

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Public Land Order No. 7959; Extension of Public Land Order No. 7628, Withdrawal of Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This Public Land Order (PLO) extends the duration of the withdrawal created by PLO No. 7628, which would otherwise expire March 7, 2025, for an additional 20-year period. PLO No. 7628 withdrew 1,960.10 acres of public lands in Big Horn County, Wyoming, from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, to protect wild horse and wildlife habitat and watershed, recreation, cultural, and scenic values within the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range (PMWHR).

DATES: This PLO takes effect on March 8, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose for which the withdrawal was first made requires extension of the withdrawal to protect habitat for wild horses and wildlife and watershed, recreation, cultural, and scenic values within the PMWHR. The BLM has updated the legal description of the lands to conform to Specifications for Descriptions of Land Status (2017).

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, PLO No. 7628 (70 FR 11271 (2005)), which

withdrew 1,960.10 acres of public lands from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, for the protection of wild horse and wildlife habitat and watershed, recreation, cultural, and scenic values within the PMWHR, is hereby extended for an additional 20-year period. The lands are described as follows:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

T. 58 N., R. 95 W.,

Sec. 19, lot 2 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 20, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 21, lots 6 and 8, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 23, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 26, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 27, S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 28, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 29, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 33, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 34, NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 1,960.10 acres.

2. The withdrawal extended by this Order will expire 20 years from the effective date of this Order, unless, as a result of review conducted prior to the expiration date pursuant to section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be further extended.

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

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Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for Adopting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Barred Owl Management Strategy and Implementation of the Barred Owl Management Strategy in Western Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) adopting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Barred Owl Management Strategy and implementation of the

strategy in western Oregon. The ROD constitutes the decision of the BLM.

DATES: Steven Feldgus and Barry R. Bushue, State Director, Oregon/Washington, signed the ROD on December 31, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The ROD is available online at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2034778/510>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM is adopting the Final EIS for the Barred Owl Management Strategy prepared by the FWS (89 FR 55647, July 5, 2024) in order to implement barred owl management control on BLM-administered lands within the range of the northern spotted owl (NSO) in western Oregon, consistent with the FWS ROD (89 FR 72881, September 6, 2024). The FWS ROD includes the issuance of a Special Purpose permit under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act for implementation of the barred owl management strategy. On BLM-administered lands covered by the FWS ROD, the BLM will implement the strategy as a designee under the FWS Migratory Bird Special Purpose permit.

The BLM is adopting the FWS Final EIS without republication, consistent with 40 CFR 1506.3(b)(2).

There have been no changes made to the selected alternative between the publication of the FEIS and the ROD.

The Department of the Interior has approved the BLM's decision. Approval of the Record of Decision therefore constitutes the final decision of the Department of the Interior and is not subject to appeal under Departmental regulations at 43 CFR part 4.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.9).

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BLM Oregon/Washington State Director.

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