

# Support the “Placitas Withdrawal”

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has proposed a plan - an administrative withdrawal - to protect more than 4,000 acres within the Placitas area from gravel and other mining for 50 years. The area to be protected includes the **Buffalo Tract**, the **Crest of Montezuma** and two additional small tracts.

A 90-day comment period began September 20 and ends December 19, 2023. The BLM is soliciting public comment to make the case to the Dept. of the Interior for approval of this withdrawal. The BLM/DOI want to know why the Placitas Withdrawal is important.

## What you can do!

Attend the BLM’s public meeting at the Placitas Community Library on **Tuesday, Nov. 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** to provide oral comments on why this withdrawal is important to you and the community. Sample letters for you to personalize will be available at the meeting and at [lasplacitas.org](http://lasplacitas.org). (Las Placitas Assn.) and [es-ca.org](http://es-ca.org) (Eastern Sandoval Citizens Assn.)

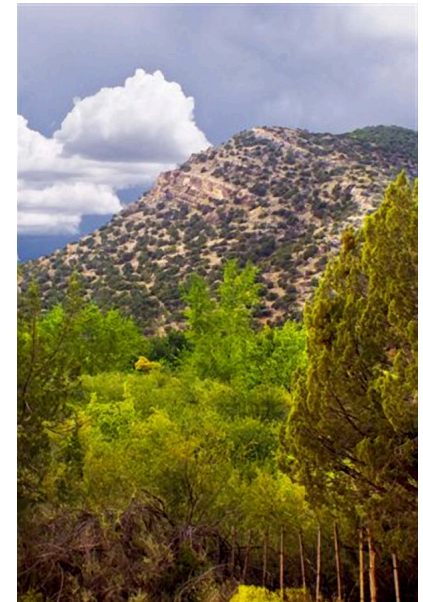
Submit your comments **by December 18, 2023**. Mail is preferred but email is acceptable with Placitas Withdrawal in the subject line. (Addresses below.)

**BLM Rio Puerco Field Office**  
**Attn: Placitas Withdrawal**  
**100 Sun Avenue NE, Suite 300**  
**Albuquerque, NM 87109.**

**Email to Laura Gray**  
**subject “Placitas Withdrawal” at:**  
**[lgray@blm.gov](mailto:lgray@blm.gov)**



*Gravel mining is a threat to our public land, water, health and the entire ecosystem.*



*The Crest of Montezuma:  
an essential part of our  
wildlife corridors*