

statements to the Council or file written statements for the council's consideration. Anyone wishing to make an oral statement should notify the RAC Coordinator, at the above address by June 17, 1996.

Depending on the number of persons wishing to make oral statements, a time limit, per person, may be established by the Chair of the Resource Advisory Council.

Jerry Jessen,

*Acting State Director.*

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**Emergency Use Restriction on Public Access Road; Linn County, OR**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Emergency use restriction on public access road in Linn County, Oregon.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that all forms of public travel, except travel by foot, on Quartzville Access Road east of Trout Creek in Linn County, Oregon, are temporarily restricted from May 20, 1996, through September 30, 1996. This emergency use restriction is made under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1.

The public road affected by this emergency use restriction is specifically identified as follows: Quartzville Access Road with a beginning point in Section 9, T. 12 S., R. 3 E., Willamette Meridian (Trout Creek crossing) and an ending point in Section 29, T. 11 S., R. 4 E., Willamette Meridian (Canal Creek crossing). The portion of Quartzville Access Road where public use is temporarily restricted under this emergency restriction order will be posted with signs at both the Trout Creek and Canal Creek crossings.

The purpose of this emergency use restriction is to provide for visitor safety while major repairs are made to flood-damaged roads and structures.

**EXEMPTIONS:** The following persons, operating within the scope of their official duties, are exempt from the provisions of this use restriction order: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service employees; federal, state and local law enforcement and fire protection personnel; the holders of BLM road use permits that include roads accessed by Quartzville Access Road east of Trout Creek; and purchasers of BLM timber accessed by Quartzville Access Road east of Trout Creek, and their employees and subcontractors. Other persons may be

allowed to travel Quartzville Access Road east of Trout Creek, by means other than foot, but such use must be approved in advance in writing by the Authorized Officer.

**PENALTIES:** Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this closure order may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7, which include a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, as well as the penalties provided under Oregon State law.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This use restriction order is effective from May 20, 1996 through September 30, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the use restriction order and maps showing the location of that portion of Quartzville Access Road where use is restricted are available from the Salem District Office, 1717 Fabry Road S.E., Salem, OR 97306.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard C. Prather, Area Manager, Cascades Resource Area, Salem District Office, at (503) 375-5646.

Dated: May 14, 1996.

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**[NM-030-06-1610-00]**

**Otero County Areas of Environmental Concern (ACECs) for the Caballo Resource Area, New Mexico**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability and 60-day comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The BLM, Las Cruces District, Caballo Resource Area announces the availability of a draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment/preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact and supporting Environmental Assessment (EA). The document discusses the designation of five new ACECs and revision of one existing ACEC in Otero County, south-central New Mexico. Approximately 19,520 acres are identified for designation. In addition to designation, the plan amendment, when approved, will guide BLM programs and management practices within the ACECs.

**DATES:** Written comments relating to the designation of ACECs, management activities within the ACECs, and the EA will be taken for the next 60 days. Comments must be postmarked on or before July 23, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to Area Manager, BLM Caballo Resource Area, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Timothy M. Murphy, Area Manager, BLM, Caballo Resource Area at (505) 525-4372, or Mike Howard, Team Leader, Caballo Resource Area at (505) 525-4348, email mhoward@nm0151wp.nmso.nm.blm.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ACECs are land designations unique to the BLM. The purpose of ACECs is to recognize, protect, and manage unique or sensitive resources or potential hazards to the public. Each area receives management or protection based on its unique needs, in consultation and coordination with the public. The Caballo Resource Area has completed an inventory of areas containing unique or sensitive biological resources suitable for designation as ACECs. In addition, the Resource Area has received nominations both internally and from the public to consider several areas as ACECs based on visual, cultural, and biological values.

The draft document discusses three alternatives. Alternative A is the No Action Alternative. Alternative B is BLM's proposal to designate and manage the five proposed ACECs, and redesignate one existing ACEC. These management proposals represent the highest levels of resource protection and continued public use. Alternative B is BLM's preferred alternative. Alternative C contains a lower level of protection designed to address less restrictive management measures for protection of the resources of concern in each proposed ACEC. Some specific proposals in Alternative C may be more restrictive. The following is a summary of the management actions in Alternative B, the BLM preferred alternative, for each proposed ACEC.

The *Three Rivers Petroglyph Site ACEC* is located 30 miles north of Alamogordo, New Mexico. The area was nominated to protect and manage cultural resources. The total area to be considered is approximately 1,036 acres. Management actions proposed in the Preferred Alternative include: acquisition of State trust land through a cooperative land exchange, acquisition of private subsurface mineral estate from a willing seller, issuance of realty actions subject to protective stipulations, closure to mineral entry, improvement and protection of riparian areas, improvement of recreation facilities, limiting offroad vehicle use to existing roads and trails, closing of county road B031, except for