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Dear Reader:

We are preparing a Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument (KKTR NM). The monument, located in Sandoval County, is approximately 55 miles northeast of Albuquerque and 40 miles southwest of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The first in a series of nine basic steps employed in the BLM's planning process is the identification of issues to be addressed in the RMP/EIS. The agency identifies these issues through scoping, a process conducted early in the planning effort and open to the public. Scoping for this plan began with the publication of a notice in the *Federal Register* on January 22, 2004. During scoping, our intent has been to inform you about the KKTR NM and solicit your comments about the issues and concerns we should consider while developing the RMP/EIS.

The enclosed report provides the results of the scoping process. In the report, we have categorized and summarized the issues and concerns you raised, and identified those we will address in the Draft RMP/EIS.

We will continue to consider your comments throughout the planning and EIS process. When you receive a copy of the Draft RMP/EIS, you will have an opportunity to review and comment on that document.

Thank you for your participation. Throughout the process, your involvement is essential to the preparation of a "stand alone" management plan. We will post this Scoping Report as well as future documents and informational letters on our KKTR National Monument Webpage at www.nm.blm.gov, as we proceed with plan development.

Sincerely,

John Bristol,
Acting Field Office Manager

Enclosure