ADDRESSES: Individuals wishing copies of any of the above permits and associated decision documents should contact the Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Consultation and Conservation Planning, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, 4th Floor East, Portland, Oregon 97232.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Hill, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address; telephone (503) 231–6241.

Dated: June 8, 1998.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Letters of Authorization to Take Marine Mammals

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of Letters of Authorization to take marine mammals incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations [50 CFR 18.27(f)(3)], notice is hereby given that Letters of Authorization to take polar bears and Pacific walrus incidental to oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities have been issued to the following companies:

Company	Activity	Date issued
BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc	Exploration	June 8, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362–5148 or (907) 786–3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Letters of Authorization were issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations ''Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specific Activities (58 FR 60402; November 26, 1993); modified and extended (60 FR 42805; August 17, 1995).

Dated: June 11, 1998.

David B. Allen,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO–050–1620–00]

Closure of a Road on Public Lands; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Closure order for a road in Fremont County, CO.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, effective June 25, 1998, the BLM non-system road between the Upper and Lower Grape Creek Wilderness Study Areas will be closed to all types of motorized vehicle access and travel. The purpose of this closure is to prevent further disturbance to soils and vegetation in and near the riparian area, reduce sedimentation into Grape Creek and reduce the development of unauthorized user-created trails into the Upper and Lower Grape Creek Wilderness Study Areas. Authority for this action is found in 43 CFR 8364.1 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The 3 mile (approximate) road closure is specifically identified as follows: Fremont County, Colorado.

Begin closure on the BLM system road 6227, located approximately 2/10 of a mile east of Grape Creek in T 20S, R71W Section 8. The road closure continues in a westerly direction along the BLM non-system road through section 7 and T 20S, R72W Sections 12 and 11, and ends at the public/private boundary on the north boundary of the NE of the NE of Section 11.

DATES: Effective June 25, 1998 and shall remain in effect unless revised, revoked, or amended.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Royal Gorge Resource Area, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, CO 81212; Telephone (719) 269–8500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Levi Deike, Area Manager or Diana Kossnar, Outdoor Recreation Planner at the Royal Gorge Resource Area at the above address and phone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This closure does not apply to emergency, law enforcement, and federal or other government vehicles while being used for official or emergency purposes, or to any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized or otherwise officially approved by BLM. Violation of this order is punishable by fine and/or imprisonment as defined in 43 CFR 8340 and subparts thereof. A copy of this **Federal Register** Notice and a map of the road closure is posted in the Canon City District Office.

Donnie R. Sparks,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ–020–05–3809–00; AZA 29237]

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Yarnell Mining Project, Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability and Notice of Public Hearings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environment Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix Field Office, has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) that describes the impacts of a proposed surface gold mine and ore processing facility, known as the Yarnell Mining Project, that would be located on public, private, and state lands near the town of Yarnell in Yavapai County in central Arizona.

DATES: The DEIS is available for public review and comment for the next 60 days. Written comments on the DEIS must be postmarked on or before August 25, 1998. Public hearings will be held on July 28, 29, and 30, 1998, at the times and locations listed under Supplementary Information.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the Project Manager for the Yarnell Mining Project EIS, Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix Field Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ 85027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie Stone, EIS Project Manager, (602) 580–5517.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DEIS was prepared in response to a proposed mining plan of operations submitted by the Yarnell Mining Company, a subsidiary of Bema Gold (U.S.) Inc. The impact analysis in the DEIS includes proposed mitigation measures and alternatives to the proposed project. The Environmental Protection Agency,