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Dear Interested Party,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites you to participate in a public process to gather input regarding our draft Environmental Assessment (EA), Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record for the acquisition of private property located in Luna County, New Mexico.

The BLM proposes to acquire in fee ownership a privately-owned parcel adjacent to the Cooke's Wilderness Study Area (WSA). The property consists of 640 acres in Luna County located in sec. 24, T. 21 S., R. 9 W., NMPM, New Mexico. The property is bounded on the north, east and west by the Cooke's Range WSA and provides access to the southern portion of the WSA. The Conservation Fund (TCF) is the current owner of this property, and they acquired the property in 2012 with the objective of selling the property to the BLM.

The draft EA analyzes the potential effects from the acquisition of the private property and incorporation of the land into public domain land. The EA also analyzes the No Action alternative, which consists of the BLM not buying the property and it remaining under private ownership. The BLM has determined that preparation of this EA is necessary under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality implementing regulations in 40 CFR Parts 1500 to 1508.

We invite you to comment on the proposed project in accordance with NEPA. Your input is important to us, and we would like to hear from you. If you think there is something that we have missed or did not fully cover in our document, please let us know. We are looking for comments from the public that will give us new ideas for analysis.

Questions regarding the proposal may be directed to Kendrah Penn, Realty Specialist at (575) 525-4382 or email at [kpenn@blm.gov](mailto:kpenn@blm.gov). Please submit written comments to this office by no later than October 18, 2013.

We appreciate your participation in this proposed project.

Sincerely,

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