

announced the Closure of certain public lands in the Las Vegas Valley to Shooting. The original description listed the southern boundary as generally following Lake Mead Blvd. (State Route 147). The correct description should have been *Lake Mead Drive (State Route 146)*. A correction has also been made to remove certain restrictions listed in the original Closure Notice that were confusing, redundant or gave the impression of Federal enforcement of State statute. The Closure is intended to compliment and supplement an existing Clark County shooting closure. The rapid increase in population and growth of the Las Vegas Valley has created conflicts between new urban areas and traditional public land users accustomed to target shooting on public lands around Las Vegas. There have been incidents of indiscriminate shooting toward residential areas and other public land users, destruction of property, injury, and one fatality. Trash accumulation from items being used as targets are impacting public lands. This action is being taken to help ensure public safety, prevent environmental degradation, and provide consistency with the Clark County shooting closure. This Closure does not apply to hunting under the laws and regulations of the State of Nevada.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective immediately upon publication (November 30, 1998).

Closure Area

Public Lands affected are within the following townships: All public lands within Townships 18 S to 22 S and Ranges 59 E to 64 E and certain lands in Townships 23 S and 24 S Ranges 61 E to 63 E MDM; which can generally be described as falling within the area encompassed by Lake Mead Drive (State Route 146), on the South; the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Boundary; on the West; the Lee Canyon Road (State Route 156), Corn Creek Road and the southern boundary of the Desert Game Range on the North; and the Lake Mead National Recreation Area Boundary on the East. Also included but not described above are public lands contained within the portions of the existing Clark County Shooting Closure that are outside the above boundaries (Goodsprings Township).

Maps depicting the area affected by this closure order are available for public inspection at the Las Vegas, Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Exceptions to Closure

(1) Hunting with valid state hunting license and in accordance with the laws

and regulations of the State of Nevada; (2) Paintball game devices used within approved areas; and (3) Areas which may be designated by the Las Vegas Field Office Manager as target shooting areas. Such designation may be made by the publishing of notices in the local media and by the posting of appropriate signs marking the boundary of such area(s).

Closure Restrictions

Unless otherwise authorized, within the closure area no person shall:

- a. Discharge any firearm.
- b. Possess any firearm in violation of Federal regulations.

Definitions

Firearm: means a loaded or unloaded pistol, rifle, shotgun or other weapon which is designed to, or may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the ignition of a propellant or release of compressed gases.

"Public Lands" means any lands or interest in lands owned by the United States and administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management, except lands located on the Outer Continental Shelf and lands held for the benefit of Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos (43 CFR 1601.0-5(i)).

This closure order is issued under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1. Violations of any of the terms, conditions, or restrictions contained within this closure order, may subject the violator to citation or arrest, with penalty of fine or imprisonment or both as specified by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Wolf, Assistant District Manager, Recreation; Ron Crayton, Law Enforcement Ranger; and Ken Burger, Law Enforcement Ranger; Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108, telephone number (702) 647-5000.

Dated: November 18, 1998.

Michael F. Dwyer,

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Correction to Description of Off-Highway Vehicle Closure of Certain Public Lands in the Las Vegas Valley Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Correction to Closure of selected Public Lands in Clark County, Nevada to use by Off-Highway Vehicles.

SUMMARY: This notice corrects the legal and geographic description of a closure notice published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 38, page 9858 on February 26, 1998 wherein the Field Office Manager of the Las Vegas Field Office announced the Closure of certain public lands in the Las Vegas Valley to Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use. The original description listed the southern boundary as generally following Lake Mead Blvd. (State Route 147). The correct description should have been *Lake Mead Drive (State Route 146)*. A correction has also been made to remove certain restrictions listed in the original Closure Notice that were confusing, redundant or gave the impression of Federal enforcement of State statute. The lands included are public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management which, due to urban expansion, are now included within or are immediately adjacent to urban areas developed for residential or business purposes. This action is being taken to reduce the amount of dust and particulate matter generated from the use of public lands, ensure health and public safety and prevent environmental degradation. This action will assist local governmental efforts to meet Environmental Protection Agency air quality standards and to reduce dust production from unpaved roads within the Las Vegas Valley Non-attainment Area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective immediately upon publication (November 30, 1998).

Closure Area

Public Lands affected are within the following townships: All public lands within Townships 18 S to 22 S and Ranges 59 E to 64 E MDM and certain lands in Townships 23 S and 24 S Ranges 61 E to 63 E; which can generally be described as falling within the area encompassed by Lake Mead Drive (State Route 146), on the South; the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Boundary; on the

West; the Lee Canyon Road (State Route 156), Corn Creek Road and the southern boundary of the Desert Game Range on the North; and the Lake Mead National Recreation Area Boundary on the East.

Maps depicting the area affected by this closure order are available for public inspection at the Las Vegas Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Exceptions to Closure

(1) OHV use areas which may be designated by the Las Vegas Field Office Manager. Such designations may be made by the publishing of notice in the local media and by the posting of appropriate signs and marked boundaries; (2) Roads and trails designated and signed for OHV use; (3) Roads included within transportation systems managed by Clark County and/or the cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, and Henderson; and (4) Official travel by government agencies.

Closure Restrictions

Unless otherwise authorized, within the closure area no person shall:

a. Operate an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) or motor vehicle off of designated roads and/or trails.

b. Take, drive, or operate any OHV or motor vehicle through, around or beyond a restrictive sign, barricade, fence, or traffic control barrier or device.

Definitions

"Designated Road" means a road or roads identified on a map which will be available for public inspection at the Las Vegas Field Office, Bureau of Land Management.

"Designated Trails" means a trail, trails or routes, identified on a map available for public inspection at the Las Vegas Field Office, Bureau of Land Management.

"Designated Areas" means areas that are designated within the closed area by the Las Vegas Field Office Manager as OHV use areas. These areas will be signed with set boundaries. Maps will be made available at the Las Vegas Field Office.

"Off-Highway Vehicle" (OHV) means any motorized or non-motorized mechanized vehicle designed for or capable of travel off maintained roadways including but not limited to 2 and 4 wheel drives vehicles, motorcycles, ATVs, and mountain bikes. OHV as defined herein is synonymous with "Off-road Vehicle" as defined in 43 CFR Part 8440.0-5(a). Off-Highway Vehicle is the term more commonly used.

"Public Lands" means any lands or interest in lands owned by the United States and administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management, except lands located on the Outer Continental Shelf and lands held for the benefit of Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos (43 CFR 1601.0-5(i)).

This closure order is issued under the authority of 43 CFR 8341.1 and Part 8364.1. Violation of any of the terms, conditions or restrictions contained within this closure order, may subject the violator to citation or arrest, with a penalty of fine or imprisonment or both as specified by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Wolf, Assistant District Manager, Recreation; Ron Crayton, Law Enforcement Ranger; or Ken Burger, Law Enforcement Ranger, at the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108, Telephone Number (702) 647-5000.

Dated: November 18, 1998.

Michael F. Dwyer,
Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Public Comment Period for Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Dos Pobres/San Juan Project Case Number AZA 28973 and AZA 29640, Safford Field Office, Graham County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Extension of Public Comment Period.

SUMMARY: The notice published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, September 24, 1998, in Vol. 63, No. 185, page 51091, provided for the acceptance of written comments relating to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Dos Pobres/San Juan Project to be accepted until November 25, 1998. This notice will extend the public comment period to December 18, 1998.

Dated: November 19, 1998.

William T. Civish,
Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of Final Hualapai Mountains Land Exchange Environmental Impact Statement/Plan Amendment and; Notice of Realty Action

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of Availability and Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716), as amended and section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office, Arizona, has prepared an EIS/Plan amendment to analyze the effect of a proposed land exchange and a proposed plan amendment to the Kingman Resource Management Plan. The EIS addresses the effects of a proposal to exchange approximately 70,000 acres of public land for approximately 70,000 acres of private land. The Equal Appraised Value Alternative, the BLM preferred, would result in approximately 70,000 acres coming into public ownership while transferring approximately 60,000 acres to private ownership. The proposed land exchange is entirely within Mohave County, Arizona. The amendment is needed because the Proponent selected public lands that were not identified for disposal in the Kingman Resource Management Plan by Township, Range, and Section. The plan amendment will assess impacts of proposed changes to land tenure classification decisions and resource management.

The Realty Action is in accordance with sections 1 and 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315 and 315f, the selected public lands described in the FEIS are hereby classified for disposal by exchange. This disposal classification is pursuant to the Taylor Grazing Act and the decision to amend the Kingman Resource Management Plan to re-categorize approximately 10,000 acres for disposal will follow the 30 day protest period.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted until 30 days following Environmental Protection Agency's **Federal Register** Notice of Filing. The Notice of Filing is expected to occur on December 4, 1998. The EPA Notice of Filing date also begins a 30-day protest