

APPENDIX B: MEDIA AND NEWS RELEASES

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NOTICE OF PENDING

LAND-FOR-LAND EXCHANGE

NOTICE is hereby provided that the State Board of Land Commissioners ("Board") has authorized the initiation of a land-for-land exchange of 56,415.61 acres of state trust land described as all or portions of various sections in Township 40 North, Range 11 East; Township 40 North, Range 12 East; Township 40 North, Range 13 East; Township 41 North, Range 10 East; Township 41 North, Range 11 East; Township 41 North, Range 12 East; Township 42 North, Range 10 East and Township 43 North, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M. and Township 73 West, Range 27 South, 6th P.M., Alamosa and Saguache Counties, for 42,041.87 acres of federal land described as all or portions of various sections in Township 17 South, Range 68 West and Township 18 South, Range 68 West, 6th P.M. and Township 51 North, Range 11 East; Township 51 North, Range 12 East; Township 34 North, Range 6 East; Township 34 North, Range 7 East; Township 35 North, Range 5 East; Township 35 North, Range 6 East; Township 34 North, Range 7 East; Township 42 North, Range 6 East; Township 42 North, Range 7 East; Township 43 North, Range 7 East, N.M.P.M., Fremont, Conejos and Saguache Counties. Please contact the South District Office at 719-589-2360 for a detailed legal description of the specific sections involved in this exchange.

The publication of this Notice on March 29, 2006 begins a public notice period during which written comments may be submitted to the Board. To be considered, comments must be received by 5 p.m. on July 3, 2006, by Kit Page, South District Manager, P.O. Box 88, Alamosa, CO 81101. Comments on the proposed exchange must be clearly marked "Comments on the BLM/Sand Dunes Exchange". Comments may be mailed or faxed to 719.589.2967.

The Board will decide whether to approve or reject the exchange at a Board Meeting, open to the public, tentatively scheduled to be held August 25, 2006.

For more information, please contact Kit Page, at 719.589.2360.

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STATE LAND BOARD ISSUES NOTICE OF PENDING LAND-FOR LAND EXCHANGE WITH THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) INVOLVING 56,416 ACRES OF STATE TRUST LAND IN ALAMOSA AND SAGUACHE COUNTIES

At its February 2006 meeting, the Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners (SLB) voted to initiate its public process on a proposed land-for-land exchange of 56,416 acres of state trust land in Alamosa and Saguache Counties. The parcel is located near the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve and Baca National Wildlife Refuge in Alamosa and Saguache Counties.

This tract would be exchanged for 42,042 acres of BLM land in Conejos, Fremont and Saguache Counties.

Publication of a legal notice on March 29, 2006, begins the SLB's public notice period. Members of the public who want to comment on the proposed exchange can do so by writing Kit Page, South District Manager, at P.O. Box 88, Alamosa, CO 81101, or faxing them to 719.589.2967. Comments must be labeled "Comments for the BLM/Sand Dunes Exchange".

The final decision on whether or not to dispose of the property is tentatively scheduled to be made at the SLB's August meeting. For more information on the process, contact Kit Page at 719.589.2360.

The SLB manages its three million acres of land and four million acres of mineral rights for the benefit of eight trusts, the largest of which is the School Trust. State trust land is not "public land" in the same way as is national forest or BLM land. The Board is charged with making reasonable and consistent income for its trust beneficiaries and making its decisions based on the long-term best interests of the beneficiaries—and does not provide free use of its land for open space or recreation.

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