

Agenda

**Bureau of Land Management
Southern New Mexico Resource Advisory Council
Hybrid Meeting
January 23-24, 2025
BLM Socorro Field Office
901 South Highway 85
Socorro, N.M. 87801**

Thursday, Jan. 23:

- 8 a.m.** **Call to Order, welcome and introductions**
Wendy Brown, Southern New Mexico RAC Coordinator
- 8:15 a.m.** **Field trip: The Box Recreation Area**
This 640-acre area is popular for technical rock climbing and bouldering. The five cliffs on either side of the box canyon provide popular rock climbing for even highly skilled technical climbers. Challenging climbing opportunities include the Waterfall Wall, Corner Block and the Fillet a Papillon Wall.
Albuquerque District Manager Sabrina Flores
- 12:00 p.m.** **Lunch break at local restaurants in Magdalena or Datil, N.M., or bring your own**
- 1:30 p.m.** **Field trip: Datil Well Recreation Campground**
The campground includes one of 15 water wells along the old Magdalena Livestock Driveway. The old cattle trail was established in the 1800s and stretched 120 miles from Springerville, Arizona, to Magdalena, New Mexico. The area includes 3 miles of hiking trails in pinyon-juniper and ponderosa pine woodlands and scenic views of the San Augustin Plains.
Albuquerque District Manager Sabrina Flores
- 4:00 p.m.** **Adjourn**

Friday, Jan. 24:

- 8 a.m.** **Call to Order, welcome and introductions**
Wendy Brown, Southern New Mexico RAC Coordinator
- 8:15 a.m.** **RAC Chairperson Opening Remarks**
John Cornell, Southern New Mexico RAC Chairperson

8:30 a.m. Albuquerque District Updates

Overview of programs and major actions, including:

- *Alamocita Riparian Restoration BIL Project Michael Mora, Assistant Field Manager for Renewable Resources,*
- *Datil Well Recreation Area Campground proposed fee increase presentation, Denny Apachito, Outdoor Recreation Planner*

Albuquerque District Manager Sabrina Flores

9:30 a.m. Las Cruces District Updates

Overview of programs and major actions overviews, including:

- *Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks State Land Exchange,*
- *Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument Resource Management Plan,*
- *Tri-County Resource Management Plan,*
- *Afton Solar Energy Zone Auction,*
- *Southline Transmission Project,*
- *Achenbach Land Acquisition,*
- *General recreation updates.*

Las Cruces District Manager Scott Cooke

10:30 a.m. Pecos District Updates

Overview of programs and major actions, including:

- *Pecos River Oxbow Acquisition near Roswell, Chuck Schmidt, Roswell Field Manager,*
- *Status of idle oil and gas wells, Chuck Schmidt*
- *Proposed fee increases for Rob Jagers Campground and Valley of Fires Recreation Area, Warren Kasper, Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area Manager;*
- *Proposed fee increases for Haystack Mountain and Mescalero Sands OHV areas, Warren Kasper, Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area Manager;*
- *Carlsbad Field Office Resource Management Plan Update, Ty Allen, Assistant Field Manager for Resources;*
- *Advantages and challenges due to no recreation fees in the Carlsbad area by Ashley Shreves, Outdoor Recreation Planner.*

Pecos District Manager Jim Stovall

12:00 p.m. Lunch break at local restaurants or bring your own

1:30 p.m. Oil and gas industry presentation providing an overview of activity in the Carlsbad area.

Andrea Felix, Senior Regulatory Policy Advisor, New Mexico Oil and Gas Association; Bradley Bishop, Regulatory Manager, Mewbourne Oil; and Tim Baker, Permian Regulatory Manager, ConocoPhillips

- 2:30 p.m.** **Discussion of land access issues in Southern New Mexico, including Cowboy Spring south of Lordsburg.**
John Cornell, Southern New Mexico RAC Chairperson
- 3:00 p.m.** **Discussion of RAC subcommittees**
Allison Sandoval, BLM New Mexico State Office Public Affairs Specialist
- 3:15 p.m.** **Public Comment Period**
- 3:45 p.m.** **Votes on proposed recreation and campground fee increases**
- *Datil Well Campground, Socorro Field Office; Denny Apachito*
 - *Rob Jagers Campground, Roswell Field Office; Warren Kasper*
 - *Valley of Fires Recreation Area, Roswell Field Office; Warren Kasper*
- 4:00 p.m.** **Adjourn**