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Dear Reader:

In December of 2003 the Bureau of Land Management issued the Farmington Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FRMP). The FRMP directed that plans be developed for each recreation area within the Farmington district. An overall goal for these recreation area plans was to provide a range of recreational opportunities, while protecting resources and reducing conflicts between public land users. Subsequently, a La Plata Travel Management Plan for Recreation (TMP) was submitted and approved in May of 2005. The TMP, in conformity with the FRMP, stipulates that the BLM monitor implementations of the plan's decisions, their effectiveness, and whether they are compliant with the plan.

In keeping with the mandate noted above, the Farmington BLM has determined that one recreation area designated in the FRMP needing review is the Glade Run Recreation Area. Major issues that led to this determination include public safety concerns, trail use designation and protection, and the request for consideration of an area designated for non-motorized uses, among others. As such, the BLM has decided to solicit the public for additional input on the designation and management of the Glade Run Recreation Area (GRRRA).

To date, two meetings have been held to determine the need for additional scoping meetings. Both of these meetings were held with the intent to better understand conflicts and concerns of user groups that frequent the GRRRA. During the last meeting on September 15, 2009, user group representatives were nominated by the public to represent each user group in meetings with the BLM. Representatives are charged with the responsibility to determine their groups concerns within the GRRRA, and develop suggested variations to the current GRRRA designations and management plan.

The BLM is now beginning a comprehensive planning process for the GRRRA and is requesting public participation throughout the process. With the election of user-group representatives, the BLM will be holding meetings with these representatives to discuss the concerns and suggestions of each user-group. Following these meetings, the suggestions and variations presented by the representative relating to the current GRRRA management plan will be compiled to present at an open public hearing.

The BLM is diligently working to create a website that will have information concerning the GRRRA. On this BLM will post its suggested variations to the management plan, future meeting times and dates, representative contact information, and other useful information. As soon as this

site is functional, the user-group representatives will be informed to share this information with their constituents.

Your participation in this process is greatly appreciated. Should you have questions, concerns, or comments, please contact Janelle Alleman at 505-599-8944.

Sincerely,

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