



# Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument

## Planning for the Future of "Tent Rocks"

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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is in the beginning stages of developing a Resource Management Plan for the Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks (KKTR) National Monument. This plan will provide a general framework to guide long-term management decision-making, based on a vision of what people wish to see in the future at the monument. We invite your participation in creating that vision while developing the overall management philosophy through which we will achieve our goal.

It is important to review the monument's purpose, its di-

verse cultural and natural resources and its potential for public appreciation and enjoyment. This planning process will be more successful as you share with us your own vision for the monument's future.

Please join us in this effort to develop a plan that charts a sustainable future for the monument.

Use the enclosed comment form to share your thoughts about the monument with us. You may respond by sending your written comments to either John Bristol, Project Leader, or Kathy Walter, Monument Manager, at 435 Moñtano NE, Albuquerque,



*Boulder caps called hoodoos protect the softer pumice and tuff below.*

NM 87107, or by faxing them to 505/761-8911, or via our KKTR National Monument webpage at [www.nm.blm.gov](http://www.nm.blm.gov), or by bringing them to one of our three scoping meetings when you attend.

### Interesting facts:

- During the 14th & 15th centuries, several large ancestral pueblos were established and their descendants, the Pueblo de Cochiti, still inhabit the surrounding area.
- "Kasha-Katuwe" means "white cliffs" in the traditional Keresan

## Scoping Meetings - Open House

The BLM is committed to providing opportunities for the public to engage in meaningful participation in the plan. Please come to one of our three open house scoping meetings to meet members of the planning team and express your ideas about the monument in a one-on-one environment.

### February 24, 2004

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Pena Blanca Community Center  
Pena Blanca, NM

### February 25, 2004

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Cottonwood Conference Center  
Cottonwood Mall, 10000 Coors NW  
Rio Rancho, NM  
(Lower level next to the escalators across from Dillard's)

### February 26, 2004

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Santa Fe Courtyard Marriot  
3347 Cerrillos Road  
Santa Fe, NM

## Background



Young hikers enjoy their walk through the slot canyon at KKTR National Monument.

Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks was designated a monument on January 17, 2001, by Presidential Proclamation. The BLM manages the KKTR National Monument to protect its geologic, scenic and cultural values. The monument is located on the Pajarito Plateau in north-central New Mexico, approximately 55 miles northeast of Albuquerque and 40 miles southwest of Santa Fe, west of the Rio Grande and Cochiti Lake. Prior to its designation as a National Monument the

same area was designated as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). Management has been guided by the 1986 *Rio Puerco Resource Management Plan* and the 1987 *Tent Rocks ACEC Protection Plan*. In 1997, a management agreement with the Pueblo de Cochiti was initiated. In 2000, an *Inter-Government Cooperative Agreement* was signed between the BLM and the Pueblo de Cochiti to provide for more consistent, effective, and collaborative management of the area now

known as the KKTR National Monument.

Since the designation of the monument numerous projects have taken place to improve visitor services, the health of the land, and road access to the monument through the Pueblo, as well as reduce hazardous fuels. Many of the visitor service projects were accomplished through revenues collected at the fee site where 100 percent of the fees are returned to the monument management and facilities.

## Preliminary Issues

The preliminary issues being submitted to the public for consideration and comment during the scoping process are:

**(1) Land tenure adjustment and how land ownership will be incorporated into the management plan of the monument.**

Currently there are 520 acres of State land and 760 acres of private land within the boundary of the monument. There are also other parcels of private land adjoining the boundary of the National Monument. If the BLM were to acquire these lands from willing sellers or establish some kind of cooperative management agreement with the owners, how would you like to see these lands used in the future?

**(2) How access and transportation will be managed for the purposes of the monument.**

The proclamation directs the BLM through a management plan to look at road closures or travel restrictions to protect the objects of interest identified in the proclamation. Is the current level of motorized and non-motorized access for recreational and administrative use of the monument proper?

**(3) How recreational activities and visitor use will be managed.**

Recreational use in the monument has been increasing over the past few years and additional facilities and upgrades have been provided for visitor use; enjoyment; health and safety; and resource protection.

How much visitation and development would you like to see in the monument?

**(4) How ecosystem restoration will benefit the public and the monument.**

One-seeded juniper is encroaching upon grass/shrub lands. The woodlands and forest stands are overstocked and in need of thinning. The woodlands and forest stands within the monument are being affected by drought conditions and beetle attacks. Does the removal of piñon pine and other trees in an attempt to return areas within the monument back to their potential natural community concern you?

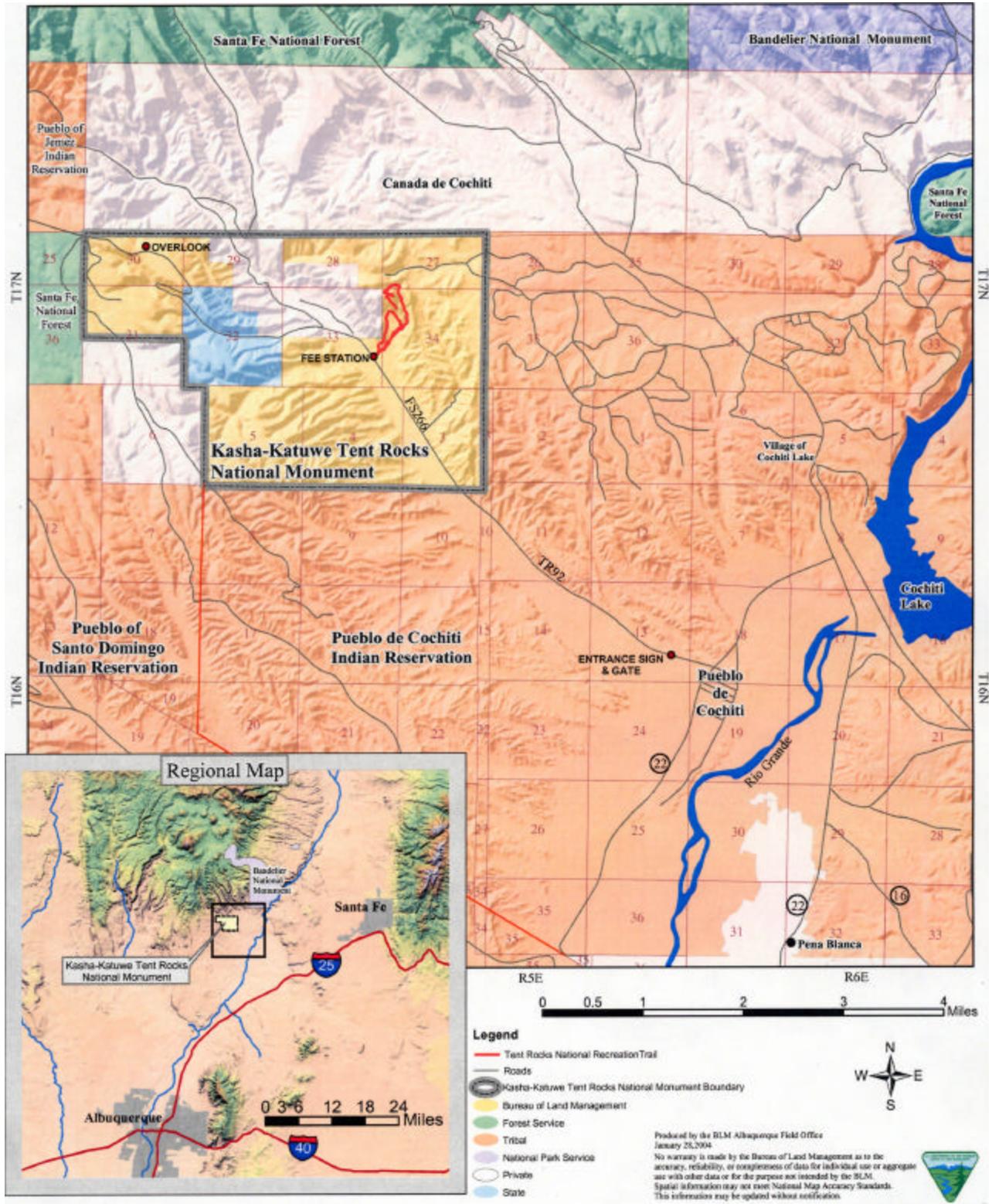
**(5) How American Indian uses and traditional cultural practices will be incorporated into the management of the monument.**

The monument is adjacent to several Indian Pueblos and has special meaning to some American Indians. How can we keep visitation and access from disturbing privacy when religious or ceremonial

activities are being conducted or damaging sensitive resources located within the monument?

These issues have been guiding the preliminary work on this plan; however, other issues may be raised during the scoping process. The purpose of the public-scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) alternatives. Please let us know if you have other issues, concerns or visions about the future management of the monument that you would like to have considered. To be most helpful, your scoping comments should be submitted by March 12, 2004.

# Land Status Map



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