



# United States Department of the Interior

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In Reply Refer To:  
EA # NM-F010-2010-265

June 30, 2010

Re: Excavation of three sites within the boundaries Bisti/De-Na-Zin Wilderness

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is providing you with an unsigned copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Museum of Pennsylvania Paleontological Excavations.

The Museum of Pennsylvania has indicated their intent to excavate the following sites within the BLM Farmington Field Office (FFO), San Juan County, New Mexico. The proposed excavation project would be located within the following Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs):

*Alamosaurus sanjuanensis* (1)

Collection Permit: East flank of Willow Wash, De-Na-Zin Wilderness  
Sec. 1, T24N, R12W

*Glyptodontopelta* Collection Permit: Head of east for of Hunter Wash, De-Na-Zin  
Wilderness Sec. 3, T24N, R12W

*Alamosaurus sanjuanensis* (2)

Collection Permit: South Mesa, De-Na-Zin Wilderness  
Sec. 16, T24N, R11W

The project area is located within portions of sections 1, 3, and 16 of Township 24 North, Range 11 and 12 West, New Mexico Principle Meridian (NMPM).

The enclosed document serves as notice of the environmental analysis process to fulfill the requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act. A 20 calendar-day public comment period will begin on **June 30, 2010** and end **July 12, 2010**. If you are interested in participating in the process and have concerns, issues or alternatives you would like to see addressed, we request you respond by supplying your written or e-mail comments to:

Address: Alicia Massey, Permit Processing Technician  
Application for Permit for Excavation – Museum of Pennsylvania  
Paleontological Excavations  
Bureau of Land Management  
Farmington Field Office  
1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A  
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E-mail: [alicia\\_massey@blm.gov](mailto:alicia_massey@blm.gov)  
(Please add "Excavation-" Museum of Pennsylvania Paleontological  
Excavations in the subject line)

The EA will be available on the Farmington BLM homepage at [http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/fo/Farmington\\_Field\\_Office.html](http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/fo/Farmington_Field_Office.html). Your comments are important and will be considered in the final environmental analysis process. Please note that public comments submitted for this review, including names, e-mail addresses, and street addresses of the respondents will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name, E-mail address, or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this plainly at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Alicia Massey at (505) 559-8975 in Farmington, New Mexico.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dale Wirth  
Branch Chief, Range/Multiple Resources

1 Enclosure