

would not be allowed, OHV use would be limited to existing roads and trails, the area would be managed as a ROW avoidance area, geothermal leasing would not be allowed, livestock grazing would be allowed, and management would be per VRM Class II.

- The Powder River Depot ACEC (1,401 acres) would continue to be managed and designated as an ACEC. Management actions proposed for this significant cultural resource site are: Mineral material sales and permits would be closed, oil and gas leasing would be allowed with an NSO stipulation, geophysical exploration would not be allowed, OHV use would be limited to existing roads and trails, the area would be managed as a ROW avoidance area, geothermal leasing would be closed, livestock grazing would be excluded on 219 acres of the ACEC, and management would be per VRM Classes I (Terry Badlands Wilderness Study Area overlap) and II (remainder of the ACEC).

- The Seline ACEC (80 acres) would continue to be designated and managed as an ACEC. Management actions proposed for this significant cultural resource site are: Mineral material sales and permits would be closed, oil and gas leasing would be allowed with an NSO stipulation, geophysical exploration would not be allowed, OHV use would be limited to existing roads and trails, the area would be managed as a ROW avoidance area, geothermal leasing would be closed, livestock grazing would be allowed, and management would be per VRM Class II.

- The Smoky Butte ACEC (80 acres) would continue to be designated and managed as an ACEC. Management actions proposed for this significant geologic area are: Mineral material sales and permits would be closed, oil and gas leasing would be allowed with an NSO stipulation, geophysical exploration would be allowed, OHV use would be closed, the area would be managed as a ROW avoidance area, livestock grazing would be allowed, and management would be per VRM Class III.

- The Finger Buttes ACEC (1,520 acres) would continue to be designated and managed as an ACEC. Management actions proposed for this significant scenic area are: Mineral material sales and permits would be closed, oil and gas leasing would be allowed with an NSO stipulation, geophysical exploration would not be allowed, OHV use would be limited to existing roads and trails, the area would be managed as a ROW avoidance area, geothermal leasing would be closed, and management would be per VRM Class II.

- The Ash Creek Divide (7,921 acres), Bug Creek (3,837 acres), Hell Creek (19,373 acres), and Sand Arroyo (9,052 acres) ACECs would continue to be designated and managed as ACECs. Management actions proposed for these significant paleontological areas are: Mineral material sales and permits would be closed, oil and gas leasing would be allowed with an NSO stipulation, geophysical exploration would be allowed, OHV use would be limited to existing roads and trails, ROWs would be allowed, geothermal leasing would be closed, livestock grazing would be allowed, and management would be per VRM Classes II through IV.

- The Black-footed Ferret Reintroduction ACEC (11,221 acres) would continue to be designated and managed as an ACEC. Management actions proposed for this significant habitat are: Mineral material sales and permits would be closed, oil and gas leasing would be allowed with a controlled surface use stipulation, geophysical exploration would be allowed, OHV use would be limited to existing roads and trails, the area would be managed as a ROW avoidance area, livestock grazing would be allowed, and management would be per VRM Classes I (overlap with Terry Badlands WSA), II, III, and IV.

- The Piping Plover ACEC (15 acres) would continue to be designated and managed as an ACEC. Management actions proposed for this significant habitat are: Mineral material sales and permits would be closed, oil and gas leasing would be allowed with an NSO stipulation, geophysical exploration would not be allowed, OHV use would be limited to existing roads and trails, the area would be managed as a ROW avoidance area, geothermal leasing would not be allowed, livestock grazing would not be allowed from May 1 through July 15 of each year, and management would be per VRM Class II.

- The Yonkee site (40 acres) would be designated an ACEC. This significant cultural resource site would be managed to enhance and protect cultural resources. Management actions proposed for this area are: Mineral material sales and permits would be closed, oil and gas leasing would be allowed with an NSO stipulation, geophysical exploration would not be allowed, OHV use would be closed, ROWs would be excluded, livestock grazing would be allowed, and management would be per VRM Class II.

Following the close of the public review and comment period on this draft RMP/EIS, public comments will be used to prepare the BLM Miles City

Proposed RMP and final EIS. The BLM will respond to each substantive comment received during the draft RMP/EIS review period by making appropriate revisions to the document or by explaining why a comment did not warrant a change. After comments have been considered and the draft RMP/EIS has incorporated all potential revisions to develop the proposed RMP and final EIS, a notice of the availability for the Proposed RMP and final EIS will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Please note that public comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and email addresses of persons who submit comments will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10, 43 CFR 1610.2.

**Jamie E. Connell,**  
*State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for a Public Meeting; New Mexico

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget proposes to withdraw 5,670.71 acres of public lands to protect special status plant and animal species, cultural resources, and scenic values contained within the areas designated as the Wind Mountain, Cornudas Mountain, and Alamo Mountain Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). This notice segregates the lands for up to 2 years from settlement, sale, location,

and entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by June 6, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to the BLM Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edward Seum, Lands and Minerals Supervisor at the address above or by telephone at 575-525-4300. Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) filed an application requesting the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget to withdraw, subject to valid existing rights, the following described lands from settlement, sale, location, and entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, for a period of 20 years:

#### New Mexico Principal Meridian

##### Wind Mountain ACEC

- T. 26 S., R. 14 E.,  
 Sec. 17, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
 Sec. 20, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$   
 Sec. 21;  
 Sec. 22, W $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Sec. 27, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$   
 Sec. 28, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
 Sec. 29, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$   
 Sec. 33, lots 3 and 4, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$   
 Sec. 34, lots 1 and 2, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 2,360.71 acres, more or less, in Otero County.

##### Cornudas Mountain ACEC

- T. 25 S., R. 14 E.,  
 Sec. 27, SW $\frac{1}{4}$   
 Sec. 28, S $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Sec. 33, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
 Sec. 34, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 850 acres, more or less, in Otero County.

##### Alamo Mountain ACEC

- T. 26 S., R. 13 E.,  
 Sec. 17, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Sec. 18, SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
 Sec. 19, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
 Secs. 20 and 21;  
 Sec. 28, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Sec. 29, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$

Sec. 30, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 2,460 acres, more or less, in Otero County.

The total areas described aggregate 5,670.71 acres, more or less, in Otero County.

The BLM's petition has been approved by the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget. Therefore, the petition constitutes a withdrawal proposal of the Secretary of the Interior (43 CFR 2310.1-3(e)).

The purpose of the withdrawal is to protect special status plant and animal species, cultural resources, and scenic values contained within the areas designated as the Wind Mountain, Cornudas Mountain, and Alamo Mountain ACECs.

The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, or cooperative agreement would not adequately constrain non-discretionary uses that could irrevocably destroy the area's cultural resources, scenic values, and special status plant and animal species habitat.

There are no suitable alternative sites for the requested withdrawal.

No water rights would be needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal.

Records relating to the application may be examined by contacting Edward Seum or Bill Childress of the BLM Las Cruces District Office at the above address or phone number.

On or before June 6, 2013, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the BLM Las Cruces District Office at the address noted above. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico, during regular business hours, which are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be held in connection with the proposed withdrawal. A notice of the time and place of the public meeting will be announced at least 30 days in

advance in the **Federal Register** and through local media, newspapers, and the BLM Web site at: [http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/fo/Las\\_Cruces\\_District\\_Office.html](http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/fo/Las_Cruces_District_Office.html).

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period until March 9, 2015, the lands described in this notice will be segregated from settlement, sale, location and entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, unless the application is denied or cancelled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.

Licenses, permits, cooperative agreement, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature which will not significantly impact the values to be protected by the withdrawal may be allowed with the approval of the authorized officer of the BLM during the segregative period.

**Bill Childress,**

*District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Realty Action: Direct Sale of Public Land in Pinal County, AZ

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Lower Sonoran Field Office (LSFO), proposes a noncompetitive direct sale of one land parcel totaling approximately 160 acres in Pinal County, Arizona. The public land would be sold to the Ak-Chin Indian Community (Community) at not less than the appraised fair market value (FMV). The sale will be subject to the applicable provisions of Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA) and sales and mineral conveyance regulations.

**DATES:** Comments regarding the proposed direct sale must be received by the BLM within 45 days of the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments concerning the proposed direct sale should be sent to Penny Foreman, Acting Field Manager, LSFO, Phoenix