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BLM Seeks Comments at Picacho Peak “Scoping Meeting”

LAS CRUCES – The Bureau of Land Management is seeking comments about a proposal to exchange public land on Las Cruces’ east mesa for Picacho Peak, west of the city, according to Amy Lueders, BLM-Las Cruces field office manager.

The BLM has scheduled a public comment meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 6 at Fairacres Elementary School, 4501 W. Picacho Ave.

“We propose to acquire Picacho Peak, owned by The Nature Conservancy, by trading about 960 acres of equally valued land on the east mesa,” Lueders said. Picacho Peak includes about 959 acres.

The BLM’s Mimbres Resource Management Plan identified the approximately 4,960-foot Picacho Peak for acquisition and slated the east mesa land for disposal. “The public has expressed significant, on-going interest in preserving Picacho Peak, which is threatened by development on the city’s west side,” Lueders said.

The “scoping meeting” provides opportunity to comment on the proposed land exchange. Written comments also may be submitted at the meeting or postmarked by Jan. 7 and mailed to: BLM-Las Cruces Field Office Manager, 1800 Marquess St., Las Cruces, NM 88005, according to Tim Sanders, BLM land and minerals supervisor.

Additional information is available by calling Sanders at 525-4393.