



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Cancellation of Withdrawal Application for the Upper Pecos River

Watershed Protection Area, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USFS) announce the cancellation of their joint Upper Pecos River Watershed Area withdrawal application for 163,483 acres of National Forest System lands and 1,327.16 acres of public lands in northern New Mexico. The segregation initiated by publication of notice of the withdrawal application will terminate by operation of law 30 days after publication of this Notice at the time listed below.

DATES: This segregation terminated by this Notice will occur at 8 a.m., local time, on [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jillian Aragon, Project Manager, BLM New Mexico State Office by email at jgaragon@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Ms. Aragon. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Proposed Withdrawal was published in the *Federal Register* on December 16, 2024 (89 FR 101621), announcing

the agencies' joint application requesting a withdrawal of 164,810.16 acres of National Forest System lands and public lands in New Mexico from location and entry under the United States mining laws, and leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights, for a period of 20 years. In accordance with 43 CFR 2310.1-4(a), the agencies have canceled their withdrawal application. The agencies have reviewed the proposal in accordance with Department of the Interior's Secretary's Order 3418 implementing Executive Order 14154 *Unleashing American Energy* and have determined that the withdrawal application area would be better managed to achieve evolving national policy objectives under existing authorities and land management plans, as both agencies have established provisions to address and minimize impacts to the landscape from both leasing mineral and geothermal resources and from mining. Pursuant to 43 CFR 2310.2-1(d), the temporary segregation for the lands described in 89 FR 101621 is terminated by operation of law and the lands will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws and leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provision of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law at 8 a.m., local time, on [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS FROM PUBLICATION OF THIS CANCELLATION NOTICE]. This cancellation notice was processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1714).

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Principal Deputy Director.

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