local officials may also impose penalties for violations of Nevada law.

(Authority: 43 CFR 8360.0-7 and 8364.1)

**Bruce Sillitoe,**

*Field Manager—Las Vegas Field Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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#### Notice of Inventory Completion: University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the University of Nevada, Las Vegas has completed an inventory of human remains and has determined that there is no cultural affiliation between the human remains and any Indian Tribe. The human remains were removed from Alameda County, CA.

**DATES:** Disposition of the human remains in this notice may occur on or after October 30, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Dr. Daniel Benyshek, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 4505 S Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154, telephone (702) 895-2070, email [Daniel.Benyshek@unlv.edu](mailto:Daniel.Benyshek@unlv.edu).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice. Additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the inventory or related records held by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

#### Description

Human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were removed from Alameda County, CA (Accession # *AHUR 30 (Unknown Site)*). No associated funerary objects are present.

#### Aboriginal Land

The human remains in this notice were removed from a known geographic location. This location is the aboriginal land of one or more Indian Tribes. The following information was used to identify the aboriginal: a final judgment of the Indian Claims Commission.

#### Determinations

Pursuant to NAGPRA and its implementing regulations, and after consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry.

- No relationship of shared group identity can be reasonably traced between the human remains and associated funerary objects and any Indian Tribe.

- The human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice were removed from the aboriginal land of the California Valley Miwok Tribe, California.

#### Requests for Disposition

Written requests for disposition of the human remains in this notice must be sent to the Responsible Official identified in **ADDRESSES**. Requests for disposition may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes identified in this notice.
2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that