



## Land Tenure and Land Use Topics

### Objectives:

The BLM has the following objectives for land tenure and land use management as part of the Farmington Mancos-Gallup resource management plan amendment (RMPA)/environmental impact statement (EIS):

- Where appropriate, designate utility corridors across the planning area that will coincide with corridors in adjoining field offices
- Identify any areas where right-of-way development should be prohibited or restricted in order to protect other resources
- Identify any lands that are appropriate for disposal



### Background Information

The BLM lands and realty program includes several types of possible land use authorizations. Rights-of-way can be issued for roads, pipelines, transmission lines, and renewable and non-renewable energy facilities on BLM-administered lands. Additionally, land tenure adjustment actions may be undertaken by the BLM, including acquisition of non BLM-administered lands with beneficial resources, land exchanges in the interest of the public, and limited disposal (sale) of lands that are not serving a public benefit (e.g., small isolated parcels with limited or no access).

Potential future oil and gas development in the planning area is expected to result in the need for additional rights-of-way for roads, power lines, and pipelines to support new infrastructure. Rapidly changing telecommunications technology may result in expansion of telephone and fiber optic systems and wireless communication sites in the planning area to provide optimum grids and infrastructure coverage in many areas previously inaccessible to these types of technology.

### Planning Issues

- Given expected increased demand for rights-of-way to support growing oil and gas and other development, should any right-of-way corridors be designated in the planning area? If so, where should they be located?
- How should rights-of-way be managed in the planning area in order to protect other resources?
- What BLM-administered lands in the planning area are appropriate for disposal?

### Tell Us What You Think!

If you have input on these topics, please share it with us in a scoping comment.

1. Are there additional land tenure and land use topics that should be covered in the EIS?
2. Are there BLM-administered lands in the planning area that should be disposed of or non BLM-administered lands that should be acquired?
3. Can you recommend sources of information that can be used?

Please submit your comments or information via email to [BLM\\_NM\\_FFO\\_RMP@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NM_FFO_RMP@blm.gov)