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Notice of Intent To Prepare Ft. Stanton Management Framework Plan Amendment (MFPA); Roswell District, NM**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Roswell District, New Mexico.**ACTION:** Notice of intent and invitation to participate in a plan amendment/environmental assessment to address the impacts of a competitive bid vegetative sale of forage resources by livestock grazing at Ft. Stanton, New Mexico.**SUMMARY:** The BLM will prepare a Management Framework Plan Amendment/Environmental Assessment for the purpose of addressing the impacts of a vegetative sale using livestock grazing on approximately 20,932 acres on Ft. Stanton. Ft. Stanton is located six miles west of the village of Lincoln in Lincoln County, NM.**DATES:** Written comments regarding the planning issues to be addressed in this plan amendment and the planning criteria to be used must be submitted on or before June 12, 1995. Written comments will be employed to obtain public input into the planning process. This method will be to receive public comments from the public in response to this Notice of Intent.**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to the District Manager, at the Bureau of Land Management, Roswell District Office, 1717 West 2nd Street, Roswell, NM 88201-2019, or the Area Manager, at the Roswell Resource Area Office, Federal Building, 5th and Richardson, P.O. Drawer 1857, Roswell, NM 88202-1857.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Timothy R. Kreager, Area Manager, Roswell Resource Area, P.O. Drawer 1857, Roswell, NM 88202-1857; telephone (505) 624-1790.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Description of the Proposed Planning Action: The proposed action is to amend the Ft. Stanton MFPA for the purpose of allowing a vegetative sale for livestock grazing of the forage resources through a competitive bid process by private interest on the public lands within the Ft. Stanton.

Types of Issues Anticipated

1. Allocation of the grazing privileges under Section 15 of the Taylor Grazing Act.
2. Impacts of livestock grazing to riparian areas and to threatened and endangered species.

Planning Criteria to Guide Development of the Planning Action

The following planning criteria were identified to help guide the resolution of the issues.

1. The proposed action must comply with laws, executive orders and regulations.
2. Evaluate and consider long term benefits to the public in relation to short term benefits.
3. In each planned action, resource outputs must be reasonable and achievable.
4. Planned actions will sustain the productivity and diversity of natural systems.
5. The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to land management.
6. Planned actions will contribute to or sustain the health of the land. Monitoring will be used to assess the effect of the management actions.

As new information becomes available during the planning process or through public participation, additional criteria may be developed for future guidance of this planning effort.

Disciplines to be Represented on the Interdisciplinary Team: The planning amendment/environmental assessment will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team consisting of a wildlife biologist, rangeland management specialist, recreational planner, surface protection specialist, and an environmental coordinator.

Kind and Extent of Public Participation Activities to be Provided

A press release will be sent to the local newspapers informing the public in the area of the proposed planning action.

Location and Availability of Documents Relevant to the Planning Process

Pertinent information is available at the BLM Roswell Resource Area Office in the Federal Building at 5th and Richardson, Roswell, NM 88202 and is subject to public review on weekdays from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Establishment of Visitor Restrictions for Designated Recreation Sites, Special Recreation Management Areas, and Other Public Land in the Roswell District, New Mexico**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.**ACTION:** Notices of Establishment of Visitor Restrictions for Designated Recreation Sites, Special Recreation Management Areas and Other Public Lands in the Roswell District, New Mexico.**SUMMARY:** The Roswell District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), hereby establishes visitor restrictions for use of those public lands within the Roswell District, New Mexico. These visitor restrictions are necessary for the management of actions, activities and use of public lands, including those which are acquired or conveyed to the BLM.**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 10, 1995.**ADDRESSES:** Any suggestions or inquiries should be addressed to the District Manager, Roswell District Office, 1717 West 2nd, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, Telephone: (505) 627-0272, during normal business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., MST) at the above address.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Happel, Natural Resource Specialist, BLM, Roswell District Office, 1717 West 2nd Rosewell, New Mexico 88201, Telephone: (505) 627-0203.**SPECIFIC COMMENTS:** A proposed "establishment of visitor restrictions for designated recreation sites, special recreation management areas, and other public lands in the Roswell District, New Mexico" was published in the **Federal Register** on January 24, 1995, (60 FR No. 15) and provided for a 30-day public comment period that ended February 23, 1995. One letter was received from Gun Owners of America, which contained numerous specific comments. One of the comments urged the BLM to extend the public comment period to 60 days. The BLM Roswell District believes that a 30-day public comment period was adequate for this notice. Another comment stated that the rule as it is related to firearms is vague and will infringe upon Second Amendment rights of law abiding citizens. The BLM Roswell District believes the notice adequately describes firearms under the definition of a weapon. Another comment stated the rule would unduly interfere with the right of self defense. The BLM Roswell District believes that under state law,