

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District is proposing to re-issue term grazing permits in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 504 of the 1995 Rescissions Act on five allotments (Bull Creek, Cow Creek, Macho, Solider Creek, and Valle Osha allotments). In doing so, the Forest Service would authorize grazing and develop Allotment Management Plans (AMPs) for these allotments. The AMPs would incorporate grazing strategies and allow construction of range facilities to refine the existing grazing management system. The enclosed document details our proposal, the alternatives, and summarizes the effects of each alternative.

The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in the Albuquerque Journal. Only those who submit timely and substantive comments will be accepted as appellants (36 CFR 215.13(a)). To have appeal eligibility, each individual or representative from each organization submitting substantive comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Copies of this document can be obtained from the website [www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe/projects/projects/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe/projects/projects/) or from either the Pecos Ranger Station (18 State Route 63, Pecos) or the Las Vegas Ranger Station (1926 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Las Vegas).

For additional information on the technical aspects of the proposal, contact Michael Lujan at 505-425-3535. Written comments should be submitted to the Responsible Official: Joseph Reddan, District Ranger, Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District, PO Drawer 429, Pecos, NM 87552; 505-757-6121 (phone); 505-757-2737 (fax); or e-mailed to: [comments-southwestern-santafe-pecos-lasvegas@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southwestern-santafe-pecos-lasvegas@fs.fed.us) (.doc, .rtf, or .txt). Hand-delivered comments may be delivered to either Ranger Station (addresses above) between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. If you would like to make your comments verbally, please call (505) 757-6121 to arrange an appointment.

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses, will become part of the public record and available for public release.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH G. REDDAN  
District Ranger  
Enclosure