

**ACEC Acquisition**  
**DOI-BLM-NM-P010-2010-32-EA**

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined the proposed action is not expected to have significant impacts on the environment. Therefore, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

Rationale for Recommendations: The proposed action would not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation. No action would in all likelihood result in impacts very similar to the proposed action. The proposed action would meet the objectives of the 1997 Roswell Resource Management Plan and the 2008 Special Status Species Resource Management Plan Amendment.

S/ Charles Schmidt  
Charles W. Schmidt  
Roswell Field Manager

05/21/2010  
Date

Proposed Decision: It is my decision to approve the ACEC Acquisition project as described in the Proposed Action in the attached environmental assessment (DOI-BLM-NM-P010-2010-32-EA).

Rationale for Decision: Approval of the Proposed Action would protect habitat for the lesser prairies-chicken (*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*) and the sand dune lizard (*Sceloporus arenicolus*) by blocking up public lands for more efficient management. Both species are candidates for listing as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Efficient management would aid BLM's efforts to reduce the necessity to list either species.

The Proposed Action is in conformance with the 1997 Roswell Resource Management Plan, and the 2008 Special Status Species Resource Management Plan Amendment.

If you wish to protest this proposed decision, you are allowed 15 days from receipt of this notice within which to file a protest with the Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 2909 West 2<sup>nd</sup>, Roswell, NM 88201. This protest should specify, clearly and concisely, why you think the proposed action is in error.

In the absence of a protest within the time allowed, the above decision shall constitute my final decision. Should this notice become the final decision, you are allowed an additional 30 days within which to file an appeal for the purpose of a hearing before the Interior Board of Land Appeals, and to petition for stay of the decision pending final determination on the appeal (43 CFR 4.21 and 4.410). The decision will be put into effect following the 30-day appeal period if a notice to appeal is not filed. The appeal and petition for stay should be filed with the Field Manager at the above address. The appeal should specify, clearly and concisely, why you think the decision is in error. The petition for stay should specify how you will be harmed if the stay is not granted.