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Konnowac Pass Target Shooting Temporary Closure

Wenatchee, WA – On August 19, 2013 Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issued a temporary closure order prohibiting recreational target shooting and target practice on approximately 200 acres of public land administered by the BLM near Moxee in Yakima County, Washington. The BLM parcel is located near Konnowac Pass, in the Rattlesnake Hills area within T. 12N, R 20E, Section 30.

The temporary closure is necessary to provide for visitor safety and the safety of the nearby residents, as the BLM parcel is adjacent to a residential area. The level of recreational shooting and target practice has increased significantly in recent years. The BLM has received a signed petition from neighboring landowners describing how ricocheting bullets landing in their yards and loud and constant noise from gunfire has negatively affected their quality of life. There is also a concern that given the topography of the area, visitors may be unknowingly shooting toward other visitors. In addition there is a considerable amount of debris associated with shooting activity that has not been removed.

The use of firearms on BLM-administered land will continue to be allowed for legal hunting activities consistent with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations and seasons.

The closure will remain in effect for at least two years while the BLM considers more long-term solutions. The BLM will post closure signs at the main BLM entry points to the affected area. Information regarding the closure will be available at the BLM Wenatchee Field Office, 915 Walla Walla Avenue, Wenatchee, WA, 99801, (509)665-2100, or online at: http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/index.php

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land – the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than $130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly $5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a $1.1 billion budget. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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Notice of Temporary Closure to Target Shooting on Public Lands in Yakima County, WA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a closure to target shooting is in effect on public lands administered by the Wenatchee Field Office, Spokane District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). After review and coordination with special interest groups at the local, State, and Federal levels, this temporary closure is in response to target shooting on public lands that poses immediate, serious risks to the safety of nearby residents and participants themselves. The temporary closure is enacted to protect public health and safety.

DATES: This closure will be in effect from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, until 24 months after publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Coates-Markle, Wenatchee Field Manager, 915 Walla Walla Avenue, Wenatchee, WA 98801; Telephone 509–665–2100. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Temporary Closure to Target Shooting affects approximately 200 acres of public land administered by the BLM near Konnowac Pass located in the Rattlesnake Hills in Yakima County, Moxee, Washington, T. 12 N., R. 20 E., Section 30, Unnumbered lot in NW¼NW¼, Unnumbered lot in SW¼NW¼, Unnumbered lot in NW¼SW¼, E½NW¼ and NE¼SW¼. The Federal Lands Hunting, Fishing and Shooting Sports Roundtable has been contacted and engaged several times and does not have a concern with this temporary closure after reviewing the proposal. This BLM parcel of land is surrounded by private property with no public access. Until the time that access can be acquired, the Roundtable does not have an interest in assisting with the development of this area for dispersed shooting sports.

The temporary closure is necessary to provide for visitor safety and the safety of the nearby residents. The BLM parcel is adjacent to a residential area. Among the homes near the shooting area, the closest home is 900 feet (1/17 of a mile) away, three homes are within 1,300 feet (¼ mile), and 28 homes are within a mile radius of the shooting area. Bullets from many of the guns used by target shooters are capable of traveling distances of over a mile. The level of recreational shooting and target shooting practice has increased significantly over the past few years and is important to engage these groups to assist in resolving this issue. The BLM has received a signed petition from neighboring landowners describing how ricocheting bullets are landing in their yards, and loud and constant noise from gunfire has negatively affected their quality of life. There is also a concern that given the topography and the location people are shooting from, that users are effectively shooting at each other. In addition, there is a considerable amount of debris left behind that is associated with shooting activity.

Despite the efforts of BLM law enforcement officers to educate the public about safe shooting practices, Tread Lightly's ''Respected Access is Open Access'' campaign, and Leave No Trace principles, the behavior of target shooters continues to pose serious public safety risks.

The BLM will post closure signs at the main entry points to this area. This closure will be posted at the BLM Wenatchee Field Office and online at: *http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/index.php.* Maps of the affected area and other documents associated with this closure (e.g., environmental assessment) are available at the Wenatchee Field Office, 915 Walla Walla Avenue, Wenatchee, WA 98801.

Under the authority of Section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)), 43 CFR 8360.0–7, and 43 CFR 8364.1, the BLM will enforce the following rules at the Konnowac Pass Area:

Recreational Shooting and Target Practice are temporarily prohibited in designated areas.

The use of firearms will continue to be allowed for legal hunting activities consistent with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations and seasons.

Any person who violates this closure may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than $1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

This 2-year temporary closure will allow the BLM to utilize public input to develop a long-term solution during the ongoing revision of the Eastern Washington and San Juan Resource Management Plan.

Authority: 43 CFR 8364.1.

Daniel C. Picard,

Spokane District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: Thomas Burke Memorial Washington State Museum, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

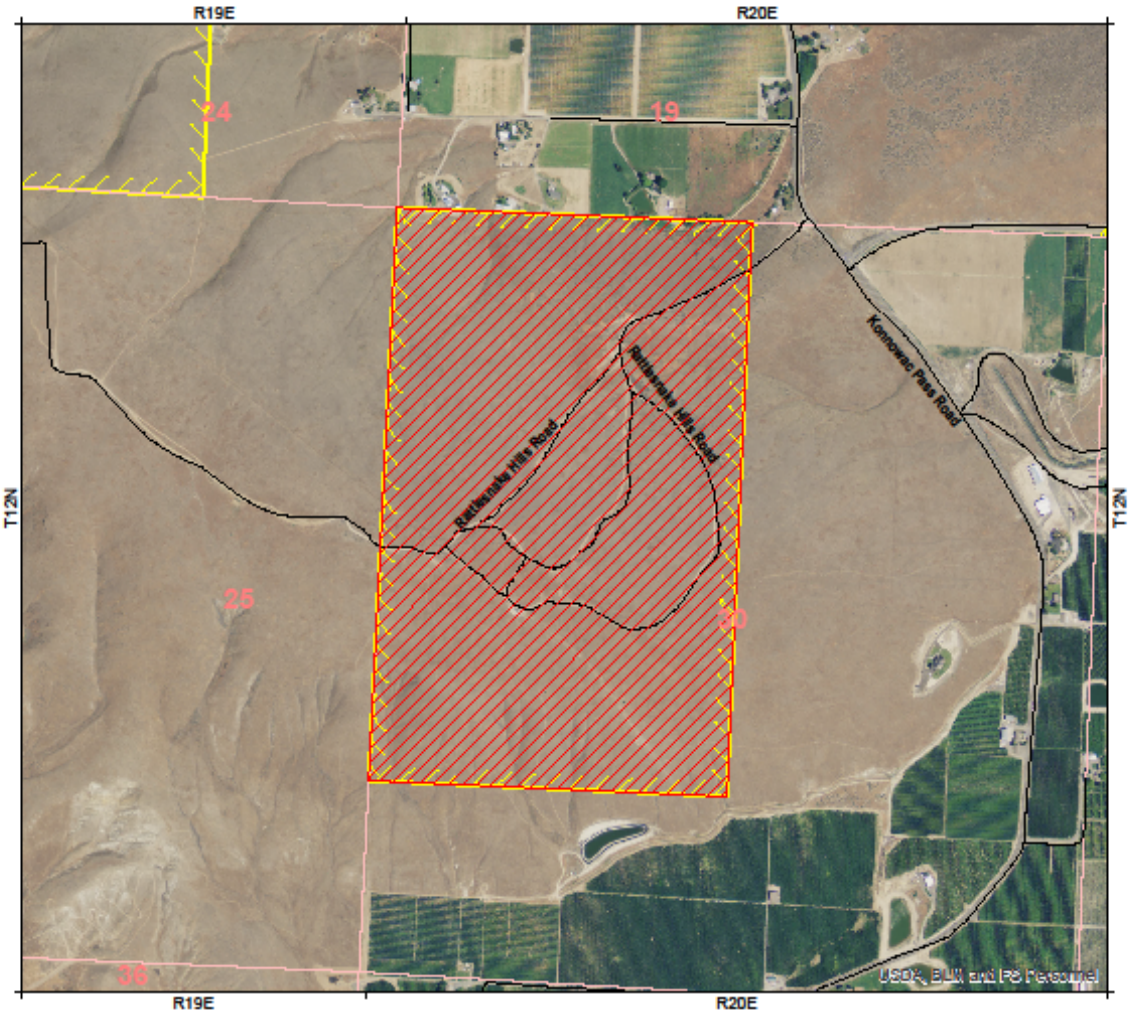
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Thomas Burke Memorial Washington State Museum, University of Washington (Burke Museum), has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects, in consultation with the appropriate Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations, and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and associated funerary objects and present-day Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations. Lineal descendants or representatives of any Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to request transfer of control of these human remains and associated funerary objects should submit a written request to the Burke Museum. If no additional requestors come forward, transfer of control of the human remains and associated funerary objects to the lineal descendants, Indian tribes, or Native Hawaiian organizations stated in this notice may proceed.

DATES: Lineal descendants or representatives of any Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to request transfer of control of these human remains and associated funerary objects should submit a written request with information in support of the request to the Burke Museum at the address in this notice by September 18, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Peter Lape, Burke Museum, University of Washington, Box 35101,

Exhibit A
Konnowac Pass Shooting Closure
T. 12 N. R. 20 E., sec. 30



March 07, 2013

Willamette Meridian,
Yakima County, Washington
T. 12 N., R. 20 E., sec. 30,
Unnumbered lot in NW¼NW¼,
Unnumbered lot in SW¼NW¼,
Unnumbered lot in NW¼SW¼,
E½NW¼ and NE¼SW¼.
Total - 194.35 Acres

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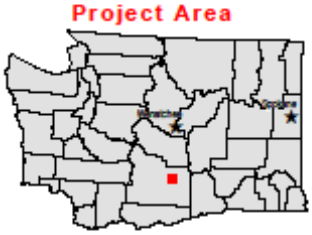
Legend

Closure Area
Minor road
BLM Lands

Project Area



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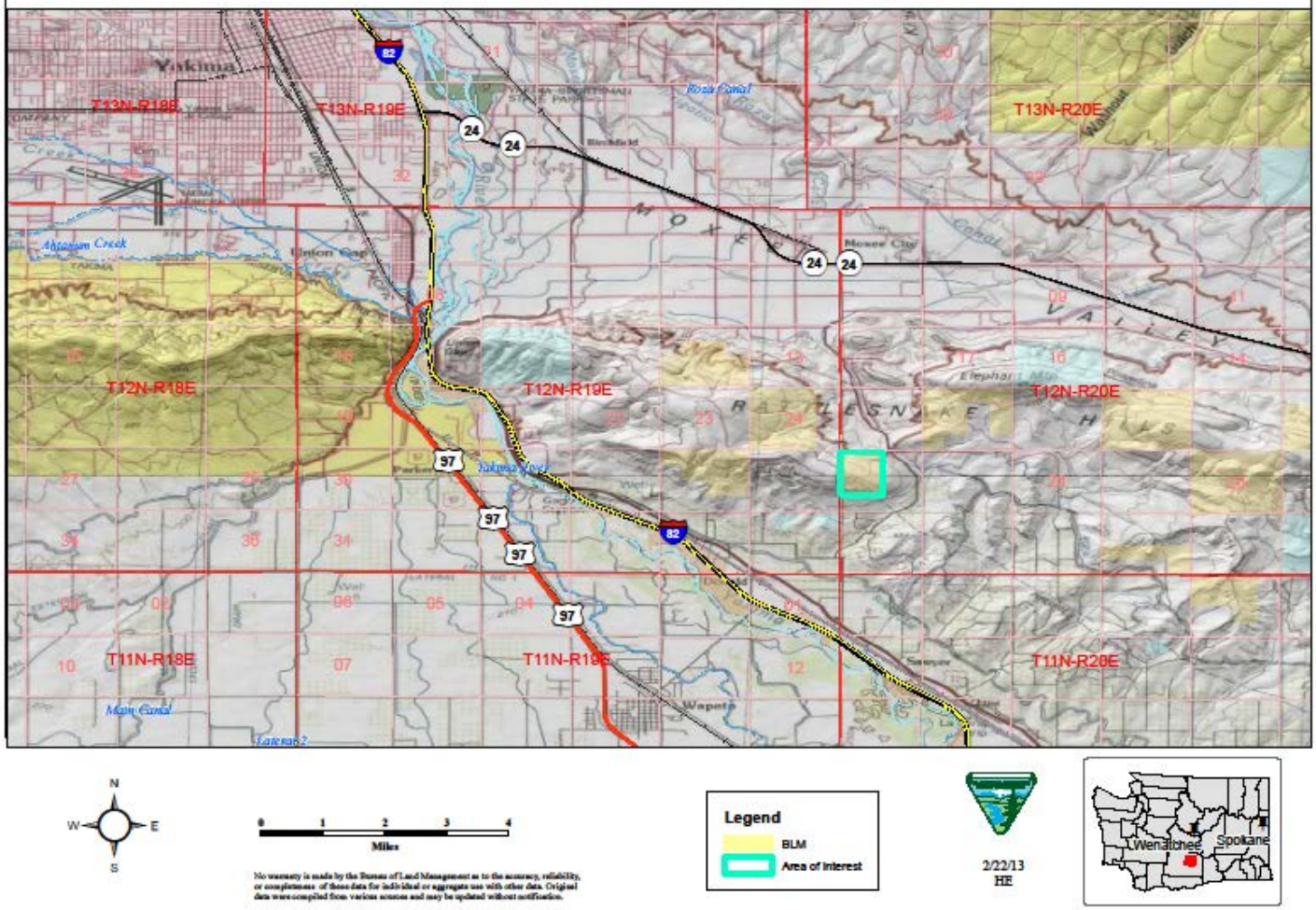
Konnowac Pass Vicinity Map