

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.

Dated: October 10, 2001.

**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](http://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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**Steven W. Anderson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### 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

being consistent with open space values are public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City Field Office.

All other uses of public land, not addressed in the plan amendment, will continue to be managed as provided for in the existing Lahontan RMP.

**Location:** The planning area includes approximately 166,550 acres of public lands administered by the BLM in the urban interface of Southern Washoe County. The planning area is bounded by Bedell Flat to the north, Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation to the northeast, the Pah Rah Mountain Range and Storey County to the east and southeast, the State of California to the west, and Carson City to the south, and includes the communities of Reno and Sparks, Nevada.

Copies of the Southern Washoe County Urban Interface Plan Amendment with maps are available from the following BLM office: BLM-Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

**Public Participation:** This RMP Amendment was developed through a joint planning process with Washoe County. Public scoping was initiated with a notice published in the **Federal Register** in July 1998. Notice of public open houses and an invitation for public comment were published in local newspapers and sent to known interested parties, government entities, and the Nevada State Clearinghouse. This was followed by two BLM/Washoe County joint public open houses held at the BLM Nevada State Office and the Washoe County Commissioner's Chambers in Reno in September and October 1998. Representatives from BLM and Washoe County also presented the proposed plan amendment to the following eight Washoe County Citizen Advisory Boards: Spanish Springs, Galena/Steamboat, Sun Valley, North Valleys, Southeast Truckee Meadows, Cold Springs, East Washoe Valley, and Warm Springs. In addition, the proposal was presented to the following: Washoe County Planning Commission, Washoe County Parks Commission, Sparks Citizen Advisory Committee, Reno Southeast Neighborhood Advisory Board, Washoe Storey Conservation District, and the Nevada Division of Minerals.

**A Notice of Availability and Public Meeting for the Proposed Southern Washoe County Urban Interface Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment, Proposed Designation of Three Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, and Proposed Withdrawal of Public Land; Washoe County, Nevada** was published in the **Federal Register**

on July 24, 2000. This published notice initiated the 60-day comment period and Governors Consistency Review that ended on September 22, 2000. The notice also was published in local newspapers and the proposed plan amendment was sent to 532 interested parties, government entities, and the Nevada State Clearinghouse. A summary of comments from the 86 comment letters received and how these comments are addressed is found in Appendix A of the plan.

A public open house was held at the BLM Nevada State Office in Reno on August 24, 2000, and was attended by 27 individuals. Representatives from BLM and Washoe County presented the proposed plan amendment to the following Washoe County Citizen Advisory Boards: Spanish Springs, Galena/Steamboat, Sun Valley, North Valleys, Southeast Truckee Meadows, Cold Springs, East Washoe Valley, and Warm Springs. Presentations were also made to the following: Sierra Front Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, Washoe County Planning Commission, Washoe County Board of Commissioners, Sparks Citizen Advisory Board, Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency, joint meeting of Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County Parks and Recreation Commissions, Reno Parks Commission, Red Rock Property Owners Association. The Washoe Tribe, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe were consulted in conformance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, and the Environmental Justice Executive Order No. 12898.

**Off Road Vehicle Designations:** The following areas are designated Closed to All Motorized Vehicle Use:

**Fred's Mountain:** Approximately 3,100 acres located west of Antelope Valley. The Closed Area includes all public land within:

**Mt. Diablo Meridian**

T. 22 N., R19 E.,  
Sec. 3  
Sec. 4  
Sec. 9  
Sec. 10 W $\frac{1}{2}$   
Sec. 15 W $\frac{1}{2}$   
Sec. 16  
Sec. 22

**Hungry Ridge:** Approximately 1,940 acres located east of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. The Closed Area includes all public land east of the ridge trail within:

**Mt. Diablo Meridian**

T. 21 N., R20 E.,

Sec. 2  
Sec. 3  
Sec. 10

**Mt. Diablo Meridian**

T. 22 N., R20 E.,  
Sec. 23  
Sec. 26  
Sec. 35

The following areas are designated Open to All Motorized Vehicle Use:

**Hungry Valley OHV Area:** Located in Hungry Valley, the Open Area includes all public land within:

**Mt. Diablo Meridian**

T. 23 N., R20 E.,  
Sec. 16  
Sec. 17  
Sec. 18  
Sec. 19  
Sec. 20  
Sec. 21  
Sec. 22 W $\frac{1}{2}$  NW  
Sec. 22 SW $\frac{1}{4}$   
Sec. 27 west of Winnemucca Ranch Road  
Sec. 28  
Sec. 29  
Sec. 30  
Sec. 31  
Sec. 32  
Sec. 33  
Sec. 34  
T. 22 N., R20 E.,  
Sec. 3  
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Sec. 29  
Sec. 30  
Sec. 31  
Sec. 32  
Sec. 33  
Sec. 34  
T. 21 N., R20 E.,  
Sec. 5  
Sec. 6  
Sec. 7  
Sec. 8  
Sec. 17  
Sec. 18

**Lemmon Valley Motocross Area:** Located in Lemmon Valley, the Open Area includes all public land within:

**Mt. Diablo Meridian**

T. 21 N., R19 E.,  
Sec. 8

The following area is designated Limited to Designated Routes of Travel for all motorized vehicles.

*Swan Lake Nature Study Area:* Located in Lemmon Valley, the Limited to Designated Routes of Travel include all public land within:

**Mt. Diablo Meridian**

T. 21 N., R19 E.,  
Sec. 22  
Sec. 28

The off road vehicle designation for the remainder of the public land within the planning area is designated Limited to Existing Routes of Travel as of January 9, 2001.

*Areas of Critical Environmental Concern Designations:* The following areas are designated as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC):

*Carson Wandering Skipper ACEC:* Located in Warm Springs Valley, including all public land within:

**Mt. Diablo Meridian**

T. 23 N., R 20 E.,  
Sec. 15 W $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Sec. 22 SE $\frac{1}{4}$

*Pah Rah High Basin (Dry Lakes) Petroglyph District ACEC:* Located in Pah Rah Range, includes public lands within:

**Mt. Diablo Meridian**

T. 20 N., R 21 E.,  
Sec. 9  
Sec. 10  
Sec. 14  
Sec. 15  
Sec. 16  
Sec. 17  
Sec. 20  
Sec. 21  
Sec. 22  
Sec. 28  
Sec. 29

*Virginia Range Williams Combleaf Habitat Area ACEC:* Located in Virginia Range, including all public lands within:

**Mt. Diablo Meridian**

T. 17 N., R 20 E.,  
Sec. 15 SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$   
Sec. 16 E $\frac{1}{2}$   
Sec. 16 E $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$   
Sec. 16 E $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Future acquisitions within the planning area, acquired by exchange, donation, or purchase that fall under BLM jurisdiction, will be managed the same as adjacent BLM lands.

Maps of the Off Road Vehicle Designations and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern are available from the following BLM office: BLM-Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Terri Knutson, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, BLM-Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701. Telephone (775) 885-6000. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

*Authority:* Authority for these decisions is contained in CFR title 43, chapter II, part 1610, subparts 1610.7-2 and CFR title 43, chapter II, part 8340, subparts CFR 8342 and 8343.

*Penalty:* Under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)), any person failing to comply with the designations provided in the notice, may be subject to imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or a fine in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 U.S.C. 3571, other penalties in accordance with 43 U.S.C. 1733, or both.

*Administrative and Emergency Use:* These designations do not apply to emergency or law enforcement personnel, or BLM employees engaged in the performance of their official duties.

Dated: May 4, 2001.

**Robert V. Abbey,**

*State Director, Nevada.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[UT 100-01-1610-DO-083]

**Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan for Public Lands and Resources in Garfield, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, and Wayne Counties, UT**

**AGENCY:** Richfield Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, Richfield, Utah.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for public lands and resources managed by the Richfield Field Office. This action will require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). These lands are located in Garfield, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier and Wayne counties, Utah.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare an RMP and associated EIS for the Richfield Field Office. This planning activity encompasses approximately 2.2 million acres of public land in the above named counties and the leaseable

mineral estate on portions of the Dixie and Fishlake National Forests. The plan will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. The BLM will work closely with interested parties to identify potential management decisions that are best suited to the needs of the public. This collaborative process will take into account local, regional, and national needs and concerns. This notice initiates the public scoping process to identify planning issues and to review preliminary planning criteria.

**DATES:** The scoping comment period will commence with the publication of this notice. Formal scoping will end 60 days after publication of this notice. Comments on issues and planning criteria will be most useful if received on or before the end of the scoping period at the address listed below.

*Public Participation:* Public meetings will be held throughout the plan scoping and preparation period. In order to ensure local community participation and input, public meetings will be held, at a minimum, in the towns of Junction, Loa, Manti, and Richfield, Utah. Early participation by all interested parties is encouraged and will help determine the future management of the Richfield Field Office public lands. At least 15 days public notice will be given for activities where the public is invited to attend. The minutes and list of attendees for each meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days to any participant who wishes to clarify the views they expressed. Written comments will be accepted throughout the planning process at the address shown below. Meetings and comment deadlines will be announced through the local news media, newsletters and the BLM Web site ([www.ut.blm.gov](http://www.ut.blm.gov)). In addition to the ongoing public participation process, formal opportunities for public participation will be provided through comment on the alternatives and upon publication of the draft RMP/EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to RMP Comments, Bureau of Land Management, Richfield Field Office, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701; Fax 435-896-1550. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the BLM's Richfield Field Office. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Richfield Field Office during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday,