

Las Placitas Association BLM Resource Management Plan Survey and 2008/09 Election Ballot

BLM will soon begin the process of gathering public input regarding the revision of the Land Management Plan (RMP) for the 5000 acres under its management north of Placitas (see map on reverse side). This is an important opportunity for the community to speak up about what we would and would not see like to see that land used for. The plan, as it currently stands, allows for such things as gravel mining, off-road vehicles, gas and oil leasing, and grazing. The current plan also allows for the conservation and recreation uses listed in the table below (with the exception of the wildlife corridor).

We are requesting that you, as LPA members, help us craft our “wish list of land uses” to present to BLM. The following list represents the land uses that are consistent with LPA’s mission and goals, **as well as the economically-intensive land uses that could be allowed in the future**. Please let us know which of these uses you approve and which you do not by filling out and returning this short questionnaire. We want to hear from you so that the list truly represents the wishes of LPA members in this matter of great importance to the future of Placitas. As always, thanks for your help and support. Please return your survey in the enclosed envelop or mail to PO Box 888, Placitas, NM 87043 by 12/15/07.

Potential Uses and Goals for BLM Lands in Placitas (see map on reverse side)	Strongly Approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No Comment
Public open space/low impact recreation (specifically hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding).	88	10	0	1	1
Watershed preservation, protection and restoration.	89	11	0	0	0
Preservation of cultural resources.	71(m)	23	0	0	6(d)
Protection of native plants and animals and the elimination of invasive non-native plants.	82(f)	14	1	0	3
Promoting and protecting clean air and water.	89	9	0	0	2
Development and preservation of a wildlife corridor.	87(g)	11(p)	0	0	2
Protection of visual resources and night skies.	85	13	0	0	2
Protection of fragile desert soils and natural landscapes.	84(i)	13	1	0	2
Fostering education and community outreach programs.	62	33	0	0	5
Resource extraction, including gravel mining and oil & gas exploration/development.	4	3(b)	6	85(h),(k),(n)	2
Livestock grazing.	5(a),(j)	12(e)	34	41(q)	8

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Off-road vehicle recreation	0	2	15	83	0
Sale of public lands to private interests for residential or commercial development.	0	2	10(c)	87(o)	1
Expanded energy corridors for petroleum and industrial gas product pipelines, electricity transmission and distribution facilities.	0	5	20	72(r)	3
Are there any other land uses, not currently on the list, that you like to see? :					
See attached RMP Survey Written Comments Received					
Are there any land uses to which you are particularly opposed? :					
See attached RMP Survey Written Comments Received					

(l), (s)

Footnotes:

- (a) Three comments written in on this checkbox specified livestock grazing use specific to horses.
- (b) One comment written in on this checkbox stated approval as long as resource extraction did not expand beyond current levels.
- (c) One comment written in on this checkbox stated that sale of public lands for commercial development was not okay while sale of public lands for residential development was okay.
- (d) One comment written in on this checkbox stated “What?”
- (e) One comment written in on this checkbox stated “minimal”.
- (f) Two comments written in on this checkbox specifically mentioned the protection of wild horses.
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- (h) One comment written in on this checkbox reemphasized strongly.
- (i) One comment written in on this checkbox stated “as long as all animals are free to roam”.
- (j) One comment written in on this checkbox stated “domestic”.
- (k) One comment written in on this checkbox stated “NO!”

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- (l) There was one random comment that stated “COWS should NOT be subsidized or allowed on public land. Be a vegetarian!”
- (m) One comment written in on this checkbox stated “Indian/Native American artifacts & Burial grounds”.
- (n) One comment written in on this checkbox stated “dangerous!”
- (o) One comment written in on this checkbox stated “No!! It will look like High Desert”
- (p) One comment written in on this checkbox asked “are these plans to continue north of BLM lands?”
- (q) One comment written in on this checkbox stated “too many acres per head required POOR GRASS COVER”.
- (r) One comment written in on this checkbox stated “already large pipeline corridor in Placitas area and tests of transversion lines.”
- (s) One random comment on the map stated “Unless you have lived here for a while this map is almost impossible for someone to see their house in relation to BLM especially the people on East End (Flats) right up against BLM. They are new and really need educating.”