

the suitability of the land for R&PP Act classification, and particularly, whether the land is physically suited for use as an historic site, whether the use will maximize future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, and if the use is consistent with state and federal programs.

*Application Comments:* Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application, the development plan, the management plan, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for management as an historic site.

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed classification or conveyance of the subject land to the Field Manager, at the address listed above, up until May 23, 2005.

Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the BLM State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective on June 7, 2005.

**Michael D. Nedd,**

*State Director, Eastern States.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for Potential Reroute of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail in Hidalgo and Grant Counties, New Mexico**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The BLM Las Cruces Field Office is initiating the preparation of an RMPA which will include an EA for potential rerouting of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail in Hidalgo and Grant Counties in southwestern New Mexico. The RMPA will allow for selection of an alternate route for the Trail that will consider reducing mileage of the trail and reducing agency costs and timeframes associated with development of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. The public is invited to participate in the scoping process to identify issues and planning

criteria to be considered in the development of the RMPA/EA. The BLM will maintain a mailing list of parties and persons interested in being kept informed about the RMPA/EA.

**DATES:** Comments will be accepted for 30-days following publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to the BLM Las Cruces Field Office, Attn. Mark Hakkila, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

It is our practice to make Public comments, including names and street addressees of respondents, available for public review at the LCFO during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EA document. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, 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 and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials or organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mark Hakkila, Team Leader at (505) 525-4341 or by e-mail at [mhakkila@nm.blm.gov](mailto:mhakkila@nm.blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM selected a 130-mile corridor for the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail through the Mimbres Resource Management Plan (RMP), completed in 1993. The selected route goes from Antelope Wells, New Mexico on the south to the Continental Divide where it enters the Gila National Forest in the Burro Mountains on the north. Since completion of the Mimbres RMP, the Continental Divide Trail Alliance came into being as the main trail user advocacy group. The Alliance proposes to shorten the route so that hikers can start on the International boundary with Mexico north of the Big Hatchet Mountains. Additionally, the Gila National Forest has changed their selected route so that the Trail will exit the Burro Mountains at Engineer Canyon instead of along the Continental Divide. In order to select a route that meets these new criteria, the RMP must be amended. The RMPA/EA will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team of BLM resource specialists including realty, recreation, cultural, minerals,

and hazardous materials specialists. Additional technical support will be provided by other specialists as needed.

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**Edwin L. Roberson,**

*Field Manager, Las Cruces.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### **Minerals Management Service Panel Discussion on Published Natural Gas Index Pricing**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of panel discussion.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a panel discussion regarding Published Natural Gas Index Pricing—A Panel Discussion on Current Issues. The panel will be held on April 26, 2005, in Houston, Texas. The intent of the panel discussion is to bring together some of the leading experts in gas marketing to provide information that will be helpful in answering the following question:

Do the published natural gas price indices in the United States now have sufficient liquidity, transparency, and accuracy to truly represent the value of natural gas commodities in today's marketplace?

The MMS neither endorses nor opposes possible future use of published natural gas price indices as a basis for natural gas valuation for Federal royalties. This panel is being held in conjunction with the Seventh Annual Industry Awards Program, which honors exceptional mineral revenue reporting, commendable corporate leadership practices, and excellent safety records. Attendance at the panel discussion is free of charge. The cost of the awards program and luncheon is \$50, and we encourage you to register and pay online by credit card for the awards program and luncheon. All attendees should register by Friday, April 15, 2005. Information about the event, registration, hotel reservations, and award selection criteria are available at the following Web site: <http://www.mms.gov/awards>.

**DATES:** Tuesday, April 26, 2005. Panel hours are 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., central time. The awards program and luncheon is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m., central time.

**ADDRESSES:** InterContinental Houston Hotel, 2222 West Loop-South, Houston, Texas, 77027, telephone (713) 627-7600.