

permits to take threatened and endangered wildlife species if such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

The Smead Manufacturing Company, a corporation, wishes to construct a 312,000 square foot building and appropriate and corresponding parking, roadway and walkway facilities in Cedar City, Iron County, UT. The construction will impact approximately 29 acres of a 36.95 acre lot. The lot is presently inhabited by the Utah prairie dog, a threatened species.

The Applicant considered a no-action alternative. The Applicant's current facility is located in an earthquake zone and has recently been damaged by an earthquake. The Applicant is, also, unable to expand at its present facilities to meet current demand. The Applicant rejected the no-action alternative as being dangerous for its employees and economically unfeasible.

Authority: The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*)

Dated: April 18, 1996.

Ralph O. Morgenweck,
Regional Director, Denver, CO.

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United States Geological Survey

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Public Meetings of the FGDC Facilities Working Group

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice is to invite public participation in meetings of the FGDC Facilities Working Group. The major topics for these meetings are: development of a Facility/Installation ID standard and development of a utilities data dictionary.

TIME AND PLACE: 13 May 1996, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.; 17 June 1996, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.; and 15 July 1996, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The meetings will be held at Headquarters U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in Room 8222D of the Pulaski Building, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The Pulaski building is located just a few blocks west of Union Station.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Fox, FGDC Secretariat, U.S.

Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 22091; telephone (703) 648-5514; facsimile (703) 648-5755; Internet "gdc@usgs.gov". Minutes of meetings are available by clicking on the Facilities Working Group at the FGDC Internet address <http://fgdc.er.usgs.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FGDC is a committee of Federal Agencies engaged in geospatial activities. The FGDC Facilities Working Group specifically focuses on geospatial data issues related to facilities and facility management. A facility is an entity with location, deliberately established as a site for designated activities. A facility database might describe a factory, a military base, a college, a hospital, a power plant, a fishery, a national park, an office building, a space command center, or a prison. The database for a complex facility may describe multiple functions or missions, multiple buildings, or even a county, town, or city. The objectives of the Working Group are to: promote standards of accuracy and currentness in facilities data that are financed in whole or in part by Federal funds; exchange information on technological improvements for collecting facilities data; encourage the Federal and non-Federal communities to identify and adopt standards and specifications for facilities data; and promote the sharing of facilities data among Federal and non-Federal organizations.

Dated: April 16, 1996.

Richard E. Witmer,

Acting Chief, National Mapping Division.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Closure of Lands to Discharge of Firearms and To Use of Traps

SUMMARY: A closure will take effect that will ban the discharge of firearms, except by persons holding valid permits for big game hunting during seasons determined by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, licensed upland game bird hunters during authorized seasons, and Federal, State or County employees during the course of their official duties or by persons permitted in writing by the authorized officer. Further, use of traps to take wildlife is banned except for persons permitted in writing by the authorized officer to take depredating animals or by persons involved in scientific or field studies

that have been approved by the authorized officer. The use of firearms and traps is restricted, except as noted, on the 6,581 acres of public lands contained within the boundaries of the Roseburg Districts, North Bank Habitat Management Area (NBHMA). With the exception of the persons permitted or otherwise authorized to use firearms or traps, all recreational shooting, with rifles, shotguns, pistols, pellet rifle, crossbow, bow or any other device capable of firing a projectile is prohibited within the North Bank Habitat Management Area unless permitted in writing by the authorized officer.

Prohibiting the use of firearms and traps within the NBHMA is necessary to reduce impacts to non-game, threatened and/or endangered or sensitive species of wildlife and to avoid conflict with recreational users of the lands through a significant portion of the year. This will allow more opportunities for visitors to observe native wildlife species and allow for increased safety for visitors and workers, while at the same time allow controlled recreational hunting.

The legal land description for lands affected by this closure, include all or portions of the following:

Willamette Principal Meridian, Douglas County, Oregon

T. 25 S., R. 4 W., Secs. 31, 32, and 33.

T. 26 S., R. 4 W., Secs. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, and 18.

T. 25 S., R. 5 W., Secs. 35 and 36.

T. 26 S., R. 5 W., Secs. 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, and 14.

Containing approximately 6,581 acres.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 25, 1996. This ban will remain in effect until rescinded through a Federal Register notice or upon completion of an approved Habitat Management Plan for the North Bank Habitat Management Area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Mires, Wildlife Biologist, Mt. Scott Resource Area, 777 NW Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Oregon 97470, (541) 440-4930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maps showing the boundaries of the North Bank Habitat Management Area are available for public review at the Roseburg District Office. The lands restricted under this order will be posted at points of access. The authority for closure with a supplementary rule is found in 43 CFR Part 8364. Any person who fails to comply with the closure may be subject to penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7: Violations are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.