

a significant decline in the town's population according to census data, as well as loss of businesses and medical staff during the past several years. Because the documented lack of demand was basically beyond the control of the Authority, and in order to preclude further depletion of its operating reserves, the PHA was allowed to use 57% as its occupancy percentage for its fiscal year ending 3/31/95.

73. Regulation: 24 CFR 990.109(b)(3)(iv)

Project/Activity: A request was made by the Kinsley, KS Housing Authority to use its actual occupancy rate of 72% in determining its operating subsidy eligibility for its fiscal year ending (FYE) 3/31/95.

Nature of Requirement: A public housing agency (PHA) that has completed a Comprehensive Occupancy Plan (COP) without achieving a 97% occupancy percentage or having an average of five or fewer vacant units must use a projected occupancy rate of 97%.

Granted by: Joseph Shuldiner, Assistant Secretary.

Date Granted: April 20, 1994.

Reason Waived: The Kinsley Housing Authority is a small PHA of 39 units. It has been experiencing a vacancy problem for the past several years during which it has pursued many vacancy reduction strategies and has reduced the number of vacant units to seven. It now plans to convert efficiency units into one and two bedroom units which is expected to result in fewer vacancies. To prevent undue hardships while it is trying to reduce vacancies, the PHA was allowed to use 72% as its occupancy percentage for its fiscal year ending 3/31/95.

74. Regulation: 24 CFR 990.109(b)(3)(iv)

Project/Activity: A request was made by the Niobrara, NE Housing Authority to use its actual occupancy rate of 55% in determining its operating subsidy eligibility for its fiscal year ending (FYE) 3/31/95.

Nature of Requirement: A public housing agency (PHA) that has completed a Comprehensive Occupancy Plan (COP) without achieving a 97% occupancy percentage or having an average of five or fewer vacant units must use a projected occupancy rate of 97%.

Granted by: Joseph Shuldiner, Assistant Secretary.

Date Granted: May 19, 1994.

Reason Waived: The Niobrara Housing Authority is a small PHA of 20 units. There has been a significant decline in the town's population. In

order to be supportive of its efforts to maintain a reasonable level of services to the remaining elderly residents, the PHA was allowed to use 55% as its occupancy percentage for its fiscal year ending 3/31/95.

75. Regulation: 24 CFR 990.109(b)(3)(iv) and 990.118(d)

Project/Activity: Philadelphia Housing Authority, PA. In determining operating eligibility, a request was made to terminate its currently approved Comprehensive Occupancy Plan and use its actual occupancy percentage of 77% for its fiscal year ending in 1994 and to use 78% for 1995 and 82% for 1996.

Nature of Requirement: The regulation defines the term of a Comprehensive Occupancy Plan (COP) and requires that a PHA that completes its COP without achieving a 97% occupancy percentage use a projected occupancy percentage of 97%.

Granted by: Joseph Shuldiner, Assistant Secretary.

Date Granted: May 19, 1994.

Reason Waived: The Department has found that large troubled Housing Authorities often have vacancy problems of such a magnitude and complexity that long term planning is very difficult. COPs for such authorities quickly become obsolete. Agreement was reached on an alternative approach to a COP in which the Housing Authority uses a lower occupancy percentage and at least 60% of the resulting increase in operating subsidy is to be used for specific, identifiable actions to increase occupancy. The Housing Authority is responsible for developing a vacancy reduction strategy which will be approved by HUD. Based on this agreement an occupancy percentage of 77% was approved for the fiscal year ending 3/31/94 and 78% for the fiscal year ending 3/31/95. In February 1995, the Philadelphia HUD Office will conduct an on-site review to check and compare actual accomplishments to date against expected occupancy goals. A decision on the occupancy percentage for 3/31/96 will be based on the results of that review.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Road Closures

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior Action: Notice of temporary closures of public lands in Cassia and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain public lands in Idaho, within Cassia and Twin Falls Counties, shall be closed to prevent erosion and rutting of the roads traveled by motor vehicles during wet or snowy conditions. The roads will be closed immediately, and remain closed through April 16, 1995. All roads will be posted at the entrance to public lands.

The legal land descriptions for the road closures are as follows:

The Indian Springs Road (BLM road #4214), from the Foothill Road to the U.S. Forest Service boundary, a distance of approximately 4.5 miles. The road is located at T. 12 S., R. 18 E., section 4 in Twin Falls County.

The Cherry Springs Road (BLM road #4213), from the Rock Creek Road southwest to its intersection with the Indian Springs Road, just north of the U.S. Forest Service boundary. This is a distance of approximately 6 miles. The road is located at T. 12 S. R. 18 E. section 2 in Twin Falls County.

The North Cottonwood Road (BLM road #4221) has two entrances, one on the east side, and one on the west. The east entrance of North Cottonwood Creek Road starts at the Foothill Road and goes to the junction of the North Cottonwood Creek Road, approximately 6 miles. The west entrance to North Cottonwood Road starts at the Foothill Road and goes to the U.S. Forest Service boundary, a distance of approximately 5 miles, and back to the Foothill Road, a loop of approximately 11 miles total. The legal descriptions are T. 12 S., R. 17 E., section 11 (for the west entrance), and T. 12 S., R. 18 E., section 06 (for the east entrance), in Twin Falls County.

The Curtis Spring Road (BLM road #42163), begins at the Foothill Road, and goes for approximately 3.5 miles. The legal description is T. 12 S., R. 17 E., section 02, in Twin Falls County.

The Squaw Joe Road (BLM road #4220), south of the Nat-Soo-Pah Warm Springs, to the U.S. Forest Service boundary, approximately 3.5 miles. The legal description is T. 12 S., R. 17 E., section 02, in Twin Falls County.

The West Fork of Dry Creek Road (BLM road #1610), from the Tugaw Ranch southwest to the U.S. Forest Service boundary, a distance of approximately 6 miles. The legal description is T. 12 S., R. 19 E., section 01, in Cassia County.

The East Fork of Dry Creek, off Foothill Road (BLM road #1609), southeast to the U.S.