

the effect of authorizing any use of the land by the Corps of Engineers.

The application published in the 59 FR 60998, November 29, 1994, as amended in the 60 FR 49006, September 21, 1995; 60 FR 64177, December 14, 1995; 60 FR 64446, December 15, 1995, and 61 FR 13874, March 28, 1996, has been canceled by the Corp of Engineers.

Dated: November 25, 1996.

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## DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NM-038-1110-00; NMNM95104]

#### Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Devil's Backbone Bighorn Sheep Habitat Area, New Mexico

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The BLM proposes to withdraw 5,607.52 acres of public land in Socorro County, New Mexico to protect State endangered desert bighorn sheep habitat in the Devil's Backbone Bighorn Sheep Habitat Area. This notice closes the land for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining. The land will remain open to mineral leasing.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting should be received on or before March 3, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Socorro Resource Area Manager, 198 Neel Avenue, Socorro, New Mexico 87801.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lois Bell, BLM, Socorro Resource Area Office, 198 Neel Ave, NW, Socorro, New Mexico 87801, or telephone (505) 835-0412.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 22, 1996, a petition was approved allowing the BLM to file an application to withdraw the following described public land from settlement, sale, location and entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 5 S., R. 3 W.,

Sec. 16, lots 5 to 8, inclusive, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Secs. 21, 28, 29, and 32.

T. 6 S., R. 3 W.,

Sec. 4, lots 3 and 4, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 9, W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 15, W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 16;

Sec. 22, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 5 S., R. 4 W.,

Sec. 25, E $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The area described aggregates 5,607.52 acres in Socorro County, New Mexico.

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 Socorro Resource Area Manager. 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 BLM Socorro Resource Area 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 time and place will be published in the Federal Register 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 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 canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses which will be permitted during this segregative period are leases, permits, and rights-of-way.

Dated: November 22, 1996.

Josie Banegas,

*Acting District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NM-038-1110-00; NMNM 95103]

#### Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Ladrones Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern, New Mexico

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The BLM proposes to withdraw 4,556.60 acres of public land and 40.0 acres of non-Federal land in Socorro County, New Mexico to protect

State endangered desert bighorn sheep habitat in the Ladrones Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern. This notice closes the Federal land for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining. The land will remain open to mineral leasing.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for meetings should be received on or before March 3, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Socorro Resource Area Manager, 198 Neel Avenue, Socorro, New Mexico 87801.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lois Bell, BLM, Socorro Resource Area Office, 198 Neel Ave., NW, Socorro, New Mexico 87801, or telephone (505) 835-0412.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 22, 1996, a petition was approved allowing the BLM to file an application to withdraw the following described public land from settlement, sale, location and entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 2 N., R. 2 W.,

Sec. 2, lots 1 to 8, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 32, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 3 N., R. 2 W.,

Secs. 16, 32 and 36.

T. 2 N., R. 3 W.,

Sec. 2, lot 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 16;

Sec. 36, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 3 N., R. 3 W.,

Sec. 36, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described aggregates 4,556.60 acres in Socorro County.

The petition was also approved allowing the BLM to file an application to withdraw the following described non-Federal lands (private surface and private minerals). In the event the non-Federal lands (private surface and private minerals) return to Federal ownership, the lands would become subject to the withdrawal.

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 3 N., R. 3 W.,

Sec. 36, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described aggregates 40.0 acres in Socorro County.

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 Socorro Resource Area Manager.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is