



County of
INYO

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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December 7, 1982

Bureau of Land Management
Attn: Mark Lawrence
1415 North Norma St.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Dear Mark:

At the Bureau of Land Management Desert Plan Committee meeting in Blythe last November 18th thru 20th, an amendment of Inyo County concerning the Panamint Dunes was continued for six months to permit B.L.M. to study the dunes system in Inyo County.

Please keep us informed on the progress of this study. If we can be of assistance please let us know.

Yours truly,


Ted Hilton
Planning Director

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Supervisor Johnson reported that he has been appointed to the B.L.M. California Desert Council to represent Inyo County, and that he attended his first meeting of the Council last week. He reviewed the topics discussed at the meeting, and stated that the next meeting is scheduled for May. He noted that all his expenses to attend the meetings are paid by the B.L.M.



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

California Desert District
1695 Spruce Street
Riverside, California 92507

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

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Ted Hilton
Inyo County Planning Dept.
Drawer 1
Independence, CA 93527

Dear Mr. Hilton:

This is to remind you of our next California Desert Interagency Coordination Committee Meeting to be held in Barstow on February 23, 1983 and in Palm Springs on February 24, 1983.

The northern group will meet at the Fire Station in Barstow, next to the BLM Resource Area Office and Way Station from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Because of limited parking at the Fire Station, please park at the BLM Way Station (see enclosed map).

The Palm Springs Meeting will be held at the Palm Springs Library Center (Multipurpose Room) from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The library is located on the southeast corner of Sunrise Way and Baristo Road (see enclosed map).

The agenda for the meeting will be much the same as the one sent out in November with three additions, item 4, 12, and 13.

1. Energy and the Transmission of Energy
2. Land Tenure (Sales/Exchanges)
3. Desert Plan Amendments
4. The BLM and Assumption of Responsibilities From Minerals Management Service
5. Mining Regulations
6. Desert Agriculture - Grazing
7. Motorized Vehicle Access
8. Solid and Hazardous Waste
9. Air Quality
10. Cultural Resources
11. Visitor Services
12. Interagency Fire Management System
13. BLM's Advisory Boards and Councils, Relationship with Public and Agencies.

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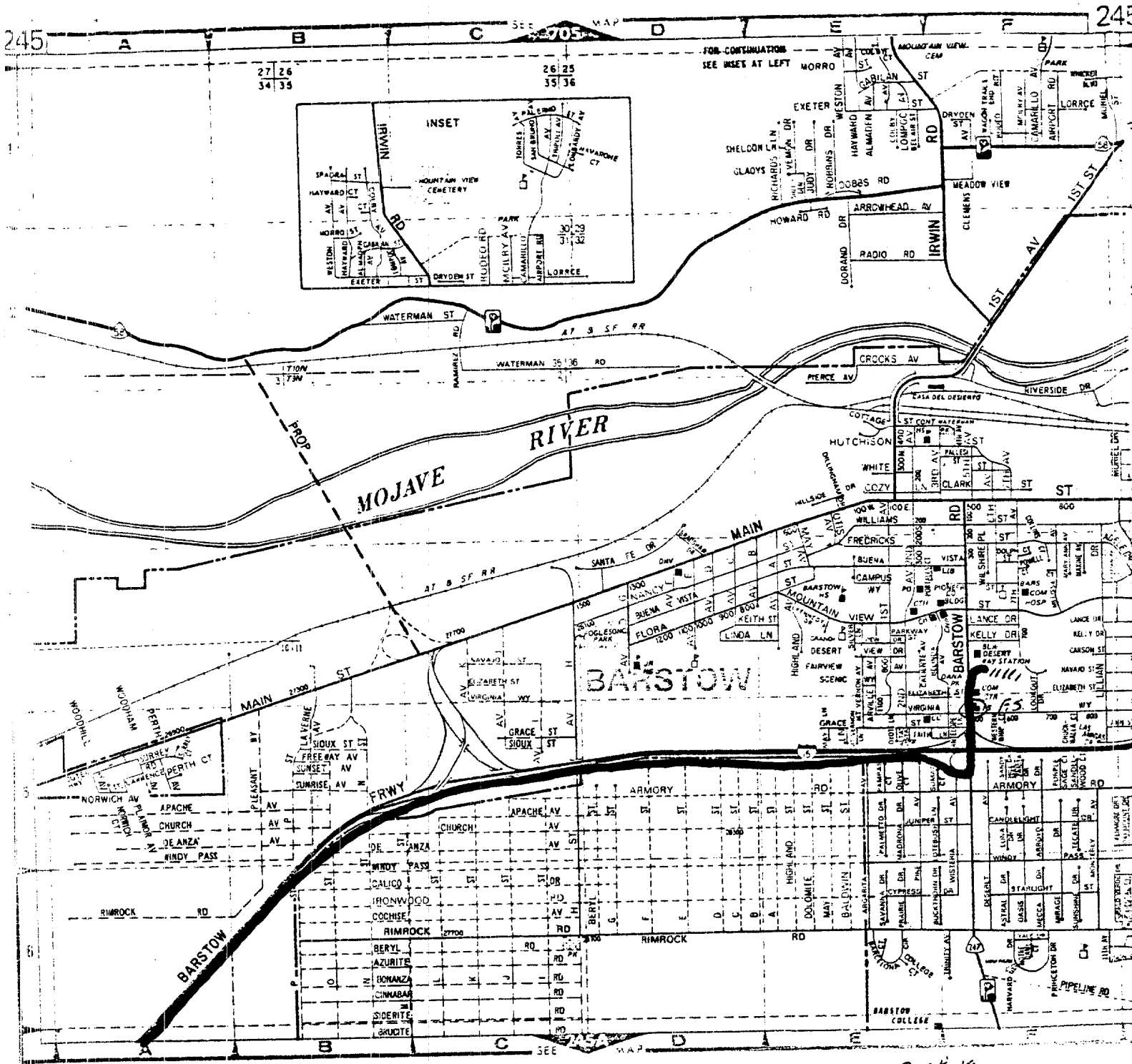
If you have any questions regarding the agenda or meetings please call (714) 351-6373 for Bill Collins. Hoping to see you there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald E. Hillier", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gerald E. Hillier
District Manager

Enclosures



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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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1983 Review of California Desert Plan

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Dear Reader:

The California Desert Plan has been in effect for over two years. Implementation is well underway, and the second round of proposed amendments is nearly completed. We invite your participation in the third round, the 1983 Amendment Review of the California Desert Plan.

The 1982 review, now nearing completion, began one year after the plan was signed. Working with the plan that first year allowed us to identify where major adjustments were needed. Through the 1982 review the Bureau, with your help, addressed most of those problems. Accordingly, the function of the 1983 review will be to "fine tune" the plan, rather than attempt major revision; and it will be less lengthy.

We invite your participation in this review of the California Desert Plan. The invitation to present requests for amendments extends from March 15, 1983 to April 30, 1983. Organizations or individuals who propose three or more amendments should rank these requests according to their relative importance. Each proposal should be accompanied by an explanation of the need for a change. We will use the following criteria in evaluating proposals:

- 1) Is the proposed amendment based on new data not considered when the plan was developed?
- 2) Does the information represent a change in legal or regulatory mandate?
- 3) Is the supporting detail sufficient and the problem clearly stated so that the request can be considered?
- 4) Does the information represent a formal change in State or local government or agency plans?

The California Desert District Advisory Council will review and recommend suggested amendments at its public meeting on May 19 to 21, 1983. In the event that the number of proposed amendments exceeds the funding and staffing capabilities of the Bureau to conduct the required environmental analyses, the Council will set priorities for the amendments to be considered.

An Environmental document covering the 1983 amendments will be prepared and submitted for public review. The Advisory Council will meet again on August 25-28, 1983 to review public reaction to the amendments which were considered.

Please send your comments and proposals to the following address by April 15, 1983:

1983 Amendments
Bureau of Land Management
California Desert District
1695 Spruce Street
Riverside, CA 92507
(714) 351-6394

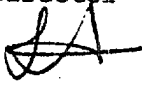


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MEMO

TO: Jim Gooch, Acting Public Works Director
FROM: Ted Hilton, Planning Director 
SUBJECT: California Desert Plan Vehicle Route Areas
Date: July 12, 1983

In 1981 the Board of Supervisors authorized the Public Works Department to work with the BLM on existing roads in the Desert Plan Area. Enclosed please find a copy of a map and letter concurring the vehicle routes in the desert (Argus Range).

In the Rooms of the Board of Supervisors

County of Inyo, State of California

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, held in their rooms at the Court House in Independence on the 1st day of November 19 83, an order was duly made and entered as follows:

DESERT PLAN LAWSUIT DISMISSED

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Cook to dismiss Case No. CV 80-5599-AWT brought against the Bureau of Land Management by Inyo County regarding the California Desert Plan.

Motion carried.

Supervisor Irwin, absent.

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board this 1st day of November, 19 83

MICHAEL B. HANFORD
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By Debi Hansen

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Ridgecrest Resource Area
1415A No. Norma Street
Ridgecrest, California 93555

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IN REPLY
REFER TO:

8320-PAN
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DEC 13 1983

Mr. Ted Hilton
Planning Department
Drawer L
Independence, California 93526

Dear Mr. Hilton:

Currently we are in the process of finalizing the Panamint Dunes Special Recreation Area Management Plan.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the public comments we received on the draft plan, along with our summary analysis of the public comments.

Sincerely yours,

Mark E. Lawrence
Area Manager

Enclosures

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The Draft Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) was sent out for public review to the Ridgecrest Resource Area Ad Hoc Committee members and interested citizens that are on the Resource Area Mailing List. Public comments were received from October 7 through November 7, 1983. The following individuals or organizations sent comments regarding the RAMP:

The Wilderness Society
Dean Alper, Sierra Club
James Dodson, Sierra Club
Carol Panlaqui
Vi Swann, High Desert Scribe
Vincent Yoder, Cal Native Plant Society
Mary Ann Henry
Michael Prather
Jerry Grimsley, Cal 4 WD Club
Ed Dunkley, Cal 4 WD Club
Judy Wickman
Inyo County

Appendix G is a description of the comments received and a response to these comments.

Changes made, as a result of public comments were: 1) a monitoring and reporting plan are being included with the management plan; 2) clarification of the acreage reduction from 2,400 acres to 500 acres; 3) clarification of the fees and permit system to be used; and 4) more detail on the patrolling and involvement of the Inyo County Sheriff's Department.

Appendix G

Public Comments

Comment: The opening of Panamint Dunes would be impairing to the wilderness qualities. Desert lands will always bear scars and resource damages would occur.

Response: The RAMP does not address this issue. Wilderness impairment and resources damages was covered in full in the Desert Plan Amendments #5 EIS (Draft EIS 1982 Amendment #5). The Desert Plan Amendment was developed in accordance with the Interim Management Policy for lands under Wilderness Review.

Comment: The proposed patrol by Inyo County Sheriffs Department and BLM Rangers is not adequate for resource protection.

Response: A patrol schedule was not included in the Draft RAMP. When a permit is issued, patrols will be conducted on holiday weekends (Presidents' day, Easter, Memorial Day and Labor Day). Coordination with Inyo County Sheriff's department will occur in accordance with issuance of permits to determine needed assistance. The Panamint Dunes are also included within a designated patrol sector which is patrolled on a regular schedule.

Comment: Management of the Dunes, the Permit System, and the monitoring will not protect the sensitive cultural resources found in this area.

Response: The parking and overnight camping area, access road and open dunes have been surveyed for cultural resource sites. Any recorded sites will

be avoided by users. The recorded sites are not in areas designated for use by off-road-vehicles. Sites will also be protected by patrolling and issuance of citation. The inventory of this area has been reported to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) under a 106 consultation in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act. This consultation by the State will be completed before allowing vehicle use on the Dunes.

The area surrounding the Dunes was surveyed by the Great Basin Foundation under a BLM contract and a report and findings will be submitted in January. Results of this report will become part of BLM records and will be used in determining monitoring and further protection measures, if necessary.

Comment: The RAMP does not adequately discuss the protection of a Desert Dune Ecosystem.

Response: The RAMP addresses a camping area, an access road to the Dunes, and the Open Dunes. These are described topographically as: 1) a camping area 300 ft. from the existing Big Four Mine Road and not developed; 2) the access road to the dunes is an existing road already an allowable use, but now to be by permit only and for only 20 vehicles/day; and 3) the open dunes will be thoroughly signed and only open to the edge of the vegetation. Monitoring of the dunes will be used to determine boundary changes which may be necessary. Boundary signs will be adjusted if necessary.

Comment: Many general comments were received against opening of the Dunes at all. These all were concerned with Wilderness values, cultural resources,

ORV noise, and vegetative destruction.

Response: The opening of the Dunes was not decided in the RAMP. The Draft 1982 Plan Amendment EIS, the Final 1982 Plan Amendments and the 1982 Plan Amendment Record of Decision, Amendment #5 addresses the rationale for the opening of the Panamint Dunes. The purpose of the RAMP is to implement the decision, including measures to protect sensitive resources.

Comment: It was noted by many that the \$10.00 fee for a permit was not high enough. Comments were received that it should be \$10.00 per vehicle, not \$10.00 per 5 Vehicles.

Response: The permit fee was established as \$10.00 per permit and allow up to 5 vehicles each permit. This cost was based on the cost of permits, issuance of permits, signs, brochures, patrolling and monitoring.

Comment: A monitoring program and plan has not been discussed enough in the Draft RAMP to protect the resources.

Response: A monitoring plan has been added in the final plan and thoroughly discusses the frequency and expected results of a monitoring program.

Comment: Day use only with no overnight camping was stated as a concern of the public.

Response: The RAMP only implements the parking and overnight camping use. The 1982 Plan Amendment Record of Decision designated this use, signed May 17, 1983.

Comment: One comment was concerned that the original Record of Decision designated 2,400 acres to be open; the RAMP has been reduced to 500 acres.

Response: The acreage was reduced to 500 acres after field exams and a cultural resource inventory was completed by the Ridgecrest Resource Area staff. Results of the survey found that the sensitive cultural sites were located in the vegetative areas and destruction was less likely to occur to the sites if the open dune area was the unvegetative sand only. Also the reduced acreage occurred due to the historical use of the area only being on the sand alone, not within the vegetative area.



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TED HILTON
Planning Director

November 17, 1983

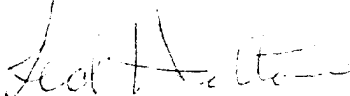
Mark E. Lawrence, Area Manager
Bureau of Land Management
Ridgecrest Resource Area
1415A No. Norma Street
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Dear Mark:

The Planning Department reviewed the draft Recreation Plan for the Panamint Dunes. The draft is consistent with the adopted Conservation and Open Space Element of the Inyo County General Plan. We have no further comments.

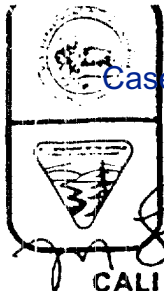
We appreciate the opportunity to comment on your draft plan.

Sincerely,


Ted Hilton
Planning Director

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FOR RELEASE IMMEDIATE
CONTACT (Lady Johnson (714) 351-6383
Mark Lawrence (619) 375-7125)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

CALIFORNIA DESERT DISTRICT 1695 SPRUCE STREET RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA 92507

CDD-84-35
May 31, 1984

Patty Johnson

BLM TO OPEN PANAMINT DUNES JUNE 16; PERMITS REQUIRED

Limited vehicular access to the Panamint Dunes Special Recreation Area in Inyo County is scheduled to begin June 16 through special permits to be issued by the Bureau of Land Management office in Ridgecrest.

According to BLM California Desert District Manager Gerald E. Hillier, permit issuance will be limited so that only 20 vehicles at any time will have access to the Dunes through one approved route of travel.

"Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis," said Hillier, "and will cost \$10. Each permit can cover up to five vehicles, and will be good for a period not to exceed five days. Maps will be issued with the permits and all users will be required to pack out all litter and garbage. If users camp near the Dunes, they must use the pre-designated camping area. The specifics of that will be given when the user gets the permit."

Hillier said the access plan had been designed to respond to public demand for limited recreational use of the area while still protecting the significant cultural resources in the vegetated area, which remains closed to vehicles. The plan was developed under an amendment to the California Desert Plan.

Located about 60 miles east of Lone Pine, California, just north of State Highway 190, the Special Recreation Area consists of about 500 acres of sand hills surrounded by desert vegetation.

BLM Desert Rangers and Inyo County Deputy Sheriffs will patrol the area to assure that recreationists do not exceed the terms of their permit. Failure to comply with permit regulations including use outside the designated area or use without a permit, said Hillier, could result in a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not longer than 12 months or both.

Permits may be obtained by contracting the BLM Ridgecrest Resource Area at 112 East Dolphin Street, Ridgecrest, California 93555, or by calling (619) 375-7125.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

California Desert District, Panamint
Dunes Special Management Area

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Implementation of Panamint
Dunes Recreation Area Management
Plan.

SUMMARY: The Panamint Dunes Special Management Area was designated to provide an existing demand for limited recreational use of the Panamint Dunes within Inyo County. This will be accomplished by strict control of the users through a permit system and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Inyo County. All public land north of Highway 190 will be closed to camping and motorized vehicle use, except where designated and signed. No motorized vehicle use or camping will be allowed unless the user obtains a permit issued from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ridgecrest Resource Area Office, 112 E. Dolphin Street, Ridgecrest, California 93555. The Panamint Dunes Special Management Area covers approximately 500 acres of public land, including a vehicle parking area signed for camping use, which contains approximately 20 acres. The Recreation Area Management Plan was developed following the guidelines established for the area in the California Desert Conservation Area Plan, 1982 Plan Amendments, Record of Decision, signed May 17, 1983. The Results of the Record of Decision included public involvement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 16, 1984.

ADDRESS: Send inquiries to Area Manager, Ridgecrest Resource Area, 112 E. Dolphin Street, Ridgecrest, California 93555. The Panamint Dunes Recreation Area Management Plan and Memorandum of Understanding will be available at the above address from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on regular working days. For further information contact Mark Lawrence at the above address or (819) 375-7125.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Plan Actions

The purpose of the guidelines in this management plan is to minimize conflicts between permitted off-road vehicle (ORV) use and sensitive natural resources. To prevent degradation of these natural resources, vehicle use will be prohibited except by permit and only in designated areas and on signed routes. One route of travel will be

designated as "open by permit only" as access to the Dunes. The overnight camping area will be used by permit only and will be designated on maps distributed with the permit. Special Recreation Use Permits will be issued following these guidelines:

1. Applicants can obtain a permit by walk-in, mail, or telephone at the Ridgecrest Resource Area Office, 112 East Dolphin Street, Ridgecrest, California 93555 or (819) 375-7125.
2. Number of permits issued will be limited to 20 vehicles per day.
3. Permits will be issued on a first come, first serve basis.
4. Only one permit will be issued to an individual or group for the same time period.
5. Permits will be issued for a period not to exceed five (5) days.
6. One permit can cover up to, but no more than, five (5) vehicles (4WD, ATC, motorcycle, etc.).
7. Permits will not be issued more than six (6) months in advance.
8. A fee of \$10.00 per permit will be charged.
9. Permittee must pack out all litter and garbage.
10. This permit does not authorize any commercial and/or competitive events. Permits and maps showing the closed area, designated areas and routes, and camping location can be obtained from

the Ridgecrest Resource Area Office. Administrative access by vehicle in areas closed to vehicle access for personnel, BLM contractors, licensees and other federal, state and county employees is allowed when on official duty and only when approved by the authorized officer.

The authorities for the Management Plan are 43 CFR 8372, 8000.0-6, 834, 8341, 8342, 8352, 8364, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1970, the Antiquities Act and Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979.

Any person who violates or fails to comply with these regulations as governed by 43 CFR 8340, 8352, 8364 and 8372 may be prosecuted pursuant to appropriate laws and regulations. Punishment may be a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for longer than 12 months or both.

Dated: May 17, 1984.

Gerald E. Hillier,
District Manager.

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Ridgecrest Resource Area
112 East Dolphin Street
Ridgecrest, California 93555

IN REPLY
REFER TO:
8320 PAN (C-065.40)

Mr. Ted Hilton
Inyo County Planning Department
P.O. Box L
Independence, California 93526

JUN 7 1984

Dear Ted:

Following our May 24th meeting on the Panamint Dune Management Plan, we made the changes in the plan which were discussed. A copy of the modified plan is enclosed for your review with the following changes:

- Pg. 29, Part IV. A. 1. Add: "Whenever it appears that Sheriff's Office patrol is needed for a specific date at the dunes, the Bureau will make a request to the South Zone Commander."
- Pg. 30, Part C.1.b. changed to "Determine the need for and prepare a written request or call the South Zone Office to request law enforcement services by the Sheriff."
- Pg. 31, Part b. changed to: "On a quarterly basis, forward copies of Sheriff's Office South Zone log of Panamint Dunes patrol activities to the Bureau."
- Pg. 31, Part e. add: "when requested" at end of sentence.
- Pg. 31. Deleted Parts "F" and "G".
- Pg. 42. Change schedule to read those dates are priority dates and not established patrol dates.

These six changes should cover all the modifications we discussed on May 24th. If any other questions come up regarding this Plan, please let us know. We are currently working to get a time scheduled to present the Plan to the Board of Supervisors.

The Federal Register notice announcing the initiation of a vehicle use permit program for the Dunes was published May 24, 1984, and a BLM news release was issued on May 31, 1984. Copies of these two documents are enclosed. Also enclosed is a letter from Mrs. Mary Ann Henry regarding the Inyo Sheriff's Office and how you will be involved in patrolling the Dunes. When the Plan is finished, we will send her a copy of the MOU but would appreciate your answering her questions which are directed to your office.

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We enjoyed the discussions on May 24th and hope that we are getting close to having everything completed. Please let us know if any additional Panamint Dunes issues develop.

Sincerely yours,

Mark E. Lawrence

Mark E. Lawrence
Area Manager

Enclosure

cc:
Chief Ranger, Ridgecrest

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*Mark is now scheduled to present this
Plan to the Supervisors on June 12th. Steve*



TED HILTON
Planning Director

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INYO COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR
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TO: INYO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: PLANNING DIRECTOR TED HILTON

RE: THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA
DESERT PLAN

As the Board of Supervisors is aware the California Desert Plan Advisory Council is a citizen advisory board to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Presently there are 15 members on the council. Supervisor Johnson is a member of the council, representing local government. Supervisor Johnson was appointed to fill an unexpired term for former Supervisor Holden from San Bernadino. This term will expire in December, 1984. If the Inyo County Board of Supervisors wishes Supervisor Johnson to continue to be a member of this council it is advisable that the Board of Supervisors send a letter of recommendation to the BLM endorsing Supervisor Johnson's continued membership on this council.

The Planning Department is the principal County Department that is involved with the California Desert Plan. It is the Planning Department's recommendation that the Board of Supervisors recommend that Supervisor Johnson be reappointed to serve a full term on the California Desert Plan Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

Ted Hilton
Ted Hilton
Planning Director

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In the Rooms of the Board of Supervisors
County of Inyo, State of California

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, held in their rooms at the Court House in Independence on the 7th day of August 19 84, an order was duly made and entered to-wit:

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT DESERT PLAN COUNCIL - Supervisor Johnson Membership

Moved by Supervisor Bremner, seconded by Supervisor Cook to direct a letter be written to the Bureau of Land Management endorsing Supervisor Johnson's continued membership on the California Desert Plan Advisory Council for a full term and authorize Vice Chairman Calkins to sign letter on behalf of Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board this 7th day of August, 19 84

MICHAEL B. HANFORD
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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August 8, 1984

Mr. Gerald Hillier
Bureau of Land Management
California Desert District
1695 Spruce Street
Riverside, California 92507

Dear Mr. Hillier:

At the August 7, 1984 meeting of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors the expiration of Supervisor Johnny Johnson's term on the California Desert Plan Advisory Council was discussed. The Inyo County Board of Supervisors is recommending that Supervisor Johnson be reappointed to another term as the elected public representative of the Advisory Council.

As you are aware, Inyo County has an unusually large amount of different types of public lands within its boundaries. In light of the fact that Supervisor Johnson has a great deal of experience in dealing with the various public agencies which administer these lands, the Board of Supervisors is strongly recommending that Supervisor Johnson be reappointed as the public elected representative to serve on the Advisory Council.

Your consideration of the above will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Lawrence E. Calkins

Lawrence E. Calkins
Member Inyo County
Board of Supervisors

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Ridgecrest Resource Area
112 East Dolphin Street
Ridgecrest, California 93555

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Dear Friends and Public Land Users:

The Ridgecrest Resource Area is currently involved in the decision phase of the vehicle route designation program. You are invited to help.

Enclosed in this packet are the Draft Route of Travel Decision Maps. These maps are an updated inventory of all known routes of travel within the Ridgecrest Resource Area, with the exception of the Kelso map area. The Kelso map was completed last year and will be reviewed in 1985. The enclosed maps cover the area included in the Eureka-Saline, Panamint, Argus and Red Mountain Interim Access Guide maps. This inventory of the road network has been completed from public comments, BLM field inspections, aerial photographic studies and a survey of existing vehicular maps.

With the completion of this initial inventory we are now ready to move into the second major phase of the vehicle route designation program. This step entails the evaluation of the location and use of each route in accordance with specific management objectives developed by the California Desert Plan. This includes recommendations for each route as either closed, limited or open to vehicle use.

Routes of travel proposed for closure are shown as a dashed line on the enclosed maps. The reason for each closure designation is referenced on the Vehicle Route Designation Decision/Rationale sheet by the route number. Routes proposed for limited vehicle use are shown as dotted lines. Open routes are shown as solid lines. All of the routes proposed as approved for vehicle use are considered not to impact natural resource values, harass wildlife or disrupt wildlife habitat, conflict with other legal uses of public lands, or impair wilderness/primitive values.

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Here's How You Can Help

1. Please review the maps for accuracy. If routes shown are misaligned, or if existing routes have been omitted from a map, draw in the correct alignment. We suggest that you send in your corrections on a copy of the portion of the map in question, rather than sending in the entire map. (Some portions of the maps had too many routes to include on a map of this scale. Therefore, only primary vehicle routes are shown on the map. A more detailed map of all routes can be examined at the Ridgecrest Resource Area office.)
2. Make your views known regarding proposed route decisions (closed, limited and open). If your comment is directed at a proposed closure or limitation, identify the specific route(s) by the assigned number. Please provide any and all supporting documentation as to why you agree or disagree with the proposed decision. Please identify the route(s) on the map (or map copy) by route number and with a colored pencil or marking pen. Please provide supporting documentation with your comments. Be specific since the information you provide will form the basis of any re-evaluations or modifications of the proposed route of travel decisions.

Comments regarding the proposed route of travel decisions should be mailed directly to the address shown below. Comments should be received no later than the close of business, January 4, 1985. We expect to complete this phase of the route approval process for the Ridgecrest Resource Area during February and have final decisions made by February 15, 1985.

Public meetings to discuss the route designation program and specific route decisions will be held the week of December 10, 1984. You are invited to attend one of the meetings at the following dates and locations:

Tuesday - December 11: BLM Ridgecrest Resource Area
Office
112 East Dolphin Street
Ridgecrest, California

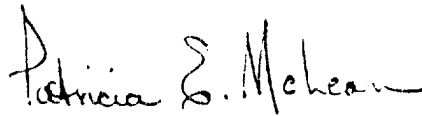
Wednesday - December 12: Board of Supervisors Chambers
Inyo County Courthouse
168 N. Edwards
Independence, California

All meetings will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend a public meeting and/or you have any additional questions concerning the results of the inventory or analysis of the route designation program, please feel free to contact Mr. Steve Smith or Mr. Stan Zuber for details.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia E. McLean".

Patricia E. McLean
Area Manager

Enclosures

Forward comments to:

Ridgecrest Resource Area
112 E. Dolphin Street
Ridgecrest, California 93555
Phone (619) 375-7125

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS IN CALIFORNIA

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 made the preservation and management of wilderness a part of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) multiple use mandate for the public lands. It required BLM to carry out a comprehensive review of the wilderness characteristics of California public lands to identify potentially suitable areas for the National Wilderness Preservation System. The three major phases of the California wilderness review process were inventory, study, and recommendation.

BLM set up a two-step inventory process. During the initial inventory conducted in 1978/1979, the BLM in California, with the public's help, eliminated areas that obviously did not possess the wilderness characteristics required. Of the 17.1 million acres inventoried, 10.8 million acres lacked wilderness characteristics and were released from further wilderness review. As a result, the scope of study was narrowed to those areas (182 areas containing about 6.3 million acres) that definitely possessed the wilderness characteristics identified by Congress.

To qualify for wilderness, an area must: 1) generally appear natural, "with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable"; 2) have outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; 3) have at least 5,000 acres of land or be large enough to make practical its preservation as wilderness; and 4) may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, scenic, or historical value. More information on each WSA is available from your local BLM office.

The process in California leading up to a wilderness designation by Congress basically has four steps:

1. BLM recommends suitability or nonsuitability on each WSA to the Secretary. This recommendation is based on the results of BLM's wilderness study and its review of the area with the public. In making these recommendations, BLM evaluates the wilderness values of an area in the context of other resources also present in the area. For suitable recommendations, mineral survey reports from the Bureau of Mines and U.S. Geological Survey are required. For all WSAs with the basic wilderness characteristics, the BLM completes a draft environmental impact statement, which undergoes a 90-day public review, including review by the Governor.
2. The Secretary recommends the suitability or nonsuitability of each WSA to the President. The current schedule calls for recommendations to be completed before 1991.
3. The President recommends the suitability or nonsuitability of each WSA using all the information available.
4. Congress passes legislation to designate areas as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System and to resolve the status of areas dropped from consideration for wilderness preservation.

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In California, BLM's preliminary recommendations for acres suitable for wilderness designation is approximately 2 million acres out of 6.3 million acres. The majority of the 6.3 million acres consists of 5.5 million acres of wilderness study areas in the California Desert Conservation Area, of which BLM has recommended 1.8 million acres as suitable pending the assessment of mineral survey data. Where USGS and Bureau of Mines mineral reports are still being prepared, BLM will schedule further public review, prior to making its final recommendation.

All of the areas listed below are part of BLM's wilderness study area process. Most of the areas have completed the cycle through the draft and preliminary final Environmental Impact Statement process with extensive public participation at local and state levels. However, a few are still in the early stages of the environmental and public participation process.

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FACTS

California has a total land area of 101.5 million acres. Of that total, approximately 47.6 million acres are managed by Federal agencies, including:

U.S. Forest Service	20 million
Bureau of Land Management	18 million
National Park Service	4.6 million
Military Reservations	4 million
Bureau of Reclamation	1 million

California has 6.3 million acres of designated wilderness:

U.S. Forest Service	3.9 million
National Park Service	2.0 million
State of California	.4 million
Bureau of Land Management	.02 million

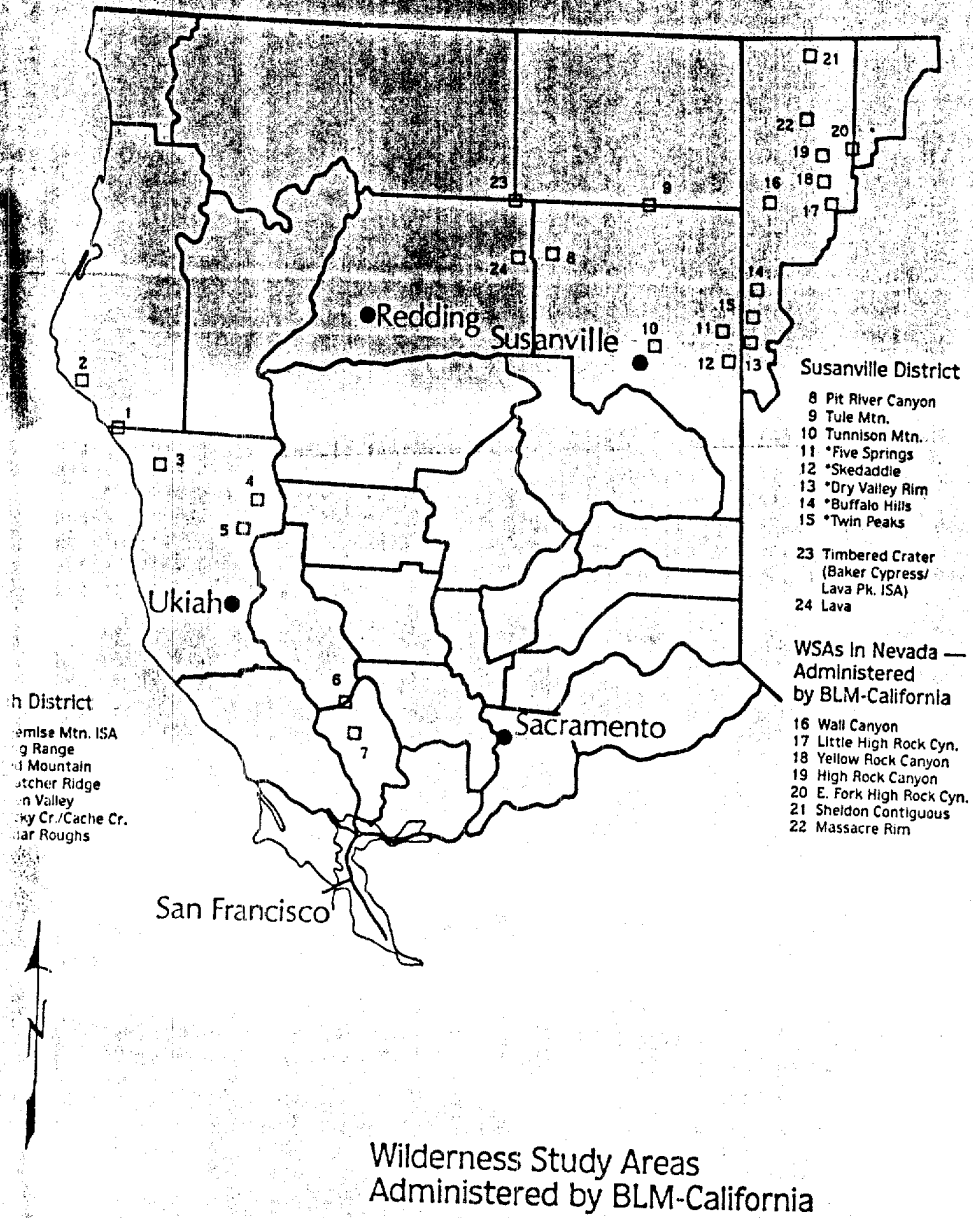
Additionally, acreages under study for possible wilderness designation in California total 8.6 million acres. Included is:

U.S. Forest Service	1.7 million
Bureau of Land Management	6.3 million
National Park Service	.6 million

Acreages administratively endorsed for wilderness designation totals 1.9 million acres. This includes:

National Park Service (Death Valley)	1.9 million
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Northern California



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Wilderness Study Areas Administered by BLM-California

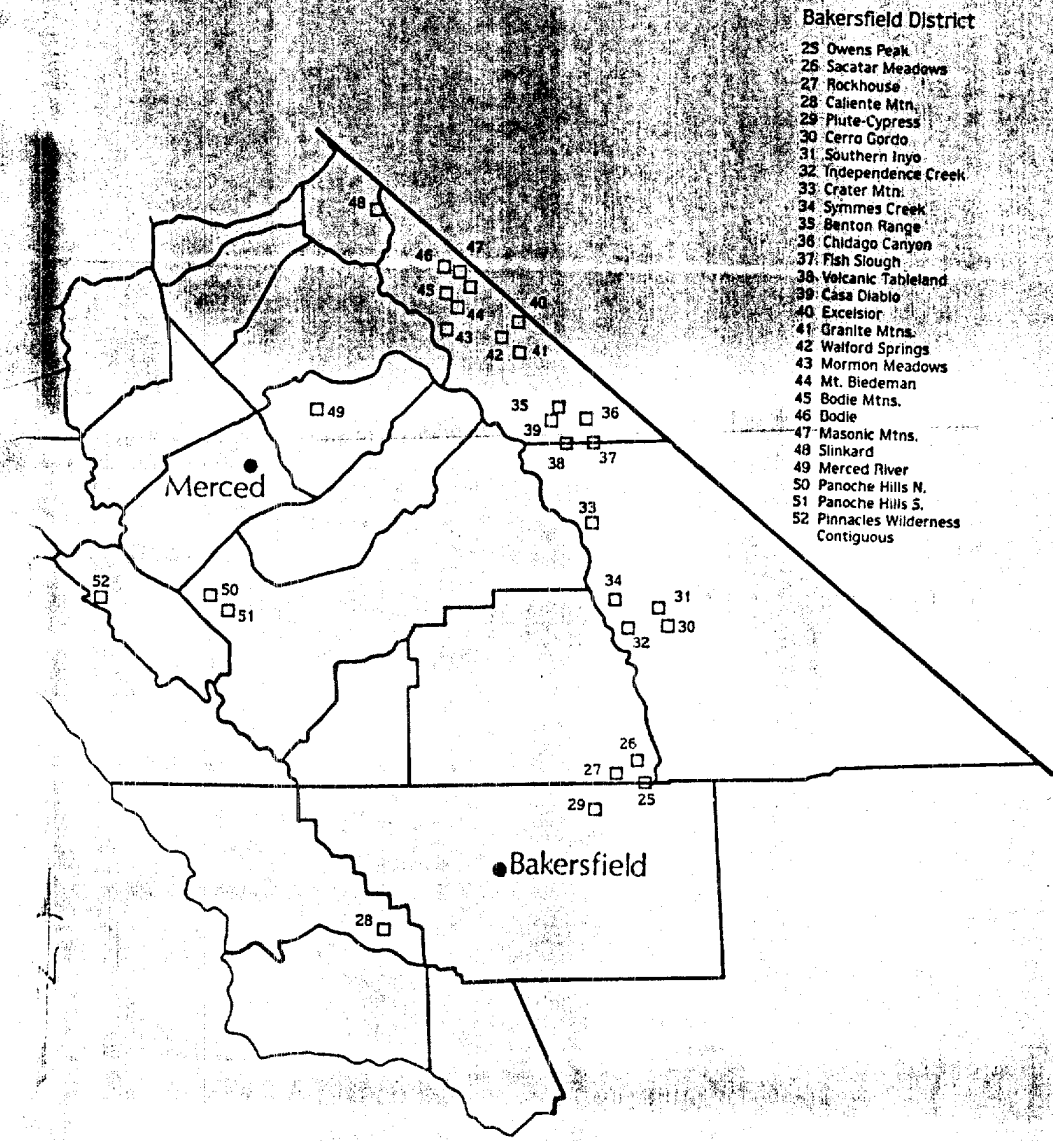
UKIAH DISTRICT WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS

- 1. CHEMISE MOUNTAIN ISA
CA-050-111
• 4,300 acres
• Under study
Humboldt Co. 2,785 ac
Mendocino Co. 1,505 ac
- 2. KING RANGE CA-050-112
• 32,900 acres
• Under study
Humboldt Co.
- 3. RED MOUNTAIN CA-050-132
• 6,455 acres
• Nonsuitable
Mendocino Co.
- 4. HATCHER RIDGE CA-050-212
• 17,187 acres
• Under study
Mendocino Co.
- 5. EDEN VALLEY/MIDDLE FORK
EEL RIVER CA-050-214
• 6,774 acres
• Under study
Mendocino Co.
- 6. ROCKY CREEK/CACHE CREEK
CA-050-317
• 33,582 acres
• Nonsuitable
Lake Co. 25,820 ac
Yolo Co. 8,762 ac
- 7. CEDAR ROUGHS CA-050-331
• 7,183 acres
• Nonsuitable
Napa Co.

SUSANVILLE DISTRICT WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS

- 8. PIT RIVER CANYON CA-020-103
• 11,575 acres
• Nonsuitable 4,935 ac
• Suitable 6,640 ac
Lassen Co.
- 9. TULE MOUNTAIN CA-020-211
• 16,950 acres
• Nonsuitable
Lassen Co. 15,670 ac
Modoc Co. 1,280 ac
- 10. ANNISON MOUNTAIN
CA-020-311
• 20,650 acres
• Nonsuitable 12,990 ac
• Suitable 7,660 ac
Lassen Co.
- 11. FIVE SPRINGS CA-020-609
• 48,460 acres
• Nonsuitable
Lassen Co. 47,100 ac
Washoe Co. 1,360 ac
- 12. KEDADDLE CA-020-612
• 63,790 acres
• Nonsuitable
Lassen Co. 26,550 ac
• Suitable
Lassen Co. 37,080 ac
Washoe Co. 160 ac
- 13. SLY VALLEY RIM CA-020-615
• 35,025 acres
• Nonsuitable
Lassen Co. 10,990 ac
Washoe Co. 31,505 ac
• Suitable
Lassen Co. 7,970 ac
Washoe Co. 44,560 ac
- 14. BUFFALO HILLS CA-020-619
• 7,315 acres
• Nonsuitable
Lassen Co. 880 ac
Washoe Co. 46,435 ac
- 15. TWIN PEAKS CA-020-619A
• 91,405 acres
• Nonsuitable
Lassen Co. 16,420 ac
Washoe Co. 20,015 ac
• Suitable
Lassen Co. 7,700 ac
Washoe Co. 47,270 ac
- 16. WALL CANYON CA-020-805
• 45,790 acres
• Nonsuitable
Washoe Co.
- 17. LITTLE HIGH ROCK CANYON
CA-020-913/NV-020-008
• 52,143 acres
• Nonsuitable
Washoe Co. 34,700 ac
Humboldt Co. 123 ac
• Suitable
Washoe Co. 15,860 ac
Humboldt Co. 1,460 ac
- 18. YELLOW ROCK CANYON
CA-020-913A
• 13,050 acres
• Nonsuitable
Washoe Co.
- 19. HIGH ROCK CANYON
CA-020-913B
• 33,300 acres
• Nonsuitable 21,320 ac
• Suitable 11,980 ac
Washoe Co.
- 20. EAST HIGH ROCK CANYON
CA-020-914/NV-020-006A
• 52,000 acres
• Nonsuitable
Washoe Co. 15,460 ac
Humboldt Co. 8,610 ac
• Suitable
Washoe Co. 25,870 ac
Humboldt Co. 2,060 ac
- 21. SHELDON CONTIGUOUS
CA-020-1012
• 24,130 acres
• Nonsuitable 23,350 ac
• Suitable 780 ac
Washoe Co.
- 22. MASSACRE RIM CA-020-1013
• 110,000 acres
• Nonsuitable 86,740 ac
• Suitable 23,260 ac
Washoe Co.
- 23. TIMBERED CRATER CA-030-201
• 18,690 acres
• Nonsuitable
Shasta Co. 12,209 ac
Modoc Co. 3,848 ac
Siskiyou Co. 2,633 ac
- 24. LAVA CA-030-203
• 11,632 acres
• Nonsuitable
Shasta Co.

Central California



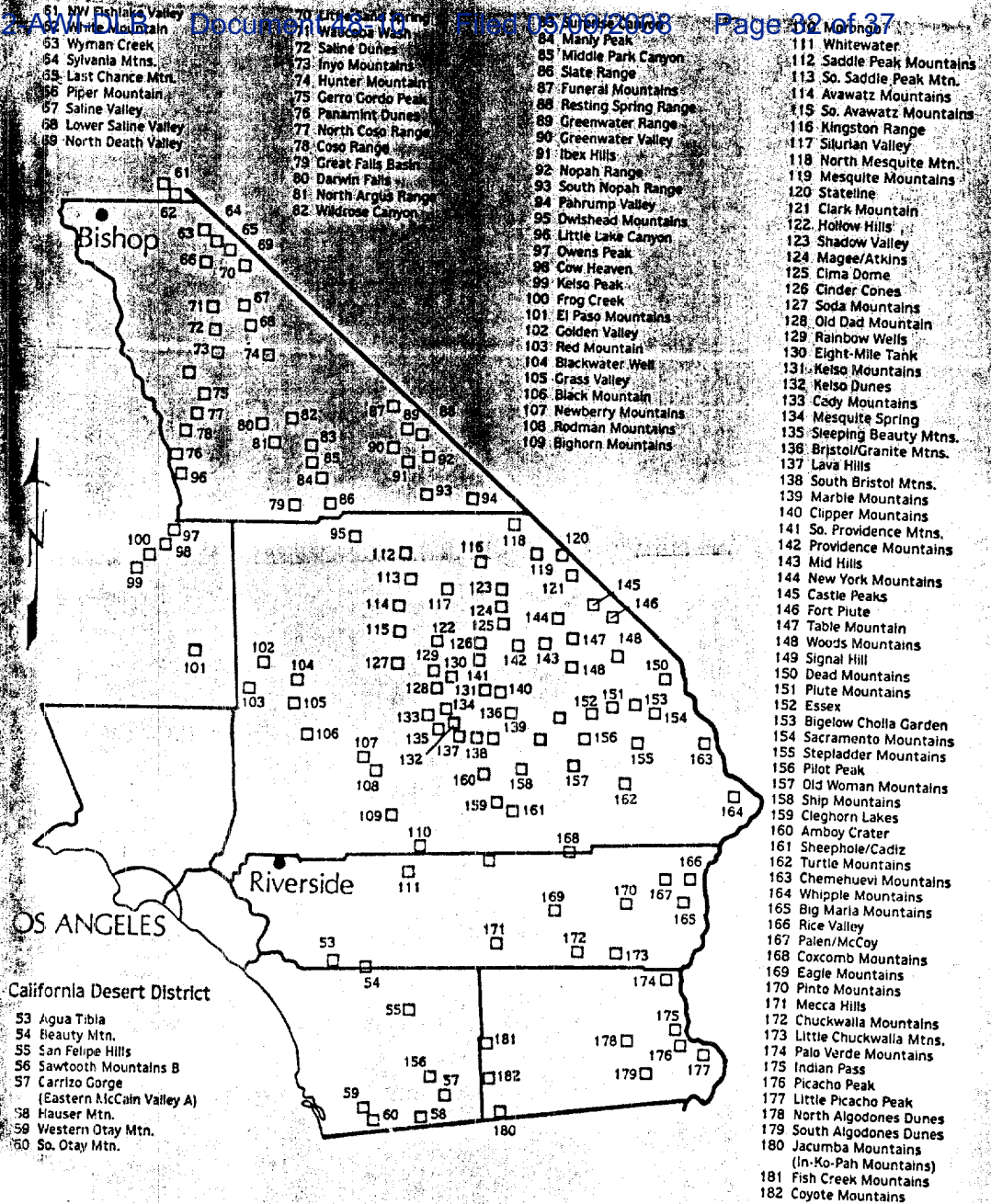
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- 34 Symmes Creek
- 35 Benton Range
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- 37 Fish Slough
- 38 Volcanic Tableland
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BAKERSFIELD DISTRICT WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS

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| <p>25. OWENS PEAK CA-010-026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22,560 acres • Nonsuitable • Kern Co. 7,403 ac. • Tulare Co. 195 ac. • Suitable • Kern Co. 10,510 ac. • Tulare Co. 4,450 ac. <p>25. SACATAR MEADOWS CA-010-027</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18,175 acres • Nonsuitable • Tulare Co. 6,728 ac. • Suitable • Tulare Co. 10,807 ac. • Inyo Co. 640 ac. <p>27. ROCKHOUSE CA-010-029</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36,097 acres • Under study • Tulare Co. 29,262 ac. • Kern Co. 6,835 ac. <p>28. CALIENTE MOUNTAIN CA-010-042</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19,018 acres • Nonsuitable • San Luis Obispo Co. <p>29. PIUTE CYPRESS ISA CA-010-046</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,578 acres • Nonsuitable • Kern Co. <p>30. CERRO GORDO CA-010-055</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16,102 acres • Nonsuitable • Inyo Co. <p>31. SOUTHERN INYO CA-010-056</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36,600 acres • Nonsuitable 9,180 • Suitable 27,420 • Inyo County <p>32. INDEPENDENCE CREEK CA-010-057</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6,250 acres • Nonsuitable • Inyo Co. <p>33. CRATER MOUNTAIN CA-010-062</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7,260 acres • Nonsuitable • Inyo Co. <p>34. SYMMES CREEK CA-010-064</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8,130 acres • Nonsuitable • Inyo Co. <p>35. BENTON RANGE CA-010-077</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,052 acres • Under Study • Mono Co. <p>36. CHIDAGO CANYON CA-010-079</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20,246 acres • Nonsuitable • Mono Co. | <p>37. FISH SLOUGH CA-010-080</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14,450 acres • Nonsuitable • Inyo Co. 3,780 ac. • Mono Co. 10,670 ac. <p>38. VOLCANIC TABLELAND CA-010-081</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11,840 acres • Nonsuitable • Inyo Co. 8,290 ac. • Mono Co. 3,550 ac. <p>39. CASA DIABLO CA-010-082</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9,167 acres • Nonsuitable • Mono Co. <p>40. EXCELSIOR N 1/2 CA-010-088</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9,100 acres • Nonsuitable • Mono Co. <p>41. GRANITE MOUNTAINS CA-010-090</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 56,741 acres • Nonsuitable • Mono Co. <p>42. WALFORD SPRINGS CA-010-092</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13,200 acres • Nonsuitable • Mono Co. <p>43. MORMON MEADOWS CA-010-094</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7,280 acres • Nonsuitable • Mono Co. <p>44. MT. BIEDEMAN CA-010-095</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12,420 acres • Nonsuitable • Mono Co. <p>45. BODIE MOUNTAINS CA-010-099</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23,360 acres • Nonsuitable • Mono Co. <p>46. BODIE CA-010-100</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15,455 acres • Nonsuitable • Mono Co. <p>47. MASONIC MOUNTAINS CA-010-102</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6,600 acres • Nonsuitable • Mono Co. <p>48. SLINKARD CA-010-105/ NV-030-531</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6,350 acres • Nonsuitable • Mono Co. 3,520 ac. • Alpine co. 2,830 ac. | <p>49. MERCED RIVER CA-040-203</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12,835 acres • Nonsuitable • Mariposa Co. <p>50. PANOCHE HILLS NORTH CA-040-301A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6,677 acres • Nonsuitable • Fresno Co. <p>51. PANOCHE HILLS SOUTH CA-040-301B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11,267 acres • Nonsuitable • Fresno Co. <p>52. PINNACLES WILDERNESS CONTIGUOUS CA-040-303</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,838 acres • Nonsuitable • San Benito Co. 2,238 ac. • Monterey Co. 1,400 ac. • Suitable • Monterey Co. 2,200 ac. |
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
 Wilderness Study Areas
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CALIFORNIA DESERT DISTRICT WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS

- 53. AGUA TIBIA CA-060-002
 - 360 acres
 - Suitable
 - Riverside Co.
- 54. BEAUTY MOUNTAIN CA-060-020G
 - 11,342 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Diego Co. 3,662 ac
 - Riverside Co. 7,680 ac
- 55. SAN FELIPE HILLS CA-060-023
 - 5,265 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Diego Co.
- 56. SAWTOOTH MOUNTAINS B CA-060-0248
 - 24,696 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable 4,011 ac
 - San Diego Co. 20,685 ac
- 57. CARRIZO GORGE (E. MCCAIN VALLEY A) CA-060-02SA
 - 14,573 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable 2 ac
 - San Diego Co. 14,571 ac
- 58. HAUSER MOUNTAIN CA-060-027C
 - 5,489 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Diego Co.
- 59. WESTERN OTAY MOUNTAINS CA-060-02B
 - 5,750 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Diego Co.
- 60. SOUTH OTAY MOUNTAINS CA-060-029
 - 7,940 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Diego Co.
- 61. NORTH WEST FISH LAKE VALLEY CDCA-102
 - 12,585 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Mono Co.
- 62. WHITE MOUNTAINS CDCA-103
 - 7,784 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Mono Co. 7,089 ac
 - Inyo Co. 695 ac
- 63. WYMAN CREEK CDCA-105
 - 5,729 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 64. SYLVANIA MOUNTAINS/PIGEON SPRING CDCA-111
 - 14,983 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 65. LAST CHANCE MOUNTAINS CDCA-112
 - 36,281 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 66. PIPER MOUNTAINS CDCA-115
 - 69,282 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 67. SALINE VALLEY CDCA-117
 - 405,219 acres
 - Nonsuitable 63,922 ac
 - Suitable 341,293 ac
 - Inyo Co.
- 68. LOWER SALINE VALLEY CDCA-117A
 - 10,567 acres
 - Nonsuitable 4,506 ac
 - Suitable 2,052 ac
 - Inyo Co.
- 69. NORTH DEATH VALLEY CDCA-118
 - 7,951 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 70. LITTLE SAND SPRING CDCA-119
 - 32,876 acres
 - Suitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 71. WAUCOBA WASH CDCA-120
 - 11,465 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 72. SALINE DUNES CDCA-121
 - 5,760 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 73. INYO MOUNTAINS CDCA-122
 - 87,145 acres
 - Nonsuitable 14,379 ac
 - Suitable 72,766 ac
 - Inyo Co.
- 74. HUNTER MOUNTAIN CDCA-123
 - 23,604 acres
 - Nonsuitable 10,390 ac
 - Suitable 13,214 ac
 - Inyo Co.
- 75. CERRO GORDO PEAK CDCA-124
 - 56,690 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 76. PANAMINT DUNES CDCA-127
 - 90,427 acres
 - Nonsuitable 15,771 ac
 - Suitable 74,656 ac
 - Inyo Co.
- 77. NORTH COSO RIDGE CDCA-130
 - 8,102 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 78. COSO RANGE CDCA-131
 - 24,873 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 79. CREST FALL BASIN CDCA-132
 - 5,972 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 80. DARWIN FALLS CDCA-132A
 - 8,319 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 81. NORTH ARGUS RANGE CDCA-132B
 - 21,099 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 82. WILD ROSE CANYON CDCA-134
 - 36,949 acres
 - Nonsuitable 20,940 ac
 - Suitable 16,009 ac
 - Inyo Co.
- 83. SURPRISE CANYON CDCA-136
 - 52,696 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 84. MANLY PEAK CDCA-137
 - 33,390 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 85. MIDDLE PARK CANYON CDCA-137A
 - 8,532 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 86. SLATE RANGE CDCA-142
 - 89,528 acres
 - Nonsuitable 51,523 ac
 - Suitable 38,005 ac
 - Inyo Co.
- 87. FUNERAL MOUNTAINS CDCA-143
 - 46,529 acres
 - Nonsuitable 32,820 ac
 - Suitable 13,709 ac
 - Inyo Co.
- 88. RESTING SPRINGS RANGE CDCA-145
 - 113,860 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 89. GREENWATER RANGE CDCA-147
 - 123,131 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 90. GREENWATER VALLEY CDCA-148
 - 57,400 acres
 - Nonsuitable 33,960 ac
 - Suitable 23,440 ac
 - Inyo Co.

In the Rooms of the Board of Supervisors
County of Inyo, State of California

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, held in their rooms at the Court House in Independence on the 5th day of February 1985, an order was duly made and entered as follows:

PUBLIC LAND USERS ALLIANCE ORGANIZATION - Supervisor Johnson Chairman
Moved by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Irwin to authorize Supervisor Johnson to act as Chairman of the Public Land Users Alliance Organization

Motion carried unanimously.

ROUTING:
CC _____
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Personnel _____
Auditor _____
Clerk _____
Other _____
Date 2/11/85

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board this 5th day of February, 1985

MICHAEL B. HANFORD
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By Kelli Lanehart
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RESOLUTION OF THE INYO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO THE INTERIOR BOARD OF LAND APPEALS OPPOSING THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS IN CALIFORNIA; A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE STATE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE.

WHEREAS, Section 603(a) of FLPMA requires the BLM to conduct a study as to the suitability or non-suitability of wilderness recommendations to Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Department have coordinated with BLM in the Benton-Owens Valley Planning program concerning land use, grazing, transportation routes, wilderness and other associated Federal plans involving the Public Lands administered by BLM, in the Owens Valley since 1979; and

WHEREAS, the State Director has forwarded a recommendation designating 1,964,220 acres of Public land in California as suitable for wilderness; and

WHEREAS, 39 percent or 768,879 acres of the total BLM California Wilderness recommendation is in Inyo County; and

WHEREAS, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors wish to appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals opposing the wilderness recommendation of the State Director's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors wishes to make an appeal based upon the grounds incorporated in the attached text.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Inyo County Board of Supervisors wish to appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals opposing the Wilderness Recommendation of the California State Director's Office of Bureau of Land Management.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution and accompanied enclosure be sent to Senators Cranston, Wilson, Congressman Thomas, Secretary of the Interior, Hodel and BLM Director, Burford.

Passed and adopted this 9th day of April, 1985

ATTEST: MICHAEL HANFORD
Clerk of the Board

by Kelli Landshaw
Deputy

Lawrence E. Calkins
Lawrence E. Calkins, Chairman
Inyo County Board of Supervisors

"The foregoing Resolution 85-22 was duly passed and adopted by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting held on April 9, 1985

ATTEST: Supervisors Campbell, Johnson, Brown, and Calkins

NOES: None

AGSENT: None

Attest: LAWRENCE E. CALKINS
Chairman

Kelli Landshaw Dep. Clerk

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INYO COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR
CLERK OF THE BOARD

RESOLUTION #85-08

WHEREAS: the Bureau of Land Management is desirous of imposing wilderness status on many thousands of acres in Inyo County, and,

WHEREAS: the Fort Independence Indian Reservation is vigorously opposed to such action for denying the Native American access and use of said lands for religious, ceremonies, cultural, medicinal and food gathering activities, and,

WHEREAS: the United States governing powers have in the past not acted in the best interests of the land and resources in various ways, exploiting and causing severe damage to the natural environment, and,

WHEREAS: the governing powers now propose to eliminate the utilization of natural resources of the land, which benefit the American Natives, through proper utilization and harvest of natural resources of plant and animal life, and,

WHEREAS: the Native American has survived from time immemorial to the present and have never destroyed or damaged the environment, and did not seek to own the land but used and shared the various resources of Mother Earth, and,

WHEREAS: now it appears the governing powers seek to exclude any type activity on said lands, which is contrary to the laws of nature, wherein resources should be utilized and not placed in a state of isolation, whenever an element of need or use is not used it soon disappears and has no reason for continued growth, and,

WHEREAS: it is time for man to realize that all things found on this planet were intended for man's benefit and use, but used and utilized with wisdom and not greed or the avarice of wealth, and,

WHEREAS: the land laws which now exist are adequate and working, there should be no exclusion of any person; any person should have the right to use, enjoy and respect the natural environment, and,

WHEREAS: the attitude of the conservationists is also not in the best interest of the natural environment, in which every kind of user has a natural place in the natural order, which includes all life, plants, animals and mineral elements,

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Fort Independence Tribal Council does hereby oppose any further expansion of Wilderness Areas now designated in Inyo County.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

The foregoing was adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Fort Independence General Council, held this date, April 3, 1985 by a vote of 9 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstaining.

Ernest J. Miller
Ernest J. Miller, Chairman

Harry Wilder
Harry Wilder, Sec.-Treasurer