

## CHAPTER 5

### PLAN EVALUATION/ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

#### PLAN EVALUATION

Periodic evaluations of the Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks RMP will occur at a minimum of every five years. The purpose of these evaluations is to determine whether:

- Decisions remain relevant to current issues.
- Decisions are effective in achieving or progressing towards desired outcomes.
- Any decisions need to be revised.
- Any decisions need to be dropped from further consideration.
- Any areas require new decisions.

BLM's Land Use Planning Handbook provides recommendations for the process for completing plan evaluations and guidance on determining when a decision should be modified, dropped, or added. The first evaluation should review both implementation of the Plan and the effectiveness of monitoring, to the extent that they are available.

#### ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

Adaptive management is defined by the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance as: "...a system of management practices based on clearly identified outcomes, monitoring to determine if management actions are meeting outcomes, and if not, facilitating management changes that will best ensure that outcomes are met or to reevaluate the outcomes." The monitoring and plan evaluation efforts associated with this RMP will contribute to the continual assessment of management objectives and actions in the Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks Planning Area. The BLM will continue to work closely with the Pueblo de Cochiti to ensure adequate communication and cooperation on resource management and to share information on resource conditions. Adaptive management is especially important at Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument, where recreation activities and visitor use are increasing, requiring management flexibility over the life of the RMP.