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Dear Interested Party:

The Cuba Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest, is proposing to continue authorized cattle grazing under seasonal (June – October) rotational grazing systems on the Peñas Negras, Ojito Frio, Palomas, and Vacas Cattle Allotments, in conjunction with proposed improvements that include construction of additional facilities such as pasture fences and corrals. The allotments are located in the Jemez Mountains, approximately ten miles east southeast of the community of Cuba. An Environmental Assessment (EA) is enclosed for your review. The comment period ends 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in the *Albuquerque Journal* newspaper.

The EA evaluates several management alternatives and at this time, Alternative 3 is my preferred alternative. The analysis shows that this alternative would implement changes to improve National Forest System land and resource conditions and will help promote the attainment of desired conditions within the allotments. This alternative is consistent with the Santa Fe National Forest Plan for the affected Management Areas.

Comments must be submitted to District Ranger Steve Romero at the Cuba Ranger District, P.O. Box 130, Cuba, NM 87013. Phone: 505-289-3264; FAX: 505-289-0232. Comments may be submitted by email in word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), and hypertext markup language (.html) to [comments-southwestern-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southwestern-regional-office@fs.fed.us). Comments may also be hand delivered weekdays 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Only those who submit timely and substantive comments will be accepted as appellants. To be eligible for appeal, each individual or representative from each organization submitting substantive comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Copies of the EA and additional information can be obtained from the Cuba Ranger District. Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

STEVE F. ROMERO  
Cuba District Ranger

