

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The New Mexico State Land Office (“SLO”) will hold a public hearing on Friday, May 24, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., and continuing thereafter as necessary, in Morgan Hall, Room 101, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Any change to the location or time will be posted with a final agenda on the SLO webpage (<http://www.nmstatelands.org>) at least 72 hours prior to the date and time specified above.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider proposed amendments to 19.2.8 NMAC, Sections 9 and 11 to revise the requirements for applications to renew an agricultural lease, in recognition of the fact that the annual rental for grazing land leased under an agricultural lease is, in the absence of competitive bid, determined by the formula set forth in Section 11 of the rule. The proposed change would eliminate the requirement that an application for renewal of a grazing lease include an appraisal, which has involved completion of an obsolete and unnecessary “appraisal” form. In addition, the proposed change would provide a process for redetermination of the carrying capacity for grazing land. The proposed changes would be made pursuant to the authority of the commissioner of public lands to prescribe reasonable rules and regulations governing the conduct of all SLO business. Section 19-1-23 NMSA 1978.

The proposed rule changes are available on the SLO website (<http://nmstatelands.org>) and at the SLO building located at 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico. To request a hard copy, contact Alysha Shaw at (505) 827-5761 or [ashaw@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:ashaw@slo.state.nm.us).

Written comments may be submitted by mail to: Alysha Shaw, New Mexico State Land Office, Attention: Rulemaking Comments, P.O. Box 1148, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1148, or by email to [ashaw@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:ashaw@slo.state.nm.us). Written comments will be accepted until noon on May 23, 2019.

If you are an individual with a disability and you require assistance or an auxiliary aid (such as a sign language interpreter) to participate in any aspect of this process, please contact Selena Romero by May 17, 2019 at (505) 827-5790 or [sromero@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:sromero@slo.state.nm.us).