



# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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November 6, 2008

Dear Reader:

The environmental assessment of the criteria and impacts of granting exceptions to the seasonal closure periods in designated wildlife areas has been completed along with a 15 day public review. Comments received during the review period were considered in arriving at the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). These comments and BLM's response are listed in the Decision Record (DR). The BLM appreciates the time spent by the various entities that provided comments.

Preparation of the environmental assessment was preceded by the distribution of a scoping letter on July 14, 2008. The scoping letter was mailed to key interest groups and made available on the BLM's web site. A deadline of August 20, 2008 was established for receipt of comments; a total of 287 responses were received by the BLM. The public's comments were instrumental in helping to shape the Proposed Action of the environmental assessment.

Under BLM regulations, this Decision Record (DR) is subject to administrative review in accordance with 43 CFR 3165. Any request for administrative review of this DR must include information required under 43 CFR 3165.3(b) (State Director Review), including all supporting documentation.

Such a request must be filed in writing with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505, no later than 20 business days after this DR is received or considered to have been received.

Any party who is adversely affected by the State Director's decision may appeal that decision to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, as provided in 43 CFR 3165.4.

Questions concerning any of the above should be directed to John Hansen at 505-599-6325.

Sincerely,

Steve Henke  
Field Manager