

part of the implementation of the ongoing management of the Lake Havasu Shoreline Program. The supplementary rules replace existing rules for the Parker Strip Recreation Area and for the Crossroads and Empire Landing Campgrounds. Heavy visitation during the fall, winter and spring makes new supplementary rules for Craggy Wash necessary. The supplementary rules will help reduce conflicts among a wide variety of multiple users.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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**I. Background**

The supplementary rules for the Lake Havasu Shoreline areas are part of the ongoing management of the Lake Havasu Shoreline Program. The program, initiated in 1997, manages the shoreline riparian area. It includes the pre-existing shoreline campsites as Federal fee recreation sites under the authorities described in 36 CFR part 71. The sites had been developed as designated fee sites by the Arizona State Parks Department while these lands were under a lease administered by the Bureau of Land Management. The lease was voluntarily terminated, leaving the sites to return to the jurisdiction of BLM.

The primary purpose of the Lake Havasu Shoreline Program is to provide areas for boating, camping and day use. The recreation sites, designated as camp or day use sites, are in most cases the traditional use areas of boat camping visitors. Arizona State Parks selected designated sites using criteria based on visitor use patterns, availability of shoreline access, and a need to establish sanitation facilities along heavily used shoreline areas. This program was established to accommodate the increasing demand for boat accessible site safety and property, to provide natural resource protection through improved management of the camping use and the riparian area. The designation of fee campsites assures that specific locations are available for such use year after year.

The Parker Strip Recreation Area is a heavily used area that contains campgrounds, day use areas, boat

ramps, picnic areas, concession operated resorts, and a National Backcountry Byway. Authority for the designation of fee campsites is contained in Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, part 8360, subpart 8365, sections 2 and 2-3. Authority for the payment of fees is in 36 CFR, subpart 71. Authority for including this program in the Fee Demonstration Pilot Program was contained in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Pub. L. 103-66) and the FY 1996 Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 104-134).

The Craggy Wash area is located north of the Lake Havasu City Municipal Airport and east of State Route 95. It is a heavily used dispersed camping area during the cooler part of the year. The area is also frequented by target shooters, off-road vehicle operators, sightseers, bicyclists and hikers. More than 300 people may be present at the same time on frequent occasions.

The Proposed Supplementary Rules for the BLM-Managed Shoreline of Lake Havasu, the Parker Strip Recreation Area, and the Craggy Wash Area, in Mohave and LaPaz Counties, AZ, and San Bernardino County, CA, were published in the **Federal Register** on June 16, 2003. Changes in the proposed rules to the final rules resulted from internal review of comments received from the Arizona Game and Fish Department. These changes related to the distance (one-quarter mile) from occupied recreation sites that firearms may be discharged (Rules 14 and 27); and that except in designated OHV Open areas, vehicles must be operated on existing roads, trails, and washes (Rule 31).

**II. Discussion of Supplementary Rules**

The final supplementary rules for Lake Havasu Shoreline supercede the Rules for Lake Havasu Shoreline, published on May 21, 1998 (63 FR 27995). The shoreline supplementary rules would apply to the BLM-managed lands located within 1,000 linear feet of the high water mark (450 foot elevation line) of Lake Havasu, located in Mohave and La Paz Counties, Arizona and in San Bernardino County, California. These rules also apply to the portions of Lake Havasu located within 500 linear feet of designated campsites, day use sites, boat ramps, fishing docks, boat docks and swimming beaches. Included in this are the following currently designated campsites listed generally from North to South:

Bluebird 1, 2  
Wren Cove 1,2,3  
Mallard Cove 1,2,3,4,5,6  
Teal Point 1,2  
Widgeon Key 1,2,4

Road Runner 2,3,4  
Solitude Cove  
Balance Rock Cove  
Friendly Island 1,2,3,4  
Goose Bay 1,2  
Pilot Rock 1,2,3  
Steamboat Cove 1,2,3,4  
Buzzard Cove  
Eagle Cove  
Eagle Point  
Ewe Camp  
Rachel's Camp  
Burned Camp  
Linda's Camp  
Sand Isle 1,2,3,4  
Standard Wash 1,2,3,4,5,6  
Echo Cove 1,2,3,4  
Coyote Cove 1,2  
BLM 1,2  
Whyte's Retreat 1,2  
Rocky Landing 1,2,3,4  
Satellite Cove 1,2,3  
Hum Hum Cove 1,2  
Cove of the Little Foxes  
Disneyland 1,2,3,4  
Gnat Keys 1,2,3,4  
Hi Isle 2,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,14,15  
Big Horn 1,3,4  
Bass Bay 1,2  
Larned Landing 1,2,3,4,5  
Bill Williams 1,2,3,4,5

The final supplementary rules for the Parker Strip Recreation Area supercede Rules for Parker Strip Recreation Area, published on October 12, 1995 (60 FR 53194), and rules for Empire Landing and Crossroads Campgrounds, published on May 18, 1998 (63 FR 27316). The Parker Strip rules apply to the Parker Strip Recreation Area, which is defined as follows:

**Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona**

T11N, R18W, Sec. 15, 16, 22, 28 and 34.  
T10N, R18W, Sec. 5 (W $\frac{1}{2}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ),  
Sec. 6, Sec. 7, Lots 1-4, (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ), Sec. 18 (Lot 1, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ).  
T10N, R19W, Sec. 12, Sec. 13 (N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ),  
Sec. 14, 22 and 23. Section 24 (W $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ).

**San Bernardino Meridian, California**

T2N, R27E, all.  
T2N, R26E, Sec. 1, 11-15, 21-27 and 34-36.  
T1N, R26E, Sec. 2,3, 10 and 11.

The final supplementary rules for Craggy Wash dispersed camping area would be new, made necessary by heavy visitation during the fall, winter and spring. The Craggy Wash area is defined as public lands located with the following legal description.

T14N, R20W, sec. 4 (N $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sec. 3 (N $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sec.  
2 (N $\frac{1}{2}$ ).  
T15N, R20W, sec. 33, 34, 35, 36.

BLM has developed the shoreline, Parker Strip, and Craggy Wash