

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[CO-200-1770-MA]****Notice of Closure of Public Lands to Motorized Vehicle Travel on Public Lands****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management; Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of closure.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that effective immediately certain public lands in southwestern Huerfano County, Colorado are closed to all types of motorized travel. The purpose of this closure is to prevent the development of unauthorized user-created trails, damage to soils and vegetation, adverse impacts to water quality, and wildlife harassment. Approximately 4,600 acres of public lands are affected by this closure. It should be noted that there is no existing legal motorized public access to these public lands. These lands will remain closed until travel management planning is completed. This closure is made under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1.

**DATES:** Effective immediately and remaining in effect unless revised, revoked or amended.

**ADDRESSES:** Bureau of Land Management, Royal Gorge Field Office, 3170 East Main Street, Cañon City, Colorado 81212; telephone 719-269-8500.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact, Roy L. Masinton, Field Manager, or Leah Quesenberry, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at the above address and phone number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The public lands affected by this closure are identified as follows:

**Huerfano County, Colorado, Sixth Principal Meridian**

Southern portion of the Wet Mountain Valley, located approximately 12 miles southwest of Gardner, Colorado, east of County Road 580.

T. 27 S., R. 71 W.

Section 18: Lots 3 and 4, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 

Section 19: All

Section 20: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 21: S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 27: W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 28: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ 

Section 29: All

Section 30: All

Section 32: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 33: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 34: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 

T. 27 S., R. 72 W.

Section 13: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 23: E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  except those lands lying west of Huerfano County Road 580Section 24: E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 25: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 26: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 

This closure order does not apply to emergency, law enforcement, and Federal or other government vehicles while being used for official or other emergency purposes, or to any other vehicle use that is expressly authorized or otherwise officially approved by BLM. BLM will coordinate with the Colorado Division of Wildlife, United States Forest Service, and Huerfano County to implement this closure. Violation of this order is punishable by imprisonment for up to 12 months and/or a fine as defined in 18 U.S.C. 3571. Notice of this closure order and a detailed map will be posted at the Royal Gorge Field Office.

**Roy L. Masinton,***Field Manager.*

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**BILLING CODE 4310-JB-P****DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[NM-060-1610-DO]****Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) and Associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare a Special Status Species RMPA and EIS for the Carlsbad and Roswell Field Offices, New Mexico.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice that the BLM intends to prepare a RMPA with an associated EIS for the Carlsbad and Roswell Field Offices. This RMPA will amend two RMPs: Carlsbad 1988 (as amended) and Roswell 1997. The purpose of the amendment is to respond to changing resource conditions and respond to new issues in the context of habitat management for special status species on public lands in the planning area administered by the Field Offices.

**DATES:** This Notice initiates the public-scoping process. Comments on the scope of the plan, including issues or concerns that should be considered, should be submitted in writing to the address listed below within 45 days after the publication of this Notice.

However, collaboration with the public will continue throughout the planning process. Dates and locations for public meetings will be announced through local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site (<http://www.nm.blm.gov>), at least 15 days prior to the event.

**ADDRESSES:** Please mail written comments to the BLM, Roswell Field Office, Attention: RMPA, 2909 West Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, or fax to (505) 627-0276. All public comments, including names and mailing addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Roswell Field Office during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. 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, please state this prominently at the beginning of your written correspondence. The BLM will honor such requests to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety. The current RMPs and all other documents relevant to this planning process are available for public review at the Roswell Field Office (see address above).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or to have your name added to the Special Status Species RMPA Mailing List, contact Howard Parman, Planning Team Leader, at the Roswell Field Office (see address above), telephone number (505) 627-0272.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The planning area for the RMPA, which includes 847,491 acres of BLM-administered public lands, is located entirely in southeast New Mexico in Chaves, Eddy, Lea, and Roosevelt Counties. A map of the planning area is available on the web site (see address above). The planning area includes all surface and subsurface (mineral estate) lands managed by BLM within the planning area.

The BLM-administered public lands within the planning area are currently managed under interim management guidelines issued on August 5, 2004. Interim management is in accordance with the decisions in the 1988 Carlsbad RMP, as amended, and the 1997 Roswell RMP. BLM will continue to manage these lands in accordance with the