

portions of land within the San Buenaventura Land Grant within the Bottomlands area are closed to hunting. Hunting is defined as the lawful pursuit or take of birds and mammals under regulations adopted by the California Fish and Game Commission under the authority of the California Fish and Game Code.

All current and future BLM land located within the Cloverdale Canyon area that are located south of Placer Road and east of Clear Creek within portions of M.D.M. Township 31 North, Range 6 West, sections 25 and 26 are closed to hunting. Hunting is defined as the lawful pursuit or take of birds and mammals under regulations adopted by the California Fish and Game Commission under the authority of the California Fish and Game Code.

All current and future BLM land located west of Clear Creek within the Cloverdale Canyon area within portions of M.D.M. Township 31 North, Range 6 West, sections 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36 (west of Clear Creek and north of Clear Creek Road) are closed to firearm hunting except for shotgun hunting. Maps showing the exact boundaries of the restriction areas are available at the BLM office in Redding, California.

BACKGROUND: The BLM prepared an environmental assessment (EA) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) which analyzed the impacts of firearm use on BLM lands within the Lower Clear Creek Greenbelt. The EA and FONSI were prepared in response to a request for action from a Firearm-Use Subcommittee of the Lower Clear Creek Coordinated Resource Management Plan. The Subcommittee was composed of a diverse group of citizens including landowners, sportsmen, and other recreational users.

Restrictions analyzed within the EA are necessary to improve consistency with adjoining Federal lands and City of Redding restrictions under Redding City Code 7.04.090 and 10.58.010 which prohibit firearm shooting and hunting within the Redding City limits. The authority for these closures and rule makings is 43 CFR 8364.1. Any person who fails to comply with a closure order or rule making is subject to arrest and fines of up to \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

DATES: These restrictions will take effect March 26, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles M. Schultz, Field Manager,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT080-09-1060-00]

Bonanza Herd Area, UT; Wild Horse Maintenance; Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to establish a Herd Management Area (HMA) for wild horses including establishing the appropriate management level (AML) of wild horses within the Bonanza Herd Area (HA) and notice of intent to amend the Book Cliffs Resource Management Plan (RMP).

SUMMARY: This notice is intended to inform the public of an intent to establish an HMA within the Bonanza HA for the maintenance of wild horses. The number or AML of wild horses to be managed will also be determined and any adjustments in forage allocation. Forage allocation adjustments shall take into consideration the needs of wildlife and livestock. These proposed actions would require an amendment to the Book Cliffs Resource Management Plan (RMP).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The May, 1985, Record of Decision for the Book Cliffs Resource Management Plan called for gathering and removing all wild horses within the Bonanza HA. In 1986, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) conducted a roundup to completely remove all of the horses. Ownership of the gathered wild horses was challenged by members of the Ute Tribe. Wild Horse Organized Assistance (WHOA) also challenged BLM's action to remove all wild horses from the Bonanza HA and pending a resolution, wild horses were returned to the range. Since 1986, the HA has been evaluated to determine its potential for long-term management of wild horses in terms of existing land ownership pattern, present, and planned uses. This data indicates that the HA is capable of supporting a viable wild horse population. The RMP amendment will be prepared under 43 CFR part 1610 to meet the requirement of section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, and section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act. This revision

is necessary to update the decisions in the existing land use plan. Decisions generated during this planning process will supersede affected land use planning decisions presented in the 1985 Book Cliffs RMP that affects public lands within the Bonanza HA.

Public participation is being actively sought at this time to ensure the analysis address all issues, problems, and concerns from those interested and affected in the management of these public lands. The RMP amendment is a public process and the public is invited and encouraged to assist in the identification of issues and the scope of the planning amendment. A public open house will be held on April 9, 1999, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Vernal Field Office, 170 S. 500 E., Vernal, Utah to discuss planning issues. Written comments may also be submitted to: Bureau of Land Management, Vernal Field Office, 170 S. 500 E., Vernal, Utah 84078-2799, web site <http://ww.blm.gov/utah/vernal>, or Fax: (435) 781-4410.

Written comments will be received through April 30, 1999. The open house also will be announced in local newspapers and through other local media.

Planning amendment documents will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team which includes specialists in rangeland, wild horses, minerals, vegetation, riparian values, cultural resources, recreation, wildlife habitats and special status animal and plant species. Other disciplines may be represented as necessary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dean L. Evans, Resource Advisor, Vernal Field Office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078. Business hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, telephone (435) 781-4430, fax (435) 781-4410.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-01; N-61315]

Cancellation of Proposed Withdrawal; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers has cancelled its