

Dated: January 5, 2007.

**Brian D. Montgomery,**

*Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4743-N-09]

### Notice of Planned Closing of Nashville, TN Post-of-Duty Station

**AGENCY:** Office of the Inspector General, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of planned closing of the Nashville, Tennessee post-of-duty station.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that HUD's Office of the Inspector General (HUD/OIG) plans to close its Nashville, Tennessee post-of-duty station, and also provides a cost-benefit analysis of the impact of this closure.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bryan Saddler, Counsel to the Inspector General, Room 8260, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-4500, (202) 708-1613. (This is not a toll-free number.) A telecommunications device for hearing- and speech-impaired persons (TTY) is available at (800) 877-8339 (Federal Information Relay Services). (This is a toll-free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Nashville, Tennessee post-of-duty station was opened in 2003 to address fraud statewide. In 2006, one of the two agents assigned to Nashville resigned and another was transferred to Texas. Additionally, HUD/OIG plans to add investigative staff to its existing post-of-duty station in Knoxville. HUD/OIG has determined that greater efficiency and cost-savings can be achieved by now consolidating staff and resources in the Knoxville office.

Section 7(p) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(p)) provides that a plan for field reorganization, which may involve the closing of any field or regional office, of the Department of Housing and Urban Development may not take effect until 90 days after a cost-benefit analysis of the effect of the plan on the office in question is published in the **Federal Register**. The required cost-benefit analysis should include: (1) An estimate of cost savings anticipated; (2) an estimate of the additional cost which will result from the reorganization; (3) a discussion of the impact on the local

economy; and (4) an estimate of the effect of the reorganization on the availability, accessibility, and quality of services provided for recipients of those services.

Legislative history pertaining to section 7(p) indicates that not all reorganizations are subject to the requirements of section 7(p). Congress stated that "[t]his amendment is not intended to [apply] to or restrict the internal operations or organization of the Department (such as the establishment of new or combination of existing organization units within a field office, the duty stationing of employees in various locations to provide on-site service, or the establishment or closing, based on workload, of small, informal offices such as valuation stations)." (See House Conference Report No. 95-1792, October 14, 1978 at 58.) Through this notice, HUD/OIG advises the public of the closing of the Nashville, Tennessee duty station and provides the cost-benefit analysis of the impact of the closure.

*Impact of the Closure of the Nashville, Tennessee, Post-of-Duty Station:* HUD/OIG considered the costs and benefits of closing the Nashville, Tennessee post-of-duty station, and is publishing its cost-benefit analysis with this notice. In summary, HUD/OIG has determined that the closure will result in a cost savings, and, as a result of the size and limited function of the office, will cause no appreciable impact on the provision of authorized investigative services/activities in the area.

A. *Cost Savings:* The Nashville, Tennessee post-of-duty station currently costs approximately \$31,764.38 per annum for space rental. Additional associated overhead expenses (e.g., telephone service) are incurred to operate the post-of-duty station. Thus, closing the office will result in annual savings of at least \$32,000.

B. *Additional Costs:* Since the Nashville, Tennessee post-of-duty is currently not staffed, there are no offsetting costs associated with the closure.

C. *Impact on Local Economy:* No appreciable impact on the local economy is anticipated. The post-of-duty station is located in a desirable office park, and it is anticipated that the space can easily be re-leased to other tenants.

D. *Effect on Availability, Accessibility and Quality of Services Provided to Recipients of Those Services:* The availability, accessibility and quality of services provided to complainants will not be adversely impacted. Special agents assigned to other HUD/OIG

offices—chiefly Atlanta, and soon Knoxville—can cost-effectively address fraud allegations in Tennessee generally and Nashville specifically.

For the reasons stated in this notice, HUD/OIG intends to proceed to close its Nashville, Tennessee post-of-duty station at the expiration of the 90-day period from the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: January 10, 2007.

**Kenneth M. Donohue, Sr.,**

*Inspector General.*

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## INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** January 22, 2007, 9:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** 901 N. Stuart Street, Tenth Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

**STATUS:** Open session.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

- Approval of the Minutes of the May 22, 2006, Meeting of the Board of Directors.
- President's Report.
- Program Update.
- Operations Update.
- External Affairs.
- Congressional Affairs.
- Board site visit to IAF grantees.

**PORTIONS TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

- All.

**PORTIONS TO BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**

- None.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

- Jennifer R. Hodges, General Counsel—(703) 306-4320.

Dated: January 9, 2007.

**Jennifer R. Hodges,**

*General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Indian Gaming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Class III Gaming Amendment taking effect.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given that the Amendment to the Tribal-State gaming compact between the State of California and the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation is considered approved and is in effect.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* January 17, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands.

The compact allows for up to 1,100 gaming devices, adds provisions addressing problem gambling, off reservation traffic impacts and workplace occupational health and safety standards. Finally, the term of the compact is until December 31, 2025. The Amendment, also, authorizes annual payments to the State for geographical exclusivity. The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, is publishing notice that the Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact between the State of California and the Quechan Tribe of The Fort Yuma Indian Reservation is now in effect.

Dated: January 4, 2007.

**Michael D. Olsen,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-100-1110-PI]

#### Notice of Seasonal Closure of Public Lands to Motorized Vehicle Use

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of seasonal closure of certain public lands located in Sublette County, Wyoming to all types of motor vehicle use and/or human presence.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations subpart 8364, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) may issue an order to close the use of BLM administered lands to the public to protect those lands and resources. The Pinedale Resource Management Plan (RMP) Record of Decision (ROD), December 12, 1988, states that big game winter ranges, and elk feedgrounds may be closed to minimize stress to

wintering animals. The Pinedale Anticline Project (PAPA) ROD (2000) identifies areas that may be subject to seasonal closures as conditions warrant.

After consulting with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, the BLM Pinedale Field Manager has implemented a seasonal closure on certain BLM-administered lands and travel ways including existing roads and two-track trails, to all types of motorized vehicle travel (e.g., snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, any vehicle including trucks, sport utility vehicles and cars, motorcycles etc.). Winter ranges, as identified in the Pinedale RMP, and as described below in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, will be closed to all unauthorized motorized travel from November 15 through April 30 each winter. Use of winter range areas by non-motorized means is still allowed. Feedground areas will be closed November 15 through April 30 each winter, to all motorized vehicles and human presence. The Mesa winter range will remain open to motorized travel on existing roads from November 15 through January 14 each winter, but roads will be closed to unauthorized motorized travel January 15 through April 30 each winter. After April 30 each year, motorized vehicle use will be limited to existing roads and two-track trails.

The winter range seasonal closures affect public lands located within the Deer Hills, Oil Field, Mesa, Bench Corral, and Miller Mountain winter ranges. Elk feedground closures affect public lands around the Franz, Finnegan, Scab Creek, Fall Creek, and North Piney feedgrounds. This action is necessary for the protection of crucial winter range habitat for elk, moose, antelope, and mule deer. Except for travel on highways or county roads, motorized vehicle travel within these areas will be allowed only by written authorization from the Pinedale Field Manager. Personnel of the BLM, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, U.S. Department of Agriculture-APHIS & Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and law enforcement personnel are exempt from this closure when performing official duties. Operators of existing oil and gas facilities may perform routine maintenance, or operation and drilling as approved by the BLM, and livestock operators may perform permitted activities.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM Pinedale Field Office is responsible for management of crucial winter range habitat located on public lands within Sublette County. These crucial winter range habitat areas and the management

thereof are addressed in the Pinedale RMP ROD, which was signed December 12, 1988 and Pinedale Anticline Project Area (PAPA) ROD signed on July 27, 2000. The RMP identifies areas of crucial winter range and states that seasonal closures for motorized vehicles may be used to protect big game winter range. Closures will vary depending on conditions and will be implemented in coordination with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (Pinedale RMP, pages 33, 35, and 37). Road closures from the PAPA ROD identify current and future use of roads in the winter and outlines allowable access (Pages 12 and 19). Reasons for the closure include the effects of persistent drought and/or severe winter conditions which threaten the health of these wintering wildlife species. Low forage production associated with persistent drought conditions causes animals to go into winter in poor condition. Losses of wintering habitat from development activity can reduce the area available to the wintering animals. These impacts to wintering wildlife are compounded by significant human activity, such as day and night wildlife observation, still and video photography, snowmobiling, and antler gathering. Because of the increased stress the presence of motorized vehicles inflicts on wintering big game during difficult winter periods, the number of animals that will die and the rate of aborting or reabsorption of fetuses on the winter range can increase. This decreases production of young during the following summer. Therefore, closing crucial winter ranges and feedgrounds to motorized vehicles and human presence (feedgrounds) reduces impacts to wintering big game.

By this order, the following BLM-administered lands are included in this notice of closures:

- The Oil Field winter range complex located approximately 10 miles west of Big Piney containing approximately 116,981 acres.
- The Deer Hills winter range complex located approximately 10 miles west of Big Piney containing approximately 23,552 acres.
- The Mesa winter range complex located approximately 3 miles south of Pinedale containing approximately 83,101 acres.
- The Bench Corral winter range complex and elk winter feedground (T31-32N, R112W) located approximately 18 miles southwest of Pinedale containing approximately 42,230 acres.
- Miller Mountain winter range located approximately 5 miles south and west of LaBarge containing approximately 118,543 acres.