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## **BLM Moves to a New Environmental Assessment for the San Pedro Rock Quarry Project**

ALBUQUERQUE – A new Environmental Assessment (EA) will be completed for a 92-acre rock quarry project in the San Pedro Mountains located east of State Road 14 (NM 14) in southwestern Santa Fe County according to Edwin Singleton, manager of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) field office in Albuquerque.

“We’ve heard the public concerns and we are moving toward a new EA with full public participation,” said Singleton. “We’ve determined it’s appropriate to reevaluate the project through a new EA process based on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology we now have available for analysis, updated information, and public concerns about the project.”

The EA process will begin with a public “scoping” meeting on **Tuesday, May 25, 2004**, at the **Vista Grande Community Center** in Sandia Park, New Mexico, to gather baseline information concerning various issues from the public. Representatives of A and M Rock will participate in the public meeting to present their plan for the proposed quarry. The purpose of the scoping is to collect data that will be used to determine what issues will be looked at in the analysis of the rock quarry. **The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm.**

The rock quarry was proposed by A and M Rock, LLC, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The aggregate quarry is located east of State Road 14 and north of State Road 344 in southern Santa Fe County, NM. The aggregate resource of interest is limestone rock. The quarry will provide a long-term supply of construction aggregates primarily for use in the rapidly developing east mountain area of Santa Fe, Sandoval, and Bernalillo counties.

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For updated information, a website has been created to update the public on meeting location, dates, times, and the process regarding the San Pedro Rock Quarry EA. To access the information, go online to [www.nm.blm.gov](http://www.nm.blm.gov) and under Programs click on Planning/NEPA.

Originally, an Environmental Assessment was completed and reviewed internally by the BLM on the rock quarry project. Because the project was small in scope, located in a historic and active mining areas and communities, and conformed to the approved Resource Management Plan, it was deemed that adequate public input was received through the earlier planning process and additional input was not necessary.

The BLM manages about 12.8 million acres of public land in New Mexico, more than 47 million acres of federal mineral estate in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas and more than 2 million acres of American Indian mineral estate. The agency is responsible for managing public lands and resources to ensure multiple use and yield based on long-term needs for renewable and non-renewable resources.

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