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## **BLM Taos Field Office Completes Wild Rivers Recreation Area Phase II EA**

Taos, NM - The BLM Taos Field Office has completed the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Wild Rivers Recreation Area Phase II Facilities Modification. The public is invited to comment on the EA through September 14, 2004. Phase II of the EA addresses concerns and issues related to road standards, safety, aging facilities, universal access and visitor services, resource protection and the recreation experience.

“We are inviting the public to review the document and submit remarks or suggestions,” said Taos Field Manager Sam DesGeorges. “Once completed, Phase II modifications will provide the public a greater and enhanced variety of outdoor recreational opportunities and experiences at Wild Rivers” added DesGeorges.

Phase I (completed in 2002) resulted in replacement of shelters and fire grills, redesigning and widening of several access roads, re-routing of Riconada Trail, a contact station at La Junta Point and provisions for a camp host at Big Arsenic campground.

Submit comments to the BLM Taos Field Office, 226 Cruz Alta Rd., Taos, NM 87571 or e-mail to [wrra\\_comments@nm.blm.gov](mailto:wrra_comments@nm.blm.gov). Questions may be directed to Tami Torres at 505.758.8851.

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The BLM Taos Field Office is accepting public comments through September 14 on the Draft Wild Rivers Recreation Area Phase II Facilities Modification Environmental Assessment. The modifications will enhance outdoor recreational opportunities at Wild Rivers. Call at Tami Torres 505.758.8851 for more information.

