DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Incidental Take of Threatened Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

On December 31, 1998, a notice was published in the Federal Register (63 FR 72321), that an application had been filed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by Waterman Realty Company, Winchester Creek Limited Partnership, for a permit to incidentally take, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539), as amended, Delmarva fox squirrels (Sciurus niger cinereus) on the proposed 56 acre housing development pursuant to the terms of the Home Port on Winchester Creek Housing Development Habitat Conservation Plan.

Notice is hereby given that on May 13, 1999, as authorized by the provisions of the Act, the Service issued a permit (PRT-006310), to the above named party subject to certain conditions set forth therein. The permit was granted only after it was determined that it was applied for in good faith; that by granting the permit it will not be to the disadvantage of the endangered species; and that it will be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Act as amended.

Additional information on this permit action may be requested by contacting the Chesapeake Bay Field Office, 177 Admiral Cochrane Drive, Annapolis, Maryland, 21401, 410-573-4500 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-050-99-1220-00]

Emergency Closure and Restriction of Certain Uses of Public Lands Within the Dillon and Butte Field Offices, Montana

AGENCY: Dillon Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of emergency closure and restriction order.

SUMMARY: Effective immediately, all public lands in the corridor of the lower Madison River, from the Bear Trap Canyon Wilderness to Black's Ford fishing access are closed, or restricted to certain uses as described below. The lands affected by this closure and restriction order include all public lands within Sections 2, 10, 11, and 15 of Township 3 South, Range 1 East; and sections 25 and 35 of Township 2 South, Range 1 East; and Sections 19 and 30 of Township 2 South, Range 2 East. The closure and restriction orders are being implemented to stop the spread of noxious weeds, reduce erosion, prevent damage to cultural resources, and reduce fire hazard conditions and impacts to other natural resources, and provide for public safety.

Vehicle travel: Vehicle travel is limited in this area to the road surface of posted, designated routes. Any travel off routes is prohibited unless signed, and designated as open. This restriction is necessary to stop the spread of noxious weeds, reduce erosion, reduce fire hazards, and prevent damage to cultural resources.

Firearms: The entire area is closed to the discharge or use of firearms, except within the Bear Trap Canyon Wilderness during open hunting season. This restriction is necessary to provide for public safety in a heavily used recreation area.

Camping: The area is closed to dispersed camping, except for signed, designated sites. Designated campsites are limited to a maximum of 3 vehicles per site. This restriction is necessary to stop spread of noxious weeds, reduce erosion, reduce fire hazards, prevent damage to cultural, and other natural resources. Camping is further restricted by prior rules to a maximum of 14 days within any 28 day period, after which a person must move a minimum of five miles (Federal Register / Vol. 51, No. 57/ Tuesday, March 25, 1986).

Fires: Open fires must be completely contained within one of the permanently installed metal fire grates provided. Construction of rock fire rings, or use of existing rock fire rings is prohibited. The area is also closed to the collection of firewood and any chopping or destruction of trees. This restriction is necessary to reduce fire hazards, provide for public safety, and prevent damage to cultural and natural resources.

The authority for this closure and restriction order is 43 CFR 8364.1. The order will remain in effect until a Recreation Management Plan for the area is completed.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the closure and restriction order, and maps showing the location of the affected lands are available from the Dillon Field Office, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana 59725; Butte Field Office, 106 N. Parkmont, P.O. Box 3388, Butte, Montana 59702; or the U.S. Forest Service, Madison Ranger District, 5 Forest Service Road, Ennis, Montana 59729.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Waldrup, Outdoor Recreation Planner, BLM Dillon Field Office, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana 59725; telephone 406-683-2337.


Scott Powers, Field Manager, Dillon Field Office.

Merle Good, Field Manager, Butte Field Office.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-5700-10; Closure Notice No. NV-030-99-003]

Temporary Closure of Public Lands; Washoe County, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Nevada, DOI.

ACTION: Temporary closure of public lands by Carson City Field Office Manager.

SUMMARY: The Carson City Field Office Manager announces the temporary closure of selected public lands under his administration. This action is being taken to provide for public safety during the 1999 Pylon Racing Seminar and 1999 Reno National Championship Air Races.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret L. Jensen, Assistant Manager, Nonrenewable Resources, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Mill Road, Carson