

of protest in time for it to be received in the BLM Montana State Office no later than August 29, 2022.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the plats may be obtained from the Public Room at the BLM South Dakota State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101, upon required payment. The plats may be viewed at this location at no cost.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua Alexander, BLM Chief Cadastral Surveyor for South Dakota; telephone: (406) 896-5123; email: jalexand@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Mr. Alexander. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands surveyed are:

Black Hills Meridian, South Dakota

T. 8 N., R. 2 E.

Sec. 2.

T. 9 N., R. 2 E.

Secs. 35 and 36.

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If a notice of protest of the plat(s) of survey is received prior to the scheduled date of official filing or during the 10 calendar day grace period provided in 43 CFR 4.401(a) and the delay in filing is waived, the official filing of the plat(s) of survey identified in the notice of protest will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. Upon receipt of a timely protest, and after a review of the protest, the Authorized Officer will issue a decision either dismissing or otherwise resolving the protest. A plat of survey will then

be officially filed 30 days after the protest decision has been issued in accordance with 43 CFR part 4.

If a notice of protest is received after the date described in the **DATES** section of this notice and the 10-calendar-day grace period provided in 43 CFR 4.401(a), the notice of protest will be untimely, may not be considered, and may be dismissed.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in a notice of protest or statement of reasons, you should be aware that the documents you submit—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available in their entirety at any time. While you can ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. chapter 3)

Joshua F. Alexander,
Chief Cadastral Surveyor for South Dakota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Filing of Plats of Survey; North Dakota

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed official filing.

SUMMARY: The plats of surveys for the lands described in this notice are scheduled to be officially filed 30 calendar days after the date of this publication in the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana. The surveys, which were executed at the request of the Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section, Montana State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Billings Montana are necessary for the management of these lands.

DATES: A person or party who wishes to protest this decision must file a notice of protest in time for it to be received in the BLM Montana State Office no later than August 29, 2022.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands surveyed are:

Fifth Principal Meridian, North Dakota

T. 148 N., R. 97 W.

Secs. 28 and 33.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah and an Associated Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), and Presidential Proclamation 10286, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Utah State Director intends to revise a Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping period to solicit public comments and identify issues, is providing the planning criteria for public review, and is issuing a call for nominations for areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs). The RMP revision would replace the existing 2020 GSENM RMP and 2020 Kanab-Escalante Planning Area RMP.

DATES: The BLM requests the public submit comments concerning the scope of the analysis, potential alternatives, and identification of relevant information, studies, and ACEC nominations by September 27, 2022. To afford the BLM the opportunity to consider this information and ACEC nominations raised by commenters in the Draft RMP/EIS, please ensure your comments are received prior to the close of the 60-day scoping period or 15 days

after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

The BLM also requests the public submit comments on the planning criteria by the same date identified above. The planning criteria will be made available to the public within the first 30 days of the 60-day comment period to ensure the public has at least 30 days to comment on the planning criteria as required by the planning regulations at 43 CFR 1610.2(e). To afford the BLM the opportunity to consider this information and ACEC nominations raised by commenters in the Draft RMP/EIS, please ensure your comments are received prior to the close of the 60-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the GSENM RMP and nominations of new ACECs by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2020343/510>
- *Mail:* ATTN: GSENM RMP Project Manager, BLM Paria River District, 669 S Highway 89A, Kanab, UT 84741

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined online at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2020343/510> and at the BLM Paria River District Office, 669 US–89A, Kanab, Utah 84741.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott M. Whitesides, Project Manager, telephone 801–539–4054; address Bureau of Land Management Utah, 440 West 200 South Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101; email swhitesides@blm.gov. Contact Mr. Whitesides to have your name added to our mailing list. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Mr. Whitesides. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM Utah State Director intends to prepare an RMP with an associated EIS for GSENM, announces the beginning of the scoping process, seeks public input on issues and relevant planning criteria, and invites the public to nominate ACECs. The planning area is located in Kane and Garfield counties and encompasses approximately 1.87 million acres of public land.

Purpose and Need for the RMP

This RMP will provide a management framework, including goals, objectives, and management direction, to guide Monument management. Purposes and needs serve to frame issue identification, alternatives development, and effects analyses. The following purposes and desired outcomes are set forward explicitly in Presidential Proclamation 10286 or have been identified based on key present and historical GSENM management challenges. Planning for these desired outcomes will be crucial for development of an RMP that provides direction for addressing critical management challenges. Associated needs and challenges that the RMP will address are also summarized.

1. Protect and restore the entirety of the large, remote, rugged, and markedly impenetrable landscapes, including dark skies and natural soundscapes. The Monument's fundamental values and objects include a rich mosaic of objects of natural, historic, and scientific interest.

Needs and challenges: The immense scale and unspoiled naturalness of the Monument serves as a foundation for the rest of the Monument objects and values, including the diversity of ecotypes and extent and diversity of geological and paleontological resources, vegetation, and wildlife. Through the latter half of the 20th century, Utah's large extent of unspoiled natural, roadless areas was unique in the lower 48 states, ultimately providing for the 1996 GSENM proclamation. Monument visitation is steadily increasing, mostly due to recreational use. International and regional tourism is rising, and Utah is the state with the fastest growing population in the last decade (18.4%); in 2021 Utah's growth was 1.7% while the national population growth was 0.1%. These increases in human presence pose diverse challenges to preservation of resources (e.g., vegetation and soil impacts, loss of potential for human solitude, adverse effects on certain wildlife species, increases in noise). Effects such as these tend to be incremental, and gradual degradation of resources over time can easily occur, almost unnoticed, without adequate management sidebars, as well as overall management goals and objectives for the landscape as a whole. Avoidance of incremental degradation, so that the unique value of a largely unspoiled, natural landscape is retained given ongoing multiple uses, warrants substantial consideration in the planning process.