

SOUTHWEST RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Bureau of Land Management
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Dear SWRAC Oil and Gas Sub-group members,

Thank you for your participation in the latest round of oil and gas sub-group meetings on Wednesday, March 16. Ernie Williams, Eric Sanford, Jimbo Buickerood, James Dietrich, and I met the following Friday and decided we need to formally close the public comment period. We've asked the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to issue a press release and send a corresponding email to interested parties letting them know comments regarding the need for a Master Leasing Plan (MLP) within the Tres Rios Field Office area of interest will close Friday, April 8.

We are also requesting each of you to give us a report, on behalf of the group you represent, with suggestions and recommendations for the Southwest Resource Advisory Council's consideration. First of all, do you think that the BLM needs to go through an MLP process? Why or why not?

If you think the BLM needs to go through an MLP process, please use the maps from the last meeting to identify specific concerns regarding the numbered parcels. Are there additional stipulations beyond what is in the Tres Rios Field Office Resource Management Plan that need to be considered? Are there No Surface Occupancy (NSO), Controlled Surface Use (CSU), or Timing Limitation (TL) stipulations that need to be added? Again, your comments are most helpful if it is specific, tied to a particular parcel or piece of land, and identify the key issue(s) related to that parcel. Keep in mind a BLM MLP can only affect activities on public lands – surface or mineral estate. Please submit this information to Shannon Borders, BLM Public Affairs Specialist, at sborders@blm.gov by Friday, April 8.

The five of us mentioned above will review your submissions along with the public comments to present the findings at the June 10, 2016, Southwest Resource Advisory Council meeting. You are welcome to attend this meeting. It is at the Mancos Community Center (10 the 130 E. Grand Ave.). The meeting begins at 9 a.m. and the public comment period is at 11:30 a.m.

I want to personally thank you for taking the time to volunteer to work on the Southwest Resource Advisory Council's Oil and Gas Sub-group. I know the Resource Advisory Council and the BLM appreciate your expertise and insight and value the information you have provided throughout this process. If you have questions, please contact me at 970-865-2886 or john@reams-construction.com or Connie Clementson, Tres Rios Field Manager, at 970-882-6808 or cclementson@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Reams".

John Reams, Chairman

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