

Forest Service), has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requesting the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw from mining 65 acres of National Forest System land in the Water Canyon Recreation Area of the Cibola National Forest. This notice segregates the land from location and entry under the United States mining laws for 2 years, while various studies and analyses are made to support a final decision on the withdrawal application.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received no later than March 5, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Socorro Field Office Manager, BLM, 901 S. Highway 85, Socorro, New Mexico 87801, and to the U.S. Forest Service Supervisor, Cibola National Forest, 2113 Osuna Road NE, Suite A., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doug Williams, Cibola National Forest, at the above address or at (505) 346-3869.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The applicant for the above withdrawal is the U.S. Forest Service at the address stated above. The applicant requests the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714, to withdraw the following-described National Forest System land for a period of 20 years from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

#### New Mexico Principal Meridian

##### *Cibola National Forest*

T. 3 S., R. 3 W.,

Sec. 27, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 65 acres in Socorro County.

The use of a right-of-way, an interagency agreement, or a cooperative agreement would not adequately constrain non-discretionary mining locations and related uses and would not provide adequate protection of the Federal investment in the improvements located on the land.

There are no suitable alternative sites which contain the unique cultural and associated natural ecosystem values.

No additional water rights would be needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal would be to protect the

unique recreational and historical interpretive integrity of the Water Canyon Recreation Area within the Cibola National Forest and also to protect a capital investment in the recreation area of approximately \$750,000 of Federal funds.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to both the Bureau of Land Management, and the Supervisor of the Cibola National Forest at the addresses stated above.

Records relating to the application as well as comments, including the names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at both the BLM Socorro Field Office Manager and U.S. Forest Service Supervisor's Office, Cibola National Forest at the above addresses during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to both the BLM Socorro Field Office Manager and the U.S. Forest Service Supervisor, Cibola National Forest, at the addresses stated above within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer, Bureau of Land Management, that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** and a newspaper in the vicinity of the above-described land, at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated from location and entry

under the United States mining laws. The segregative effect of publication of this notice shall terminate upon denial or cancellation of the subject application, approval of the application or on December 5, 2008, whichever occurs first. The temporary land uses which may be permitted during this segregative period include licenses, permits, rights-of-ways, and disposal of vegetation resources other than under the mining laws.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3-1(b))

**John Merino,**

*Field Manager, Socorro Field Office.*

[FR Doc. E6-20528 Filed 12-4-06; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3410-11-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NM-220-1430-ET; NMNM 66022]

#### Notice of Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting; New Mexico

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to extend the duration of Public Land Order (PLO) No. 6675 for an additional 20 years. PLO No. 6675 withdrew 264.39 acres of public lands in Taos and Rio Arriba Counties from settlement, sale, location or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, to protect, preserve, and maintain existing and future recreational values and the Federal investment in improvements located along the "Pilar" section of the Rio Grande.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by March 5, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the BLM Taos Field Manager, 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, New Mexico 87571.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lora Yonemoto, BLM Taos Field Office, address above, or 505-751-4709.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The withdrawal created by PLO No. 6675 (53 FR 16269) will expire on May 5, 2008, unless extended. The BLM has filed an application to extend PLO No. 6675 for an additional 20-year period. The withdrawal was made to protect two sites important for recreational use on the Rio Grande, on public lands described as follows:

**New Mexico Principal Meridian***County Line Site*

T. 23 N., R. 10 E.,  
Sec. 14, lot 4;  
Sec. 15, lot 4.

*Quartzite Site*

T. 24 N., R. 11 E.,  
Sec. 32, lots 5 to 8, inclusive, and  
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate 264.39 acres in Taos and Rio Arriba Counties.

The purpose of the proposed extension is to continue the withdrawal created by PLO No. 6675 for an additional 20-year term to protect the recreational values and the Federal investment in the Bureau of Land Management's Quartzite and County Line Recreational Sites on the Rio Grande.

As extended, the withdrawal would not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of land under lease, license, or permit or governing the disposal of the mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

The use of a right-of-way or interagency or cooperative agreement would not adequately constrain nondiscretionary uses and would not provide adequate protection of the Federal investment in the Quartzite and County Line Recreational Sites.

There are no suitable alternative sites available because the Quartzite and County Line Recreational Sites are already constructed on the above-described public lands.

No water rights would be needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal extension.

Records relating to the application may be examined by interested parties by contacting Lora Yonemoto at the above address or 505-751-4709.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension may present their views in writing to the BLM Taos Field Manager at the address noted above.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Taos Field Office at the address noted above during regular business hours 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be

honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal extension must submit a written request to the BLM Taos Field Manager within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. If the authorized officer determines that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting. This withdrawal extension proposal will be processed in accordance with the applicable regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2310.4.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3-1)

Dated: November 15, 2006.

**Sam DesGeorges,**

*Field Manager, Taos Field Office.*

[FR Doc. E6-20565 Filed 12-4-06; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4310-FB-P**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[NM-210-1430-ET; NMNM 64057]

**Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; New Mexico**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 16.45 acres of public land from surface entry and mining for a period of 20 years to protect the Farmington Administrative Site. The land was previously withdrawn by Public Land Order (PLO) No. 6616, which expired July 10, 2006.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by March 5, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the BLM Farmington Assistant Field Manager for Resources, 1235 La Plata Highway, Farmington, New Mexico 87401.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Jo Albin, BLM Farmington Field

Office, at the address above or 505-599-6332.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bureau of Land Management has filed an application requesting the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw, for a period of 20 years and subject to valid existing rights, the land described below from settlement, sale, location or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, but not the mineral leasing laws. The proposed withdrawal would replace the withdrawal created by PLO No. 6616 (51 FR 25205), which expired on July 10, 2006. The public land proposed for continued withdrawal is described as follows:

**New Mexico Principal Meridian**

T. 29 N., R. 13 W.,  
Sec. 7, lots 5, 11, and 12.

The area described contains 16.45 acres in San Juan County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to continue protection of the Federal investment in the Farmington Administrative Site.

The withdrawal would not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the land under lease, license, or permit or governing disposal of the mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

The use of a right-of-way or interagency or cooperative agreement would not adequately constrain nondiscretionary uses and, therefore, would not protect the Federal investment in the Farmington Administrative Site.

There are no suitable alternative sites available since the Farmington Administrative Site is already constructed on the above-described public land.

No water rights would be needed to fulfill the purpose of the withdrawal.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the BLM Farmington Assistant Field Manager for Resources at the address noted above.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Farmington Field Office at the address noted above during regular business hours 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must