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Dear Public Land User:

A copy of the Draft Pronghorn Antelope Habitat Management Plan (HMP) and environmental assessment has been placed on the Farmington Field Office's external web page for public review and comment. This plan identifies specific actions intended to improve Pronghorn antelope habitat on public lands within the Farmington Field Office area. Three separate populations are recognized in the plan; however, only two of these three appear to have potential for intensive habitat improvement measures. The focus of the enclosed HMP is primarily the creation of more sources of reliable water, increasing cool season herbaceous vegetation, implementing seasonal restrictions on drilling and construction (as identified in the Farmington RMP), and possibly some coyote trapping.

Funding to implement the HMP will come from two main sources; the Sikes Act Habitat Stamp Program and the industry generated Off-Site Mitigation fund. It is hoped that the plan can be fully implemented over the next five years. Monitoring studies will be continued to assess the effectiveness of the plan in meeting its objectives.

A hard copy of this plan is also being provided to all affected interests such as grazing operators, members of the oil and gas industry and state governmental agencies such as the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and the New Mexico State Lands Office. In addition, members of the general public can access and review the plan on the internet at the BLM's external web site at: http://nm.blm.gov/ffo_home.html The deadline for submitting comments on the Draft HMP is June 25, 2004. After all comments are processed, a final HMP will be issued, hopefully in late July or August.

Should you need clarification on anything in the HMP please call John Hansen at 505-599-6325.

Sincerely,

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