

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Bernalillo County purchased *Ojito de San Antonio* to preserve and protect its natural resources and environmental features as an *Open Space Preserve*. The objectives and strategies contained herein were developed by the East Mountain Open Space Steering Committee through extensive community participation and a two-year, consensus-based planning approach. In addition, the management objectives and strategies are supported by a number of regional, higher-ranking plans.

This Resource Management Plan (RMP) for *Ojito de San Antonio* Open Space (Ojito) identifies specific objectives and strategies that will preserve the unique historic and cultural character, offer limited, resource-based recreational opportunities, and protect the abundant natural resources. These objectives and strategies are consistent with the natural and cultural resource issues that have been identified by the public and technical team throughout the planning process. Most importantly, this is a working document that describes the site's complexity and provides guidance for future management and use.

The County will use management objectives to assure that all resources are available to the public, yet cared for in a manner that will sustain them over time. Early in the planning process, those involved recognized the need for balancing habitat protection with public use. These management objectives try to achieve such a balance. Zones have been developed with specific objectives and strategies in mind. Despite similarities, they may vary considerably from one zone to the next. The management objectives and strategies included in this RMP are not static and will be reviewed periodically in terms of their effectiveness. If changes are needed, they will be implemented in a timely manner to assure that damage or misuse does not continue unchecked.