

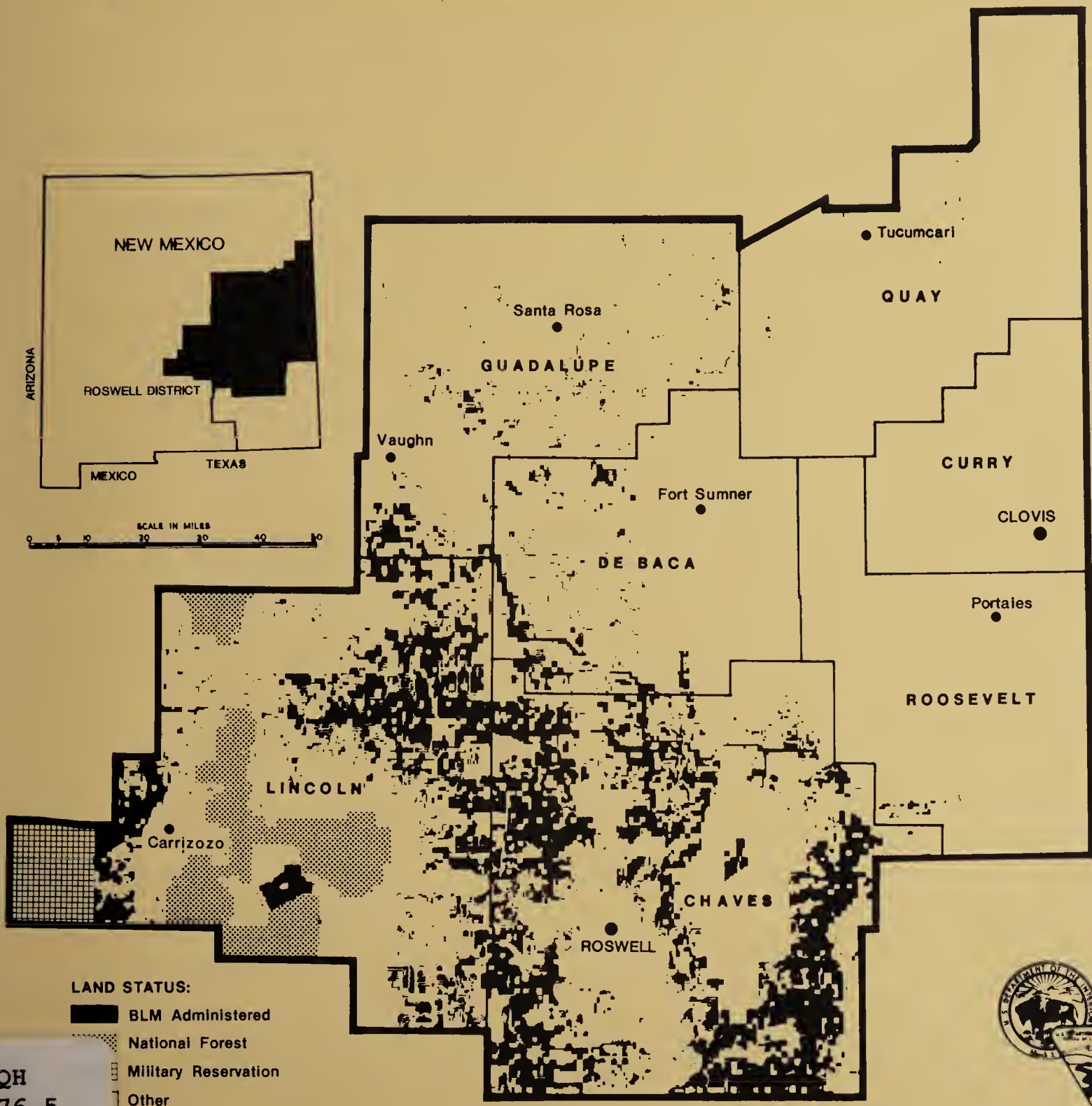


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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
ROSWELL DISTRICT, NEW MEXICO

ROSWELL RESOURCE AREA ISSUE IDENTIFICATION



- LAND STATUS:**
- BLM Administered
 - National Forest
 - Military Reservation
 - Other



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WHAT IS THIS?

THIS IS AN INQUIRY ABOUT THE IDENTIFICATION OF PLANNING ISSUES IN THE ROSWELL RESOURCE AREA. IT IS BEING DISTRIBUTED TO YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE AND HELP IN DETERMINING THE SCOPE OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR PUBLIC LANDS AND MINERALS

WHAT'S IN THIS INQUIRY?

- A PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDE
- RESOURCE PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS
- THE INFORMATION SECTION
- THE RESPONSE FORM
- A RETURN ENVELOPE

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDE

FOR YOUR COMMENT TO HAVE THE MOST IMPACT ON THE PLANNING PROCESS, YOU NEED TO.....

.....STICK TO THE ISSUES -- TELL US IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM NOW OR IN THE FUTURE. DO YOU SEE ANY PROBLEMS? ANY CONFLICTS THAT NEED TO BE RESOLVED? WHAT DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE DIFFERENT? WHAT SHOULD BE CONTINUED INTO THE FUTURE.

.....READ THE RESOURCE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND MAKE ANY COMMENT YOU FEEL APPROPRIATE.

.....FILL OUT THE RESPONSE FORM LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THIS INQUIRY AND RETURN THE COMMENT TO US IN THE POSTAGE PAID ENVELOPE BY AUGUST 23, 1981.

.....CHECK OVER THE INFORMATION SECTION TO SEE IF THE EXPLANATIONS WILL BE OF HELP TO YOU IN MAKING COMMENTS.

RESOURCE PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

THESE RESOURCE PROGRAMS ARE DESCRIBED

CULTURAL

LANDS

MINERALS

RANGE

RECREATION

WATERSHED

WILDLIFE

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

YOU MAY COMMENT ON ANY OR ALL OF THESE AREAS.
YOU MAY ALSO COMMENT ON ANY COMBINATION OF
RESOURCE SUBJECTS OR YOU MAY COMMENT ON OTHER
TOPICS NOT LISTED.

USE THE RESPONSE FORM, PLEASE, MAIL
IT BACK ON TIME! AUGUST 23, 1981

RESOURCE PROGRAM: CULTURAL RESOURCES

1

BLM WORK
ACTIVITIES

THE CULTURAL RESOURCE PROGRAM CONCERNS ITSELF WITH THE ARCHEOLOGY OF THE PLANNING AREA. GENERAL FIELD SURVEYS AND SITE INVENTORIES ARE PERFORMED AS A PART OF THE PROGRAM. THIS ACTIVITY PROVIDES A GREATER KNOWLEDGE OF CULTURAL RESOURCES, THEIR LOCATION, CHARACTER, AND EXTENT. IT IS THE POLICY OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TO MANAGE AND PROTECT THESE RESOURCES. APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY IS EVIDENCED BY THE NOMINATION OF SPECIFIC SITES TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES AND THE OPERATION OF AN ARCHEOLOGICAL CLEARANCE PROCEDURE ON ALL SURFACE DISTURBING ACTIVITIES.

ARCHEOLOGICAL
CLEARANCE

HISTORIC
PLACE

ROSWELL RESOURCE AREA FEATURES

NUMEROUS HISTORIC AND PREHISTORIC SITES HAVE BEEN RECORDED ON PUBLIC LANDS IN THE ROSWELL RESOURCE AREA, HUMAN OCCUPATION OF THE AREA EXTENDS BACK APPROXIMATELY 12,000 YEARS. FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE AREA, THE PEOPLE SEEM TO HAVE REMAINED DEPENDENT ON THE HUNTING OF WILD GAME AND GATHERING OF WILD FOODSTUFFS. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF PERMANENT SETTLEMENT BASED ON AGRICULTURE.

INDIAN CULTURE

CONCERNS EXPRESSED

- ILLEGAL HUNTING OF EARLY SETTLEMENT ARTIFACTS
- LITTLE OR NO LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PROTECT RESOURCES
- COMPREHENSIVE CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY NEEDED

ARTIFACTS

MAKE YOUR COMMENT ON THE RESPONSE FORM. USE RESOURCE NUMBER 1 IDENTIFY - ISSUES

- PROBLEMS
- TRENDS
- CONFLICTS
- IMPROVEMENTS

RESOURCE PROGRAM: LANDS

2

BLM WORK
ACTIVITIES

THE LANDS RESOURCE PROGRAM IS CONCERNED WITH USES OF THE LANDS INITIATED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT OR BY USER GROUPS AND INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS.

BUREAU INITIATED ACTIONS RESULT FROM TECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS AND ANALYSIS THAT RESULT IN USE AUTHORIZATIONS, LAND CLASSIFICATION, WITHDRAWALS, LAND USE PLANNING, LAND EXCHANGES AND SALES, TRESPASS INVESTIGATIONS, AND USE ABATEMENT.

LAND EXCHANGE
AND SALES

USERS FROM BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY APPLY FOR LAND USE THAT MAY RESULT IN WITHDRAWAL ORDERS, TITLE TRANSFERS, LEASES, USE PERMITS, EASEMENTS, OR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.

WITHDRAWALS

ROSWELL RESOURCE AREA FEATURES

THE TOTAL AREA OF THE PLANNING UNIT IS 14,014,720 ACRES. OF THIS TOTAL, 1,486,942 ACRES ARE PUBLIC LANDS. THE PATTERN OF PUBLIC LAND OWNERSHIP SHOWS EXTENSIVE HOLDINGS IN CHAVES AND LINCOLN COUNTIES AND SCATTERED HOLDINGS IN GUADALUPE AND DEBACA COUNTIES.

RIGHT-OF-WAYS

THE DOMINATE LAND USE ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA ARE OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION, FARMING AND LIVESTOCK GRAZING. MOST DEMAND FOR PUBLIC LAND NEAR URBAN PLACES HAS BEEN FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES SUCH AS SANITARY LANDFILLS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE DEMAND FOR COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC LAND.

TEMPORARY
USE PERMITS

ACQUISITION

CONCERNS EXPRESSED

- LACK OF ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS
- DISPOSAL OF SCATTERED PUBLIC TRACTS
- LAND USE SURROUNDING FT. STANTON
- UTILITY AND ENERGY RIGHT-OF-WAY CORRIDORS
- MX MISSILE SYSTEM

MAKE YOUR COMMENT ON THE RESPONSE FORM. USE RESOURCE

NUMBER 2

- IDENTIFY - ISSUES - PROBLEMS
- TRENDS - CONFLICTS
- IMPROVEMENTS

RESOURCE PROGRAM: MINERALS

3

BLM WORK
ACTIVITIES

THE MINERALS PROGRAM CONSISTS OF THE DISPOSAL OF VALUABLE MINERALS BY LEASE, CONTRACT SALE, OR PERMIT; THE COORDINATION OF EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER RESOURCE PROGRAMS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS; THE INSPECTION OF PLANNED, ON-GOING AND RECENTLY ABANDONED MINERAL PRODUCTION AREAS AND THE CONTINUING INVENTORY OF MINERAL DEPOSITS.

OIL AND GAS
LEASING

MINERALS ON THE PUBLIC LANDS ARE MANAGED OR DISPOSED OF BY LEASE, SALE, OR MINING CLAIM. THE BUREAU AND THE PUBLIC DEAL WITH MINERAL RESOURCES THROUGH FEDERAL LAWS THAT INCLUDE THE MINERALS LEASING ACT OF 1920, THE ACQUIRED LANDS ACT OF 1947, THE MINERAL ACT OF 1947, THE COMMON VARIETIES ACT OF 1955, AND THE MINING LAW OF 1872.

DRILLING
PERMITS

ROSWELL RESOURCE AREA FEATURES

THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND GAS IS COMMON THROUGHOUT THE ROSWELL RESOURCE AREA. THE PERMIAN BASIN OF SOUTH-EASTERN NEW MEXICO PRODUCES 92 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S PETROLEUM AND 51 PERCENT OF ITS NATURAL GAS. APPROXIMATELY 30 PERCENT OF THIS PRODUCTION WAS FROM FEDERAL LEASES COVERING SOME 1.5 MILLION ACRES.

MINING
CLAIMS

SAND, GRAVEL, CALICHE, AND OTHER MINERAL MATERIALS ARE QUITE COMMON IN THE ROSWELL AREA. MANY MATERIAL SALES AND FREE USE PERMITS ARE PROCESSED EACH YEAR, AND THE VOLUME OF USE IS INCREASING.

MATERIAL
SALES

RIGHT-OF-WAYS

CONCERNS EXPRESSED

- LACK OF LEGAL ACCESS TO UNDEVELOPED AREAS
- ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE RESULTING FROM DEVELOPMENT
- ECONOMIC IMPACTS DUE TO "BUST OR BOOM" ECONOMY
- CONFLICTS WITH WILDLIFE AND RANCHING INTERESTS

ROAD ACCESS

MAKE YOUR COMMENT ON THE RESPONSE FORM. USE RESOURCE

NUMBER

3

IDENTIFY -ISSUES

- PROBLEMS

-TRENDS

- CONFLICTS

-IMPROVEMENTS

RESOURCE PROGRAM: RANGE

4

BLM WORK
ACTIVITIES

THE RANGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM INCLUDES INVENTORY, EVALUATION, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE VEGETATIVE RESOURCE ON PUBLIC LANDS, AS USED BY DOMESTIC LIVESTOCK AND OTHER GRAZING ANIMALS. THE RANGE PROGRAM INCLUDES THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK GRAZING ACTIVITY.

THE PROGRAM IS CONCERNED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF GRAZING USE SYSTEMS, AUTHORIZED STOCKING RATES, ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT PLANS AND RANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. THROUGH THE USE OF GRAZING SYSTEMS, PROPER STOCKING AND LAND TREATMENT, IT IS THE GOAL OF THIS PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE RANGE CONDITION ON THE PUBLIC LANDS.

RANGE
IMPROVEMENT

ROSWELL RESOURCE AREA FEATURES

THERE ARE 389 GRAZING ALLOTMENTS IN THE ROSWELL RESOURCE AREA. THESE LANDS ARE CLASSIFIED AS SUITABLE FOR GRAZING BY CATTLE, SHEEP, GOATS, AND/OR HORSES, ALL ALLOTMENTS ARE CLASSIFIED AS SUITABLE FOR YEARLONG GRAZING AND ARE PRESENTLY AUTHORIZED FOR SUCH USE.

BRUSH CONTROL

GRAZING PLANS

CONCERNS EXPRESSED

- ALLOCATION OF GRAZING LEVELS
- INSUFFICIENT DATA BASE
- BENEFIT/COST ANALYSIS OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS
- BRUSH CONTROL ACREAGE INCREASE
- THREATENED AND ENDANGERED PLANTS
- RANGE IMPROVEMENT LIMITATIONS DUE TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FINDINGS
- SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS

FORAGE
PRODUCTION

MONITORING

CARRYING
CAPACITY

THREATENED
AND
ENDANGERED
PLANTS

MAKE YOUR COMMENT ON THE RESPONSE FORM. USE RESOURCE

NUMBER 4

- IDENTIFY -ISSUES
- PROBLEMS
 - TRENDS
 - CONFLICTS
 - IMPROVEMENTS

RESOURCE PROGRAM: RECREATION

5

BLM WORK
ACTIVITIES

THE BUREAU RECREATION PROGRAM IS ORGANIZED AS SEVEN DISTINCT ELEMENTS THAT INVOLVE THE MANAGEMENT OF VISITORS AND RESOURCE VALUES INCLUDING; CULTURAL, SCENIC, NATURAL HISTORY, WILDERNESS, OFF-ROAD VEHICLES, AND RIVER OR TRAIL USES. THIS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM INCLUDES THE INVENTORY, PLANNING, PRESERVATION, USE, AND INTERPRETATION OF RESOURCE VALUES. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES MAY BE DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED WHERE THEY FULFILL MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES, ARE COST EFFECTIVE, AND ENABLE VISITORS TO ENJOY PUBLIC LAND RESOURCES.

WILDERNESS

CAVE
PROGRAM

ROSWELL RESOURCE AREA FEATURES

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WHICH OCCUR IN THE ROSWELL RESOURCE AREA INCLUDE HUNTING, CAVE EXPLORATION, OFF-ROAD VEHICLE USE, FISHING, WILDLIFE OBSERVATION, ROCK HOUNDING, AND SIGHTSEEING.

ORV AREAS

CONCERNS EXPRESSED

- MORE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES CLOSE TO HOME
- MORE ACTIVE CAVE MANAGEMENT IS NEEDED
- OFF-ROAD VEHICLE DESIGNATIONS
- ACCESS TO AND IDENTIFICATION OF PUBLIC LANDS FOR RECREATION
- SPECIAL AREAS: MALPAIS LAVA FLOW, THE CAPROCK, PECOS RIVER ACCESS, FT. STANTON
- WILDERNESS STUDY PROGRAM LIMITATIONS

HUNTING

FISHING

MAKE YOUR COMMENT ON THE RESPONSE FORM. USE RESOURCE

NUMBER 5

IDENTIFY -ISSUES

-PROBLEMS

-TRENDS

-CONFLICTS

-IMPROVEMENTS

RESOURCE PROGRAM: WATERSHED

6

BLM WORK
ACTIVITIES

THE WATERSHED PROGRAM IS CONCERNED WITH THE STABILIZATION AND ENCHANCEMENT OF THE SOIL BY MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING VEGETATIVE GROUND COVER, REDUCTION OF FLOOD AND SEDIMENT DAMAGES, AND IMPROVING WATER QUALITY BY REDUCING SOIL EROSION.

SOIL
EROSION

ROSWELL RESOURCE AREA FEATURES

MOST OF THE WATERSHEDS IN THE AREA DRAIN TO THE PECOS RIVER. THIS DRAINAGE IS FROM WESTERN CHAVES COUNTY, EASTERN LINCOLN COUNTY AND MOST AREAS OF DEBACA AND GUADALUPE COUNTY. THE WATERSHED AREA AROUND CARRIZOZO IN WESTERN LINCOLN COUNTY DRAINS TO THE TULAROSA BASIN.

AIR
QUALITY

SEDIMENT
FIELD

NUMEROUS DEPRESSIONS (PLAYAS) OCCUR IN THE AREA WITH MOST HAVING BOTTOM AREAS OF 10 ACRES OR LESS. WATER OCCURS IN THESE INTERMITTENTLY.

VEGETATIVE
LOSS

OVERALL, OF THE FOUR WATER EROSION CLASSES (SLIGHT, MODERATE, CRITICAL AND STABLE), 90 PERCENT (1,260,000 AC.) OF THE PUBLIC LANDS ARE IN THE SLIGHT CONDITION CLASS AND 10% (140,000 AC.) ARE IN THE MODERATE CLASS.

GROUNDWATER
RECHARGE

CONCERNS EXPRESSED

- THERE IS EXTENSIVE SOIL EROSION IN SOME AREAS
- MORE EROSION CONTROL AND WATER RETENTION STRUCTURES ARE NEEDED
- MORE DATA ON SOIL, AIR AND WATER IS NEEDED IN THE AREA

WATER
QUALITY

MAKE YOUR COMMENT ON THE RESPONSE FORM. USE RESOURCE

NUMBER 6

IDENTIFY -ISSUES

- PROBLEMS
- TRENDS
- CONFLICTS
- IMPROVEMENTS

THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE HABITAT OF ALL WILD ANIMALS, INCLUDING GAME, NON-GAME SPECIES, AND THREATENED AND ENDANGERED PLANTS AND ANIMALS. SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT PLANS HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD MANAGING THESE SPECIES. AT PRESENT THE LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN AND SAND DUNE SAGEBRUSH LIZARD ARE UNDER MANAGEMENT PLANS.

ANTELOPE
STUDY

WILDLIFE SPECIES OF THE ROSWELL RESOURCE AREA ARE DIVERSE DUE TO THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE AREA'S PHYSIOGRAPHY. THE SEMI-ARID PLAINS AND MOUNTAINOUS AREAS TO THE WEST WILL PRESENT A GREAT CHALLENGE TO WILDLIFE CONSERVATION.

PRAIRIE
CHICKENS

ROSWELL RESOURCE AREA FEATURES

AS THE USE OF PUBLIC LAND FOR GRAZING, ENERGY, AND RECREATION INCREASES MORE AND MORE PLANTS AND ANIMALS ARE AFFECTED. THOSE SPECIES THAT CANNOT ADAPT TO THE CHANGES EVENTUALLY BECOME LESS NUMEROUS AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR STATE AND/OR FEDERAL THREATENED OR ENDANGERED CLASSIFICATIONS.

THREATENED
AND
ENDANGERED
ANIMALS

SPECIES THAT PRESENT MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS IN THE RESOURCE AREA INCLUDE THE LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN, THE PRONGHORN ANTELOPE, AND A REMNANT HERD OF WHITETAILED DEER.

BIG GAME
MOVEMENTS

CONCERNS EXPRESSED

- A SUSTAINED VEGETATIVE ALLOCATION IS NEEDED FOR WILDLIFE
- A CONTINUED DEGRADATION OF RIPARIAN (WATER ORIENTED) HABITAT HAS OCCURRED
- BIG GAME MOVEMENT IS INHIBITED BY ELECTRIC AND NET WIRE FENCING
- LACK OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES, AND CRITICAL HABITAT

HABITAT
MANAGEMENT

WILDLIFE
WATERING

VARMENT
(ANIMAL
DAMAGE)
CONTROL

MAKE YOUR COMMENT ON THE RESPONSE FORM. USE RESOURCE

- NUMBER 7 IDENTIFY -ISSUES -PROBLEMS
- TRENDS -CONFLICTS
- IMPROVEMENTS

RESOURCE PROGRAM: SUPPORT

8

BLM WORK
ACTIVITIES

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES INCLUDE IDENTIFYING AND MAPPING ROADS, FIRE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION, ELIMINATION OF KNOWN HAZARDS ON PUBLIC LANDS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR PUBLIC LANDS.

FIRE
CONTROL

ROSWELL RESOURCE AREA FEATURES

THE RESOURCE AREA COVERS SEVEN COUNTIES AND POSES MANY PROBLEMS FOR COMPLIANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE HAZARD IS ALWAYS PRESENT AND LAND IMPROVEMENTS MUST BE ALLOCATED WITH CARE.

UNAUTHOR-
IZED USE

CONCERNS EXPRESSED

- CONTROL OF UNAUTHORIZED DUMP SITES
- LACK OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ABILITIES
- DECREASED PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS DUE TO INCREASED COSTS
- FIRE PROTECTION

EASEMENT
ACQUIZITION

HAZARD
REDUCTION

MAKE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE RESPONSE FORM. USE RESOURCE

NUMBER 8

IDENTIFY -ISSUES

-PROBLEMS

-TRENDS

-CONFLICTS

-IMPROVEMENTS

THE INFORMATION SECTION

WITH ALL THE THINGS WE HAVE TO SEE AND DO TODAY, IT'S HARD TO KEEP UP WITH EVERYTHING. THIS INFORMATION SECTION IS HERE TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S PLANNING ACTIVITIES. SINCE THE AGENCY HAS DEVELOPED A NEW PLANNING SYSTEM, YOU MAY FIND PARTS OF THIS SECTION USEFUL. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THIS INFORMATION, CONTACT THE PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST OF THE ROSWELL DISTRICT.

WHAT ARE THE KEY FEATURES OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANNING (RMP) PROCESS?

- A. THE RMP IS THE MAJOR MEANS OF COORDINATING AND MAKING DECISIONS ON THE MULTIPLE USE OF THE PUBLIC LANDS.
- B. THE RMP ALLOCATES AREAS FOR RESOURCE USES AND LEVELS OF USE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL OBJECTIVES.
- C. THE RMP WILL BE PREPARED AND MAINTAINED ON A RESOURCE AREA LEVEL.
- D. THE RMP IS A RATIONAL (FACTUAL, LOGICAL) DECISION MAKING PROCESS.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF RMP PLANNING?

THE PURPOSE OF PLANNING IS TO IMPROVE MULTIPLE-USE DECISIONMAKING.

WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO DO WITH THE RMP PROCESS?

MAKE PLANNING MORE USEFUL TO MANAGERS AND THE PUBLIC;

STREAMLINE PLANNING BY REDUCING PAPERWORK AND DELAYS;

MAKE PLANNING MORE EFFICIENT BY FOCUSING ON REAL ISSUES AND ALTERNATIVES, AND REDUCING UNNECESSARY BACKGROUND DATA;

MAKE PLANNING MORE RESPONSIVE THROUGH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION.

HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO THAT?

WE ARE GOING TO FOCUS PLANNING ON ISSUES INSTEAD OF PROGRAM AREAS, AND DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR ANALYSIS THAT MAINTAIN THIS FOCUS.

WE ARE GOING TO EMPHASIZE THE ROLE OF PRE-PLANNING ANALYSIS IN ORGANIZING AN EFFICIENT PLANNING PROCESS FOR EACH RMP EFFORT.

WE ARE GOING TO STRESS COORDINATION AND SHARING OF INFORMATION WITH THE STATE AND OTHER AGENCIES, AND INSIST THAT INVENTORY FILES BE MAINTAINED IN EACH DISTRICT AND RESOURCE AREA.

WE ARE GOING TO BUILD INTERDISCIPLINARY THINKING INTO THE PROCESS, AND CLARIFY HOW STAFF SPECIALISTS WILL CONTRIBUTE.

WE ARE GOING TO DEVELOP BETTER WAYS OF INVOLVING THE PUBLIC AND COORDINATING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS.

DESCRIPTION OF THE RMP PROCESS "ACTIONS"

A. IDENTIFICATION OF ISSUES

THIS HAPPENS AT THE ONSET OF THE PLANNING PROCESS AND IS REPEATED AS NECESSARY DURING THE PROCESS. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO KEEP THE PLANNING PROCESS FOCUSED ON KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE PUBLIC, OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, INDIAN TRIBES AND BLM MANAGERS.

B. DEVELOPMENT OF PLANNING CRITERIA

BASED ON THE ISSUES, PLANNING CRITERIA ARE DEVELOPED AND UPDATED AS NECESSARY DURING THE PLANNING PROCESS. THE PLANNING CRITERIA GUIDES DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN BY SETTING STANDARDS FOR DATA COLLECTION, ESTABLISHING ALTERNATIVES TO BE EXAMINED, SETTING CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING ALTERNATIVES, AND SETTING PLANNING CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE. THE PLANNING CRITERIA ARE GUIDED BY AND RESPONSIVE TO ALL RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND POLICY.

C. INVENTORY DATA AND INFORMATION COLLECTION

THIS INCLUDES THE ASSEMBLING OF RESOURCE, ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC OR INSTITUTIONAL DATA NEEDED TO PREPARE THE PLAN, INCLUDING ORIGINAL COLLECTION AS NEEDED.

D. MANAGEMENT SITUATION ANALYSIS

THIS IS PRIMARILY A CAPABILITY ANALYSIS. IT IS TO EXAMINE THE CAPABILITY OF THE PUBLIC LANDS TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED EARLIER IN THE PROCESS. IT INCLUDES A DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT IN THE RESOURCE AREA (RESOURCE AREA PROFILE), A DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, AND IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO RESPOND TO PLANNING ISSUES. THE MANAGEMENT SITUATIONS ANALYSIS (MSA) CONSTITUTES THE BASIC REFERENCE DOCUMENT ON WHICH ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS AND ANALYSES ARE BASED.

E. FORMULATION OF ALTERNATIVES

SEVERAL COMPLETE, REASONABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES ARE TO BE PREPARED. ONE WILL BE FOR NO ACTION, WHICH MEANS CONTINUATION OF PRESENT LEVELS OR SYSTEMS OF RESOURCE USE. OTHER ALTERNATIVES PROVIDE A RANGE OF CHOICES FROM THOSE FAVORING RESOURCE PROTECTION TO THOSE FAVORING RESOURCE PRODUCTION. THE SPAN OF ALTERNATIVES WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO THE ISSUES RAISED. THEY WILL BE LIMITED TO A MANAGEABLE NUMBER FOR PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS BY TREATING ALL REASONABLE VARIATIONS AS SUBALTERNATIVES.

F. ESTIMATION OF EFFECTS OF ALTERNATIVES

THIS INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE AND DISPLAY OF THE PHYSICAL, BIOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EFFECTS OF IMPLEMENTING EACH ALTERNATIVE, CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REGULATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT.

G. SELECTION OF PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

THIS INCLUDES EVALUATION OF THE ALTERNATIVES AND THEIR EFFECTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLANNING CRITERIA AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE. AT THIS POINT AN INTEGRATED DRAFT PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL BE PUBLISHED FOR A 90-DAY COMMENT PERIOD.

H. SELECTION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

AFTER EVALUATING COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT, A FINAL PLAN IS PREPARED, WHICH CAN DRAW ON ANY COMBINATION OF PARTS WHICH WERE SHOWN IN THE PROPOSED PLAN AND ALTERNATIVES. THIS IS INCORPORATED INTO THE INTEGRATED FINAL PLAN - EIS.

I. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

WHILE MONITORING AND EVALUATION OCCUR AFTER THE PLAN IS APPROVED, THEY ARE CONSIDERED TO BE PART OF THE PLANNING PROCESS. THE APPROVED PLAN WILL PRESCRIBE STANDARDS AND INTERVALS FOR MONITORING. THE INTERVALS CANNOT EXCEED 5 YEARS. THE STANDARDS AND INTERVALS ARE TO BE BASED ON THE SENSITIVITY OF THE RESOURCE TO THE DECISION INVOLVED.

MONITORING WILL DETERMINE, FOR EXAMPLE WHETHER ANY ESTABLISHED THRESHOLD LEVELS HAVE BEEN MET OR EXCEEDED, WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN RELATED PLANS OF OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES, STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR INDIAN TRIBES, OR WHETHER THERE IS NEW DATA OF SIGNIFICANCE TO THE PLAN.

New Mexico - MFP/EIS and Resource Management Planning (RMP) Completion Schedule

| MFP/ES or RMP | FY '81 | FY '82 | FY '83 | FY '84 | FY '85 | FY '86 | FY '87 | FY '88 | FY '89 | FY '90 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Chaco-San Juan | PAA/MFP | Act Plan | Sale | | | | | | | |
| Southern Rio Grande | MFP/ES | MFP 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Divide (West Socorro) | MFP | ES | MFP 3 | | | | | | | |
| Las Cruces/Lordsburg <u>1/</u> | | RMP* | | | | | | | | |
| Roswell <u>1/</u> | Pre-Plan** | | RMP* | | | | | | | |
| Taos <u>1/</u> | Pre-Plan** | | RMP* | | | | | | | |
| Rio Puerco <u>1/</u> | Pre-Planning Stage** | | | RMP* | | | | | | |
| White Sands <u>1/</u> | Pre-Planning Stage** | | | RMP* | | | | | | |
| Carlsbad <u>1/</u> | Pre-Planning Stage** | | | | RMP* | | | | | |
| Jornado <u>1/</u> | Pre-Planning Stage** | | | | RMP* | | | | | |
| Farmington <u>1/</u> | | Pre-Planning Stage** | | | | RMP* | | | | |
| San Augustine | | | Pre-Planning Stage** | | | | RMP* | | | |
| Oklahoma | | | | Pre-Planning Stage** | | | | RMP* | | |

1/ RMP's scheduled to meet grazing ES schedule of completion by FY '88.

RMP* - Includes Inventory, Planning and Environmental Statement.

Pre-Planning Stage** - The last year of pre-planning includes Issue Identification and Development of Planning Criteria.

HOW TO USE THE RESPONSE FORM

USE THE ATTACHED RESPONSE FORM TO MAKE ANY COMMENT YOU WISH. ADD ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NEEDED. PLEASE IDENTIFY THE RESOURCE YOUR COMMENT REFERS TO SO WE CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR RESPONSE BETTER. USE THE RESOURCE REFERENCE NUMBER AND NAME. THE RESOURCE SUBJECT.

EXAMPLE: RESOURCE REFERENCE NUMBER 1
RESOURCE PROGRAM NAME Cultural Resources

IF YOU HAVE ANY GENERAL COMMENTS THAT CONCERN SEVERAL OR ALL AGENCY PROGRAMS, USE THE "GENERAL COMMENT" SECTION AT THE END OF THE RESPONSE FORM.

TO HELP US TABULATE YOUR RESPONSE, PLEASE ANSWER AS MANY OF THE QUESTIONS IN THE BOX ON THE NEXT PAGE AS YOU WISH. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO GIVE YOUR NAME OR ADDRESS, HOWEVER, YOUR COMMENT WILL BE TABULATED AS AN ANONYMOUS RETURN IF NOT IDENTIFIED.

RESPONSE FORM

- 1) NAME (OPTIONAL) _____
- 2) ADDRESS (OPTIONAL) _____
- 3) DO YOU WISH TO BE ON OUR MAILING LIST FOR THIS ROSWELL RMP? YES
 NO
- 4) DO YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A SUMMARY REPORT OF THIS INQUIRY? YES
 NO
- 5) PLEASE CHECK THE MOST APPROPRIATE
- THESE ARE MY PERSONAL OPINIONS
- THESE ARE THE OPINIONS OF MY FAMILY
- THIS REPRESENTS AN INFORMAL GROUP (DESCRIBE GROUP) _____
- THIS REPRESENTS A FORMAL GROUP (NAME GROUP) _____
- THIS REPRESENTS A PROFIT MAKING ORGANIZATION (NAME COMPANY) _____
- THIS REPRESENTS A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT (NAME UNIT OR AGENCY) _____
- 6) IF YOUR RESPONSE IS FOR A GROUP OR ORGANIZATION, PLEASE INDICATE SIZE OF THE GROUP BY FILLING IN THE APPROPRIATE BLANK.
- NUMBER OF MEMBERS _____
- NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES _____
- POPULATION OF JURISDICTION _____
- 7) IF NO ADDRESS IS SHOWN, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF ORIGIN.
- ONE OR TWO COUNTIES IN SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO-ROSWELL AREA
- ALL OF SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO
- NEW MEXICO
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- THE NATION

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