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Dear Reader:

The BLM Farmington/Taos District Office will soon be welcoming a new district manager. As the new manager's position will include making decisions relating to the Glade Run Recreation Area Management Plan (GRRAMP), it is important to include the new manager in the ongoing planning process. To help with this changeover, the Farmington Field Office (FFO) is continuing with the development of the GRRAMP while collecting additional data so that our new manager will have the best available information upon which to make recommendations and decisions.

The development of the GRRAMP started in the fall/winter of 2009. In March of 2010, the FFO held a public meeting, inviting public participation to review and comment on several large-scale planning alternatives developed to address recreation and travel related issues within the Glade. As a result of the meeting and public comments submitted online, the FFO determined there was strong concern from the public that the alternatives were too broad and based on limited visitor use data and route inventories.

To address these concerns, the FFO will continue efforts to improve our visitor use data, route inventories and to identify route specific alternatives. To facilitate the collection of visitor use data, the FFO will be installing traffic/trail counters, doing on-site surveys to collect information on specific types of equipment used for recreation, and will continue to identify and map existing roads and trails using digitized mapping techniques coupled with on-site verification.

For all who have taken an interest and helped us in the planning process to date, we appreciate your patience. As our data collection is completed and the FFO welcomes our new manager onboard, the FFO will update its planning schedule and notify you through the GRRAMP website about the next public meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the Outdoor Recreation Planner at 505-599-8900.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dale Wirth

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