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New Mexico has a wealth of public lands and wide open spaces. Now, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Forest Service and the National Parks Service are asking for help to identify public lands that have limited legal access or no public access. Agencies will use the input to create a priority list of public land parcels with restricted access.

The Bureau of Land Management public nomination period will close on Feb. 29, and the Fish and Wildlife and Forest Service comment periods will close on March 11. The National Parks Service comment period closed in early January. Each agency will publish a priority list by mid-March.

Submissions must include the land's location, potential for recreational use and the limits to public access. BLM submissions can be made online by visiting eplanning.blm.gov and searching for the Public Land Access Project. Fish and Wildlife is accepting email submissions at PriorityList@fws.gov. Nominations for Forest Service lands can be emailed to SM.FS.nominations@usda.gov.