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BLM EXTENDS COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROPOSED EL MONTE RIGHT-OF-WAY NORTHWEST OF SANTA FE

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has extended the public comment period for an Environmental Assessment (EA) which proposes to authorize legal access for roads and utilities to lands owned by members of the El Monte Roads Association in northwest Santa Fe County.

The comment period, which started on June 16, 2004, will end on Monday, August 2, 2004.

The EA addresses BLM's proposal to authorize legal access on public lands to four parcels of private lands owned by members of the El Monte Roads Association while minimizing new disturbance. The project area is located about 9.7 miles northwest of downtown Santa Fe.

The EA describes and analyzes the Proposed Action, eight other Action Alternatives and a No Action Alternative. Included in the EA is a Draft Decision Record for the project.

The EA can be viewed at BLM's website at www.nm.blm.gov or at BLM offices in Taos, 226 Cruz Alta Rd., and Santa Fe, 1474 Rodeo Road. Santa Fe public libraries at 145 Washington Avenue and 1730 Llano St., also have copies of the EA document.

Comments on the EA should be in writing and directed to: N. Kastning, Project Manager, SWCA Environmental Consultants, 7001 Prospect Place NE, Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM 87110. Only comments received by the deadline will be considered in the final Decision Record.

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