

LAND USE PLAN (LUP) AMENDMENT / MAINTENANCE SHEET

Plan Name: Socorro Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan

Location: Bureau of Land Management – Socorro Field Office, New Mexico

Program: Oil and Gas Leasing Notices

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES¹

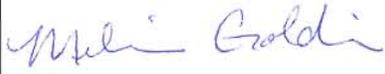
Item	Page	Paragraph	Change Description
1	22	6	<p>Existing leases in areas identified as proposed for discretionary closure will not be renewed after the term of the lease is complete. Outside of the closures, public land is open to fluid mineral leasing under standard terms and conditions established in the lease unless additional stipulations are determined necessary to protect resources. A description of standard lease terms and conditions and stipulations are in Appendix I: Minerals Management. A total of 496,000 acres will be associated with NM-5, a lease notice for lessees in the White Sands Missile Range Evacuation Area (see Appendix I). In areas of split estate, the surface owner or manager is responsible for determining strategies to protect surface resources. Fluid leasing beneath Federal land other than those administered by the BLM will be subject to land use planning determinations and/or withdrawal provisions. Federal mineral estate underlying land managed or owned by other entities will be managed by the BLM in accordance with applicable plans and in cooperation with the surface owner or manager. Additional NEPA analysis may be required to address site-specific considerations related to a proposed action.</p>
2	155	7	<p>Fluid mineral stipulations that apply to specific locations within the Planning Area include:</p> <p>Table I-1: Fluid Mineral Lease Stipulation Codes</p> <p>NM-5 White Sands Missile Range Safety Evacuation Zone</p>
3	156	1	<p>Additional information on the purpose of each stipulation and the type of conditions that would be applied to a lease are described below.</p> <p>NM-5 – White Sands Missile Range Safety Evacuation Zone</p> <p>For the purpose of: Providing notice to lessees that they may be required to periodically evacuate this area when White Sands Missile Range conducts missile firings.</p> <p>Waiver: None</p> <p>Exception: None</p> <p>Modification: None</p> <p>Justification: To ensure that the lessee is aware that White Sands Missile Range conducts testing of missiles during which times White Sands Missile Range requires that the area be evacuated. Closing the area to leasing or attaching a stipulation to this lease is deemed overly restrictive since the area is viable for fluid minerals development during other times.</p>

			<p>Stipulation: Prior to beginning exploration activities, the lessee must contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Albuquerque and the Master Planning Branch at White Sands Missile Range to be advised of terms of the safety evacuation agreement and missile firing schedules.</p> <p>Specific locations of the White Sands Missile Range Safety Evacuation Zone should be verified in the Socorro Field Office.</p>
4	229	3	White Sands Missile Range 8, 17, 22, 155, 156, 166 evacuation areas 17
5	229	14	WSMR..... See White Sands Missile Range

RATIONALE / JUSTIFICATION

- **Items 1-5** – The above sections, as well as all mention of the White Sands Evacuation Area, were requested to be removed prior to publication but were mistakenly over-looked. The removal of this material has no environmental impacts, as it merely relates to a lease notice and would not affect future development of the area.

SIGNATURES

Title	Signature	Date
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