

Notice of Decision
Safety Closure of High Point Road Area to Target Shooting
Environmental Assessments

Palomar Ranger District, Cleveland National Forest
Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, Bureau of Land Management
San Diego County, California

District Ranger Graciela A. Terrazas has signed a decision notice and finding of no significant impact approving the safety closure of the High Point Road area to target shooting on Cleveland National Forest (Cleveland NF) land. The selected alternative will close the High Point Road area to firearm use to provide for the safety of residents in the area. Cleveland NF land will remain open to firearm use during the lawful pursuit of game animals, as regulated by the California Department of Fish and Game. Foot or vehicle access to High Point Road will not be affected by the selected alternative.

The Palm Springs-South Coast Acting Field Manager has signed a decision notice and finding of no significant impact approving the Safety Closure of the High Point Area to Target Shooting on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The selected alternative will close the BLM administered lands along the High Point Road to firearm use to provide for the safety of residents and public land users in the area. BLM administered lands in this area will remain open to firearm use during the lawful pursuit of game animals, as regulated by the California Department of Fish and Game. Vehicle access along the High Point Road crossing the BLM administered lands will not be affected by the selected alternative.

Decisions subject to appeal

The Cleveland NF decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR Part 215. The appeal must be sent via regular mail, fax, email, hand delivery, or express delivery to: Appeal Deciding Officer, Cleveland National Forest, 10845 Rancho Bernardo Road, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92127, fax 858-673-6192, or pgomben@fs.fed.us. The appeal must be filed or postmarked with 45 days of the publication of this notice of decision in the San Diego *Union-Tribune*. The publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the beginning of the appeal period.

The decision for the lands administered by the BLM may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations at Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 4. If an appeal is taken, the notice of appeal must be filed in the Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, 690 West Garnet Avenue, P.O. Box 581260, North Palm Springs, California 92258, within 30 days of the publication of this notice of decision. Detailed information in filing an appeal may be viewed at the BLM website at www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings.

Implementation

For the Cleveland NF decision, if no appeals are filed within the 45-day time period, the decision may be implemented no sooner than five business days from the close of the

appeal filing period. If an appeal is filed, the decision may be implemented no sooner than 15 business days after the date of the last appeal disposition.

For information on the Cleveland NF decision and appeal process, contact Pete Gomben, NEPA Coordinator, Cleveland NF, 10845 Rancho Bernardo Road, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92127, (858) 674-2959. For information on the BLM decision and appeal process, contact Janaye Byergo, San Diego Project Manager, c/o Cleveland NF, 10845 Rancho Bernardo Road, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92127, (858) 451-1767.