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New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission Extends Deadline for Submitting Land Bids

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) – The New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission announced today that the deadline for landowners in the Pecos River Basin to submit land sale bids has been extended through July 31, 2003.

The Interstate Stream Commission was asked to extend the bid deadline to give landowners additional time to consider and prepare bids for submission to the Commission.

The extension will also allow the agency to hire additional people to assist interested offerors in explaining the bid process and package, as well as appraisers and technical services contractors who will assist the agency in processing the bids.

To date, the Interstate Stream Commission has received a number of bids from landowners in the lower Pecos River Basin. The Interstate Stream Commission has started the process of evaluating these bids and will continue to do so during the time the bid deadline remains open.

The Office of the State Engineer and the Interstate Stream Commission are separate but companion agencies charged with administering the state's water resources. The agencies have power over the supervision, measurement, appropriation and distribution of almost all surface and ground water in New Mexico, including streams and rivers that cross state boundaries. The State Engineer is also Secretary of the Interstate Stream Commission and oversees the staff of both agencies.

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