



Executive Summary

2022 Joint Stockmen's Convention

*BLM New Mexico Update to the Joint Stockmen's Convention,
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*Albuquerque, NM—2022 Joint Stockmen's Convention:
Transforming Challenges into Opportunities*

Summary:

The Bureau of Land Management seeks to improve programs in New Mexico through three main priorities.

The first is supporting employees. The BLM is actively seeking to fill vacancies in their staffing for the state, as well as reduce turnover for current positions. This will equip the BLM to serve the constituents of New Mexico more effectively.

The second outlined priority focuses on landscape and habitat resilience. Reinvigorating the Restore New Mexico Initiative is crucial. This includes focusing more on monitoring treatment effectiveness as well as adapting practices for a changing climate.

The last priority outlined is centric around planning and preparation, specifically regarding the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This safeguards that actions outlined in Resource Management Plans align with the NEPA.

“The more perspectives we hear, the better,” says Barnes.
“Partnerships promote success. We look forward to furthering existing partnerships and starting new ones when possible.”

Key Points:

1. The BLM seeks constant growth to better serve the state.
2. Employee support is a critical objective to the Bureau.
3. Landscape and habitat resilience is crucial in New Mexico.
4. Planning and preparation will ensure deeper-rooted success in the future.
5. Gathering perspectives from producers in the state will further promote successful land management.



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