

CHAPTER 3

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION

Land use plans and planning decisions are the basis for every on-the-ground action the BLM undertakes. They provide a framework to guide subsequent actions or plan implementation decisions. Implementation decisions are generally site-specific land management projects or actions designed to meet direction in the planning documents and decisions. Chapter 4, "Management Plan Implementation," identifies future implementation priorities, which of course, are dependent on staffing and funding levels. Each project will be subject to additional site-specific NEPA analysis and documentation, associated Native American consultation, and appropriate National Historic Preservation Act and Endangered Species Act compliance. As each project is considered, the public will be given the opportunity to be involved in project-level planning and review.

In addition to project planning and review as an opportunity for public participation, the Rio Puerco Field Office has an active volunteer program. There will be numerous opportunities for

volunteers as the Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks RMP is implemented.

To provide for more consistent, effective, and collaborative management of the Federal and Pueblo lands within and adjacent to the area known as Tent Rocks, the BLM and the Pueblo de Cochiti entered into an Inter-Governmental Cooperative Agreement in 1997. This agreement was followed in 2002 by a five-year Assistance Agreement between the Pueblo de Cochiti and the BLM. A second five-year Assistance Agreement was signed in January 2007. Under these agreements, the BLM seeks the Pueblo's participation and involvement in public land use planning by personal invitation to agency activities and meetings. The Pueblo provides appropriate staff for planning and implementing the initiatives developed under the agreement. As envisioned by the Proclamation, the Pueblo de Cochiti will continue to participate in management of the Monument and implementation of the RMP.