

SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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Final (X)

LEAD AGENCY: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

TYPE OF ACTION: Administrative

JURISDICTION: Chaves, Eddy, Lea and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico

ABSTRACT

This Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) addresses the proposed resource management plan amendment and the impacts of that plan for managing habitat for special status species in portions of Chaves, Eddy, Lea and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico. Land status in the planning area is a mix of public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Pecos District Office (46 percent), State Trust Land administered by the New Mexico State Land Office (17 percent) and privately-owned land (37 percent). BLM's management actions must remain consistent with the principles of multiple-use and sustained yield as directed by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

This document presents the proposed plan for managing public lands and resources within the planning area. The proposed plan amendment is a refinement of the preferred alternative (Alternative B) presented in the Draft RMPA/EIS published in October 2006. When the Special Status Species RMPA is completed, it will amend the 1988 Carlsbad Resource Management Plan and the 1997 Roswell Resource Management Plan.

Filing a Protest:

All parts of the proposed plan amendment may be protested by parties who participated in the planning process. Refer to the Dear Reader letter for instructions on filing a protest. A 30-day protest period begins when the Environmental Protection Agency publishes in the *Federal Register* its Notice of Availability of the final environmental impact statement containing the Proposed Special Status Species RMPA.

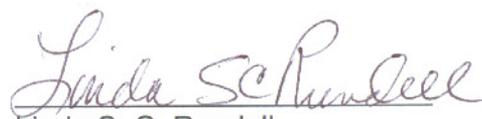
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