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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-084-97-6333-00; G7-0226]

Emergency Closure of Public Lands; Clackamas Co., Oregon

ACTION: Emergency Closure of Public Lands; Clackamas County, Oregon.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain public lands in Clackamas County, Oregon are temporarily closed to all vehicle operation from July 7, 1997 until the Salem District Off Highway Vehicle management plan is implemented. The closure is made under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1.

The public lands affected by this emergency closure are specifically identified as follows:

1. All lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Section 36 of T.5 S., R.4 E., Willamette Meridian, Oregon, except roads 5-4E-25, 5-4E-36, and 5-4E-36.1,2,3, and 4.
2. All lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Section 14 of T.5 S., R.4 E., Willamette Meridian, Oregon, except roads 4-4E-24, 5-4E-12, 5-4E-12.1, 5-4E-14.4, 5-4E 14.2, 5-4E-23, and the first .3 mile of 5-4E-14.

The following persons, operating within the scope of their official duties, are exempt from the provisions of this closure order: Bureau employees; state, local and federal law enforcement and fire protection personnel; the holders of BLM road use permits that include roads within the closure area. Access by additional parties may be allowed but must be approved in advance in writing by the Authorized Officer.

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this closure order may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7, which include a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, as well as the penalties provided under Oregon State law.

The public lands and roads temporarily closed to public use under this order will be posted with signs and maps at points of public access.

The purpose of this closure is:

1. To protect sensitive riparian/aquatic resources and wildlife species. Off-highway vehicle use is causing unacceptable damage to wildlife and botanical habitat.

2. To protect riparian resources in and adjacent to Clear Lake. Illegal garbage dumping, vegetation removal, and off-highway vehicle use are causing unacceptable resource damage.

DATES: This closure is effective from July 7, 1997, until the Salem District Off Highway Vehicle management plan is implemented.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the closure order and maps showing the location of the closed lands and roads are available from the Salem District, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, OR 97306.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard C. Prather, Cascades Area Manager, Salem District Office, at (503) 375-5646.

Dated: July 1, 1997.

Richard C. Prather,

Cascades Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-060-07-1050-03]

Closure of Whoopup Canyon Petroglyph Site, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Emergency closure of Whoopup Canyon Petroglyph Site Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) to All Uses Except Scientific and Sociocultural.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective immediately, Whoopup Canyon Petroglyph Site ACEC, located in Weston County, Wyoming, on public land administered by the BLM, Casper District, Newcastle Resource Area, is closed to all uses except scientific and sociocultural and those specified in the "Whoopup Canyon Petroglyph Site Management Plan," available from the BLM Newcastle Resource Area. This action is taken to protect world class petroglyphs and associated cultural resources which date from 11,500 years before present to late prehistoric times. Individuals or institutions wanting access to the Whoopup Canyon ACEC for scientific research must apply for a cultural resource research permit to the Wyoming State Office of the BLM. Individuals or institutions wanting access to the ACEC for sociocultural uses must request access from the BLM authorized officer (BLM Newcastle Resource Area Manager).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This closure will be effective upon publication of this notice.

The closure will remain in effect until further notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Johnson, Area Manager, or Alice M. Tratebas, Archeologist, Newcastle Resource Area, 1101 Washington Blvd., Newcastle, Wyoming 82701. Telephone: (307) 746-4453.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Newcastle Resource Area is responsible for the management of sensitive, fragile cultural resources in the Whoopup Canyon petroglyph site ACEC. All but a very few petroglyphs in the ACEC have been damaged by past unsupervised visitor use. The damage has increased during the past 50 years at an exponential rate. Whoopup Canyon is a nationally and internationally significant petroglyph site. It is the only known site in North America that has such an extensive record of Paleo-Indian petroglyphs. It has the longest continuous tradition of rock art known in North America. These cultural resources are protected under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 as amended, the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, and the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978.

Authority for closure orders is provided under 43 CFR subpart 8364.1.

Dated: June 27, 1997.

Gary Johnson,

Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado) Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix, notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado) will be held on July 17, 1997 in Canon City, Colorado. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:15 a.m. at the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Canon City District Office, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, Colorado. The meeting will focus on developing recreation guidelines.