

Warrantless Searches by BLM Officers Proposed

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Patrick Bailey posted this rather hysterical message to the IUFO mailing list....

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>From The Spotlight, page 2, Feb. 3, 1997:

"The Federal Register for November 7, 1996, proposes new rules for the Bureau of Land Management which went into effect on February 5."

"Section 9260.4 authorizes the BLM to stop vehicles, search any person, place or vehicle, without warrant or process, seize without warrant or process any piece of evidence and to make arrests without warrant or process on public land."

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

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 It is actually not so draconian. To view the Federal Register article, goto: <http://www.gpo.ucop.edu/search/fedfld.html>

Select 1996 Federal Register; type in search word "BLM" and date "11/7/96"

This gives you a big document on proposed BLM policies, including the following...

 Sec. 9260.4 What are BLM law enforcement officers authorized to do?

BLM law enforcement officers are authorized to:

- (a) Under FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1733(c)(1)):
 - (1) Carry firearms;
 - (2) Execute and serve any warrant or other process issued by a court or officer of competent jurisdiction;
 - (3) Make arrests without warrant or process for a:
 - (i) Misdemeanor he or she sees or has reasonable grounds to believe is being committed in his or her presence; or
 - (ii) Felony, if he or she has reasonable grounds to believe that the person to be arrested has committed or is committing a felony;
 - (4) Search without warrant or process any person, place, or vehicle according to any Federal law or rule of law; and
 - (5) Seize without warrant or process any piece of evidence as provided by Federal law.
- (b) Under 43 U.S.C. 1466, take oaths, affirmations, affidavits and depositions with the same force and effect as if administered or taken before an officer having a seal.

 It looks to me like they're asking for powers that most police officers have already -- and that BLM officers probably have anyway.

Warrantless searches/seizure/arrests can happen only according to "Federal law or rule of law". Given that each BLM officer in Nevada is spread incredibly thin and must cover 100s of sq miles of territory, I hardly think we have to fear any BLM storm troopers taking away our

rights.

If you want to find out more, look up the U.S. Code references above. (43 USC 1733, etc.)

-- GC

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