

Bloomfield, New Mexico. The existing pipeline will be reconditioned.

Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, will be the lead agency directing the preparation of an EIS on the impacts of proposed transportation of refined petroleum products through pipelines located on public lands in New Mexico and Texas, including BLM, National Forest System and State as well as private lands.

Preliminary Issues

Potential issues identified at this time include: biological and visual resources; soils, water, safety, social and economic concerns in association with refined petroleum products pipeline construction and operation. Other issues and concerns may be identified through scoping and the public participation development of this public notification process.

Responsible Official

The responsible official is Michelle Chavez, the BLM New Mexico State Director, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505.

Decisions To Be Made

The purpose of the EIS is to disclose to the public and permitting agencies the environmental impacts of constructing and operating the proposed pipeline. If approved, the BLM, as lead agency, would sign the necessary Record of Decision (ROD) for the issuance of right-of-way grants under the Mineral Leasing Act for the pipeline proposal.

Tentative Project Schedule

The tentative project schedule is as follows:

Begin Public Comment Period
January 2002
Scoping Meetings
January 2002
Scoping Comment Period Ends
February 2002
Publish Draft EIS
June 2002
Draft EIS Public Meetings
July 2002
Publish Final EIS
October 2002
Record of Decision
November 2002

Public Scoping Meetings

Public Scoping meetings are tentatively scheduled for the week of January 14, 2002 in Moriarty, Jal and Placitas, New Mexico. Open houses will also be held in Odessa, Texas and Bloomfield, NM.

Public Input Requested

Comments concerning the Proposed Action and EIS should address environmental issues to be considered, feasible alternatives to examine, possible mitigation and information relevant to or bearing on the Proposed Action.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Albuquerque Field Office and will be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). They may be published as part of the EIS and other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review and disclosure under the FOIA, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Joseph Jaramillo, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Albuquerque Field Office, 435 Montano Road, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107-4935.

Dated: December 6, 2001.

Edwin J. Singleton,

BLM, Albuquerque Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Temporary Restriction of Use Order

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Temporary restriction of motor vehicle use, Fort Sage Off Highway Vehicle Area.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective 12:00 am April 6 until 6:00 pm April 7, 2002, use of motor vehicles is restricted at the Fort Sage Off Highway Vehicle Area to entrants and officials participating in motorcycle races under permit with the Bureau of Land Management. All roads and trails at the Fort Sage OHV area are closed to all other motor vehicle use on April 6 & 7, 2002, except for County Road 327 (Fort Sage Road), the Fort Sage Trailhead access road, the Widowmaker Trailhead Access road, and the road to the "Land

of David" site which remain open without restriction.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this restriction is to protect persons and their property, by preventing the potential for collision between race participants and casual road and trail riders. The restriction will also prevent adverse impacts to soil, vegetation, wildlife habitat, and recreation resources by preventing the potential for cross country travel by or congregating of spectators adjacent to or between trails. Search and rescue, medical emergency, law enforcement, and other emergency personal are exempted from these restrictions. BLM personnel are exempted from these restrictions for official administrative purposes. Owners of private lands within or adjacent to the Fort Sage OHV Area are exempted for access to owner's private land. Permitted OHV use remains limited to designated roads and trails as established under the existing OHV designation for the area. The authority for this closure is 43 CFR 8364.1

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: James Sippel, Outdoor Recreation Planner, BLM Eagle Lake Field Office (530) 257-0456.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-930-1430-ET; NNMNM 87650]

Public Land Order No. 7506; Revocation of Public Land Order No. 7052; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order revokes Public Land Order No. 7052 in its entirety as it affects public land and federally reserved mineral interest withdrawn for protection of the unique geological formations of the Tent Rocks Area of Critical Environmental Concern. The land is withdrawn from mining and all forms of disposition other than exchange by Presidential Proclamation No. 7394 which established the Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 27, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeanette Espinosa, BLM New Mexico