

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Ridenhour, BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner, (208) 384-3334.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This emergency closure is effective immediately upon signing, and will expire on May 1, 2007. During this period, BLM will evaluate whether a permanent closure is in the public interest. In the interim, the BLM authorized officer may issue a special permit allowing access into the cave under special circumstances and for specific purposes.

Definitions: (a) "Public lands" means any lands or interests in lands owned by the United States and administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the BLM; (b) "Authorized officer" means any employee of the BLM who has been delegated the authority to perform the duties described herein; (c) "Administrative purposes" means any use by an employee or designated representative of the Federal government, or one of its agents or contractors in the course of their employment or representation; (d) "Emergency purposes" means actions related to fire, rescue, or law enforcement activities.

This emergency closure is established and administered by the BLM under the authority of 43 CFR 8360.0-3, and complies with 43 CFR 8364.1 (Closure and Restriction Orders). In accordance with 43 CFR 8360.0-7, violation of this order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months. Violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for in Title 18 U.S.C. 3571.

Dated: May 4, 2004.

Rosemary Thomas,

Acting Four Rivers Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM 020-5410-G-509; NMNM 103815]

Conveyance of Mineral Interest in New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of segregation.

SUMMARY: The mineral interests owned by the United States in the land described in this notice, containing approximately 10.00 acres, are segregated and made unavailable for filings under the general mining laws and the mineral leasing laws to

determine the suitability for conveyance of the reserved mineral interests pursuant to section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976. The mineral interests may be conveyed in whole or in part upon favorable mineral examination. The purpose is to allow consolidation of surface and subsurface of minerals ownership where there are no known mineral values or in those instances where the reservation interferes with or precludes appropriate non-mineral development and such development is a more beneficial use of the land than the mineral development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hal Knox, Realty Specialist, Taos Field Office. Located in the New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, 505-438-7402.

New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico

T. 15 N., R. 11 E.,

Sec. 7, SE¼SE¼SW¼.

Minerals Reservation—All Minerals

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon publication of this Notice of Segregation in the **Federal Register** as provided in 43 CFR 2720.1-1(b), the mineral interests owned by the United States in the private land covered by the application shall be segregated to the extent that they will not be subject to appropriation under the mining and mineral leasing laws. The segregative effect of the application shall terminate upon: issuance of a patent or deed to such mineral interest; upon final rejection of the application; or two years from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first.

Dated: June 21, 2004.

Sam DesGeorges,

Acting Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-800-04-1310-PB-211P]

Notice of Meetings and Hearing, Subcommittee of the Southwest Resource Advisory Council (Colorado), Public Hearing, and Open Houses

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior, U.S. Forest Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings and hearing.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management

Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, a subcommittee of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Southwest Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet three times as indicated below. In addition, one public hearing and three public open houses will be held. The public hearing, open houses, and RAC subcommittee meetings are for the purpose of obtaining public input on the Northern San Juan Basin Coal Bed Methane Environmental Impact Statement being prepared by the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service.

DATES: The public hearing will be held on July 14, 2004, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The hearing will be held in Bayfield, Colorado. Open houses will be held on July 19, 2004, in Durango, Colorado; July 20, 2004, in Pagosa Springs, Colorado; and July 21, 2004, in Bayfield, Colorado and July 28, 2004 in Ignacio, Colorado. Each of the four open houses will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Meetings of the subcommittee of the Southwest RAC will be held on August 11, 2004, in Bayfield, Colorado; August 17, 2004, in Pagosa Springs, Colorado; and August 19, 2004, in Durango, Colorado. Each of the RAC subcommittee meetings will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A total of six public meetings and one public hearing will be held in Southwestern Colorado to receive public input on the Northern San Juan Basin Coal Bed Methane Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) during the public comment period for the draft EIS. Three of these meetings are of a subcommittee of the Southwest RAC. This subcommittee was formed to assist the BLM in collecting and fully understanding public comment on the EIS being prepared for the proposed development of coal bed natural gas in the Northern San Juan Basin of Colorado. The subcommittee, upon collection of public comment, will report back to the Southwest RAC for the full council's consideration. The 15-member Southwest RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in southwestern Colorado.

While the format of the seven sessions will vary, all are open to the public. The public will be invited to raise questions and concerns regarding the draft EIS prepared for proposed coal bed natural gas development. Comments may be presented orally or in writing, however

time constraints may result in written comments presented to the RAC subcommittee being forwarded directly to BLM without subcommittee review. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available,

the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Persons interested in commenting on the EIS are encouraged to, but need not attend the hearing or six public meetings. The Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service

will accept written comments on the draft EIS throughout the comment period as separately announced.

Hearing and meeting locations, dates, and time are presented below:

Meeting type	Location	Date/time
Public Hearing	Bayfield High School Cafetorium, 800 CR 501, Bayfield, CO.	Wed., July 14, 6–10 p.m.
Open House	San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Ct. Durango, CO.	Mon., July 19, 4–7 p.m.
Open House	Archuleta County Fairgrounds, Extension Building 344, Highway 84, Pagosa Springs, CO.	Tues., July 20, 4–7 p.m.
Open House	Bayfield High School Cafetorium, 800 CR 501, Bayfield, CO.	Wed., July, 4–7 p.m.
Open House	Able Atencio Community Room, Ignacio Municipal Complex, 570 Goddard Avenue, Ignacio, CO.	Wed., July 28, 4–7 p.m.
RAC Subcommittee	Bayfield High School Cafetorium, 800 CR 501, Bayfield, CO.	Wed., Aug 11, 6–9 p.m.
RAC Subcommittee	Archuleta County Fairgrounds, Extension Building, 344 Highway 84, Pagosa Springs, CO.	Tues., Aug. 17, 6–9 p.m.
RAC Subcommittee	San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Ct., Durango, CO.	Thurs., Aug. 19, 6–9 p.m.

Summary minutes for the RAC subcommittee meetings will be provided to the full Southwest RAC and will be maintained, along with the records of the hearing and open houses, in the San Juan Public Lands Office, 15 Burnett Ct., Durango, CO 81301, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Bond, San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Ct., Durango, CO 81301. Phone (970) 385–1219.

Dated: June 24, 2004.

Mark W. Stiles,

San Juan Public Lands Center Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO150–1210–PC–241A]

Notice of Public Meeting, Southwest Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Southwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The Southwest Colorado RAC meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. on July 23, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The Southwest Colorado RAC meeting will be held at the Hinsdale County Administration Building, Coursey Annex Meeting Room, 311 North Henson, Lake City, Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Kauffman, Associate Field Manager, BLM, Uncompahgre Field Office, 2505 South Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO; Telephone (970) 240–5340.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public lands managed by the BLM in southwestern Colorado. All meetings are open to the public.

The purpose of the meeting is to:
Discuss wilderness and wilderness study area management;

Receive program and project updates from BLM, including updates from BLM Field Managers;

Hear a briefing on the Hartman Rocks area near Gunnison, Colorado;

Discuss old RAC business.

There will be an opportunity for the public to address the RAC at approximately 1:30 p.m. for 1 hour. Written comments may be submitted for the RAC's consideration. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: June 25, 2004.

Barbara Sharrow,

Uncompahgre Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM–030–1430–EU; NMNM–108795]

North Fork Forty Competitive Sale of Public Land in Dona Ana County, NM.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following public land in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, has been found suitable for competitive sale under Section 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719), at not less than the appraised fair market value (FMV).

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 23 S., R. 2 E.,
Section 3, Lot 3.

Containing 39.47 “gross” acres more or less and approximately 34.13 “net usable” acres (5.34 acres are within 100-year flood zone).

DATES:

Comments on Proposed Competitive Sale

Comments regarding the proposed competitive sale must be received by BLM on or before August 16, 2004.