

above lists are available for downloading from the World Wide Web at <http://www.nwi.fws.gov/ecology.htm>. Written comments may be submitted to the Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wetlands Inventory, Suite 101, Monroe Building, 9720 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2440, faxed to (813) 570-5409, or electronically transmitted to: [ecology@wetlands.nwi.fws.gov](mailto:ecology@wetlands.nwi.fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Porter B. Reed, Jr., Fish and Wildlife Service, at (813) 570-5425, Dr. Russell Theriot, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (601) 634-2733, Mr. William Sipple, Environmental Protection Agency, at (202) 260-6066, or Dr. Norman Melvin, Natural Resources Conservation Service, at (301) 497-5933.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 1996 National list is a revision of Reed (1988). The revised National list is provided to encourage additional public review and comments on the draft regional wetland indicator assignments. The National list was produced under the guidance of National and Regional Interagency Review Panels composed of representatives of the Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The National Panel provides guidance and direction for the development and maintenance of the National list. The wetland ecologist of the National Wetlands Inventory, Fish and Wildlife Service, coordinates the activities of the National Panel.

The National Panel meets as necessary to review Regional Interagency Review Panel progress and to set future direction and goals. The Regional Panels solicit and obtain information from their agency personnel, regional reviewers, and from published literature. This information is used by the Regional Panels to assign regional wetland indicators. The Regional Panels are coordinated by a Fish and Wildlife Service representative, usually the Regional Wetland Inventory Coordinator. The Regional Panels also meet as necessary to consider and assess all new submissions recommending changes to the National list that relate to their respective regions.

In 1996, the cooperating agencies responsible for the development and continued enhancement of the National list signed an "Agreement for Coordination in the Refinement of the National list of Vascular Plant Species That Occur in Wetlands." The National list is a combination of the Regional lists into a single list and will be released as

a Fish and Wildlife Service publication available to the other agencies and the public. The production of new National lists will occur every 5 years. If changes to the Regional lists become necessary outside the 5-year cycle, those changes will be made in compliance with these procedures.

The National list will remain dynamic and the submission of well documented review comments based on field experience is encouraged. All scientific plant names included in a submission must be contained in the 1994 Synonymized Checklist or the Natural Resource Conservation Agency's PLANTS database <http://trident.ftc.nrcs.usda.gov/npd/>. Complete documentation, including a description and explanation of the variety of field sites and/or data supporting the recommended wetland indicator, is necessary for the Regional Interagency Review Panels to adequately understand and consider a submission. To assist in documentation and to facilitate the review, a submission should contain a strong rationale supporting the proposed recommendation including the extent of the area that the field experience and data provided are based. Information presented in the submission from botanical and ecological texts and periodicals should be supplied with the citation of the source. The rationale should clearly discuss, as part of the field information, the percentage of occurrence of the taxon in both wetland and non-wetland areas. A complete submission ideally should present, for each field site referenced in the submission, community information including the scientific names, quantitative measurements of vegetation (e.g. density, frequency, cover, or importance data), soils data including classification and morphology (especially the presence of field indicators (USDA 1996), hydrologic data (especially any intensive water table and redox potential monitoring), and landscape position. A review form is provided with the 1996 National list on the Ecology Section World Wide Web site to facilitate review submission. Completed review forms can be delivered by the World Wide Web to [ecology@wetlands.nwi.fws.gov](mailto:ecology@wetlands.nwi.fws.gov).

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Dated: January 6, 1997

John G. Rodgers,

*Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## Bureau of Land Management

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### Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/ Washington

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

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#### Oregon

T. 40 S., R. 2 E., accepted November 19, 1996

T. 2 N., R. 6 E., accepted October 18, 1996

T. 39 S., R. 13 E., accepted November 29, 1996

T. 28 S., R. 14 E., accepted August 29, 1996

T. 16 S., R. 36 E., accepted October 28, 1996

T. 22 S., R. 3 W., accepted October 28, 1996

T. 5 S., R. 6 W., accepted August 28, 1996

If protests against a survey, as shown on any of the above plat(s), are received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s). A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

The plat(s) will be placed in the open files of the Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1515 S.W. 5th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plat(s) may be obtained from the above office upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management,

Portland, Oregon, a notice that they wish to protest prior to the proposed official filing date given above. A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the proposed official filing date.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, survey and subdivision, For Further Information Contact: Bureau of Land Management, (1515 S.W. 5th Avenue) PO Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Dated: January 6, 1997.

Robert D. DeViney, Jr.,  
Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.  
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### 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 2,434.56 acres of Federal lands and 1,076.97 acres of non-Federal lands in Taos and Rio Arriba Counties to protect the recreational and scenic values of the Rio Grande Corridor, NM. This notice closes the land for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by April 17, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Albuquerque District Manager, BLM, 435 Montano Road N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Francina Martinez, BLM, Taos Resource Area Office, (505) 758-8851.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 3, 1997, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public land and non-public land from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

#### Federal Lands

T. 23 N., R. 9 E.,  
Sec. 22, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 23, lots 1 to 4, inclusive;

Sec. 24, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  except 2.84 acres in tract A;  
Sec. 26, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 27, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 34, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
T. 23 N., R. 10 E.,  
Sec. 15, lots 6 to 9, inclusive;  
Sec. 16, lot 3, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 19, lots 14, 20 to 22, inclusive, lots 36 and 37;  
Sec. 20, lots 13 to 16, inclusive;  
Sec. 21, lots 1 and 2, and 6 to 8, inclusive.  
T. 24 N., R. 11 E.,  
Sec. 32, lot 3.  
T. 25 N., R. 11 E.,  
Sec. 35, lot 1, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 36, lot 1.  
T. 27 N., R. 11 E.,  
Sec. 36, lots 5 to 7, inclusive, and a parcel of land lying along the west boundary and within the Antoine Leroux Land Grant.  
T. 27 N., R. 12 E.,  
Sec. 30, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 31, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and 130 acres of the Antoine Leroux Land Grant meandering the east boundary of the Rio Grande.  
T. 28 N., R. 12 E.,  
Sec. 10: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  except patent # 39879.  
The areas described aggregate 2,434.56 acres in Taos and Rio Arriba Counties.

#### Non-Federal Lands

T. 23 N., R. 9 E.,  
Sec. 23, tract A, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 24, lot 1, tract A, patent #178, patent #179, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
T. 23 N., R. 10 E.,  
Sec. 16, lots 1 to 2, inclusive, small holding claim (SHC) 966 tr. 2, SHC 2143, and SHC 1536.  
Sec. 19, lots 3 to 4, inclusive and lots 13, 29, and 30, SHC 3266, SHC 388, SHC 969, SHC 561 tr. 3, SHC 559 tr. 1, SHC 556 tr. 2, SHC 560 tr. 2 and 4, SHC 792 tr. 1 and 2, SHC 792 (2), SHC 966, SHC 380 tr. 3, SHC 386, SHC 389, SHC 382 tr. 1, and SHC 494 tr. 2.  
Sec. 20, lots 1, 3, 4, SHC 560 tr. 4, SHC 968 tr. 2, SHC 556 tr. 3, SHC 1121 Borrego, Archuleta, Roybal, SHC 561 tr. 4, SHC 798 Romero, Bolton, SHC 801 tr. 1, 2, & 3, SHC 1000, SHC 1120, SHC 4472 tr. 2, and SHC 1111 tr. 3.  
Sec. 21, SHC 1111 tr. 3, SHC 1120, SHC 966 tr. 1, SHC 349, SHC 355, SHC 402, SHC 403, SHC 488, SHC 487 tr. 1 & 2, SHC 490 Romero, Roybal, SHC 487 Romero, Ortega, SHC 966 tr. 2, SHC 2143, and SHC 1536.

The areas described aggregate 1,076.972 acres in Rio Arriba County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the recreational and scenic values of the Rio Grande Corridor, NM.

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 Albuquerque District Manager of the Bureau of Land Management.

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 the Albuquerque District Manager within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer 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 meetings.

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

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or cancelled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature but only with the approval of an authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: January 7, 1997.

Michael R. Ford,

District Manager.

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### Notice of Public Meeting: Proposed Withdrawal; Devil's Backbone Bighorn Sheep Habitat Area, NM

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 43 CFR 2310.3-1, notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be held to provide the public an opportunity to obtain information and to identify issues related to the BLM's proposed withdrawal of 5,607.52 acres of public land in Socorro County, New Mexico to protect State endangered desert bighorn