

## Recreation and Public Purpose Patent General Timeline

### Application Review: 2-3 weeks

- Review land status

- Adequate legal description

- Accurate acreage figures

- If the applicant is a nonprofit entity, the applicant must include a certified copy of Articles of Incorporation or Association showing authority to hold or acquire land for the specified proposed use; evidence to do business in the States (e.g., certified form from the State and/or an IRS tax-exempt number); and evidence of signing officer's authority to execute the application (e.g., a copy of the resolution).

- Plan of development

- Plan of management

### Conduct preliminary review of the application: 2-3 weeks

- Application is for an established or definitely proposed project

- Lands are not of national significant – outside any special designated area

- The proposal is consistent with existing land classifications or previous land suitability determinations, and Federal, State and local laws

### Check for existing mining claims on the subject property: 2 weeks

- Mineral potential report – concerning the land's potential for leasable, locatable, and salable minerals – request a mineral report from the Farmington Field Office. The FDO/FFO should be covering the TAFO mineral work. The request should be in a transmittal memo include a map.

### Request a boundary survey: 4-5 months (this must be completed before publishing a Notice of Realty Action)

Base on the EA and the public input, BLM will determine if the proposed conveyance is in the public interest. If so, Notice of Realty Action (NORA) will be published in the federal register: 4 months plus 45-day comment period

- Notify the public that the public lands are classified as suitable for lease or conveyance under Act

- It also allows for comments to both the classification decision and the decision to issue a lease and/or conveyance

- 45-day comment period

- Publish the notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the public lands covered by the notice, once a week for 3 weeks

### Evaluate need for a bond (optional): 3 weeks

### Issue a decision offering the applicant a patent: 2-3 weeks

Upon receipt of purchase payment, proceed with requesting a patent from BLM New Mexico State Office: 2-3weeks

Total Estimated Time: 10 – 20 months

This timeline may vary depending on existing workload, a shift in priorities, staff availability and funding.