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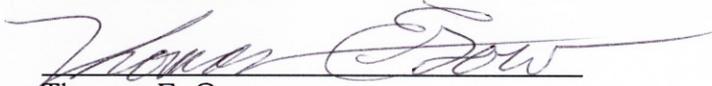
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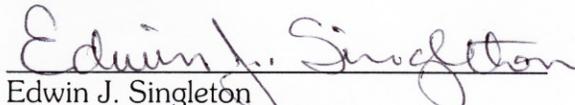
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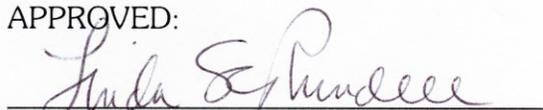
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## **Executive Summary**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Rio Puerco Field Office in Albuquerque, New Mexico is preparing a revision to the 1986 Rio Puerco Resource Management Plan (RMP), as amended, and an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). We understand that a resource management plan for public lands is more effectively implemented if the management decisions made by BLM-Rio Puerco reflect the values and interests of the public. BLM's interdisciplinary team identified preliminary issues. Issue identification was based on informal discussions with the public—and other agencies as well as the Rio Puerco RMP 20-year Evaluation Report.

The formal scoping process began with the publication of a Notice of intent on February 29th, 2008. This notice indicated the Rio Puerco Field Office's intent to prepare an RMP revision and associated EIS and to hold public scoping meetings in conjunction with that process. Nine formal scoping meetings were held to share information about the revision, preliminary issues, and the planning process during the scoping period. The BLM asked the public for validation and refinement of the preliminary issues and for identification of other management issues that should be addressed. At their request, informal meetings with a number of individuals, groups, and agencies have been held since the public meetings. The initial "formal scoping" period closed on May 31, 2008 and this report will address comments from this initial scoping period. However, the BLM will accept comments through September 30, 2008. Scoping comments received between the deadline of May 31, 2008 and September 30, 2008, will be analyzed and a report prepared to supplement this scoping report. The comments will become a part of the administrative record, and will be considered in the planning process. The BLM will accept comments and information on resource management issues throughout the planning process.

This Scoping Report is intended to provide a summary of the comments received, to refine the preliminary issues, and to identify new issues. The report will provide direction to the planning team in order to clearly identify issues and to aid in the development of alternatives as well as the subsequent environmental impact analysis.