

This proposed exploration program is for the purpose of determining the quality and quantity of the coal in the area and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management. A copy of the exploration plan as submitted by the San Juan Coal Company may be examined at the Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505, and the Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office, 1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A, Farmington, NM 87401.

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M.J. Chávez,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Land Exchange With the Pueblo of San Felipe; Albuquerque Field Office, NM

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Albuquerque Field Office has completed the FEIS for the land exchange with the Pueblo of San Felipe. This FEIS documents the BLM's analysis of three alternative courses of action for exchanging public lands administered by the BLM in Sandoval and Santa Fe Counties, New Mexico for private lands in Taos County, New Mexico. The lands in Taos County lie along the Rio Grande National Wild and Scenic River and within the Orilla Verde Recreation Area, identified as two of the BLM's high-priority acquisition areas.

The goals of this exchange are to enable the BLM to more effectively meet multiple use management objectives; to consolidate BLM-managed lands for more effective and efficient resource protection, enhancement and use; to give San Felipe Pueblo direct control over those lands having traditional, historical and cultural values and uses; and to greatly enhance the privacy often required for the pueblo's uses. When the lands are held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, these uses would be supported through the tribal government's direct supervision.

The BLM will retain restrictive covenants on the lands being received by the pueblo. The purposes of the restrictive covenants are to conserve important habitat for wildlife and open space, to conserve the diverse vegetative communities and the wildlife inhabiting these communities, and to preserve the lands in their present condition, without interfering with any uses of the property by the San Felipe Pueblo that are consistent with protecting these conservation values.

This FEIS includes changes to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement based on public comments, staff review, and the availability of updated information. Alternative A, the Proposed Action, is the BLM's preferred alternative.

DATES: The document is available for review for 30 days from the date of publication of the Notice of Availability by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the **Federal Register**. To be considered, all comments must be postmarked within this 30-day timeframe.

After reviewing the comments, the BLM will publish a Record of Decision. Interested parties will have 45 days to protest the decision (under 43 CFR 1610.5-2). After this period, the decision can be implemented.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Edwin Singleton, Field Manager, BLM Albuquerque Field Office, 435 Montañito Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107-4935. Copies are available for review at this address. The document is also available on the Internet at www.nm.blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Debby Lucero, Albuquerque Field Office, 435 Montañito Road NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107-4935; phone (505) 761-8787.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Proposed Action— Alternative A, the Proposed Action, involves an equal-value exchange of approximately 9,460 acres of BLM lands that have high traditional and cultural pueblo values for about 268.7 acres of privately owned, high-value recreation lands. The private lands are located along the Rio Grande National Wild and Scenic River and within the Orilla Verde Recreation Area. They would be incorporated into the Orilla Verde Recreation Area and managed under the principles of multiple use, consistent with the Taos Resource Management Plan (1988), as amended.

Other Alternatives Analyzed— Under Alternative B, an additional 1,447 acres of federal land would be exchanged for an equal value of private lands

identified in the BLM's high-priority acquisition areas.

Under Alternative C, the No Action Alternative, the proposed land exchange would not occur. The BLM would not benefit from consolidating the public lands along the Rio Grande National Wild and Scenic River and within the Orilla Verde Recreation Area. The federal land would continue to be managed under the principles of multiple use and sustained yield.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Notification of Approved Off Road Vehicle and Area of Critical Environmental Concern Designations, Southern Washoe County Urban Interface Plan Amendment, Nevada

January 9, 2001.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office, Nevada.

ACTION: Notification of Approved Off Road Vehicle and Area of Critical Environmental Concern Designation Decisions within the Southern Washoe County Urban interface Plan Amendment, Carson City Field Office, Nevada.

SUMMARY: The Southern Washoe County Urban Interface Plan Amendment amends a portion of the Lahontan Resource Management Plan (RMP). The purpose is to provide for improved management of public lands in the Reno and Sparks metropolitan area. The amendment identifies areas where public lands will be retained in ownership by the people of the United States; areas where public lands are available for acquisition by State or local agencies or the private sector; areas appropriate for acquisition by the BLM; and how public lands will be managed.

The Land Use Master Plans of Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County, and the Washoe County Regional Open Space Plan define and delineate open space in southern Washoe County. Open Space in Washoe County is defined as: *Undeveloped land that encompasses natural, scenic, cultural, and recreational resources important to the local quality-of-life.* A large portion of the land described in the above plans as