

### Preliminary Planning Criteria Include

1. The RMP amendment will be limited to making land use planning decisions specific to transportation and travel management.

2. The BLM will designate all public lands within the planning area as open, limited, or closed areas to off-road vehicle use.

3. Lands addressed in the RMP amendment will be surface lands managed by the BLM and will not include split-estate lands (*i.e.*, private surface with Federal mineral estate).

4. The RMP amendment, if approved, will comply with FLPMA, NEPA, Council on Environmental Quality regulations at 40 CFR 1500–1508, Department of the Interior regulations at 43 CFR 46 and 43 CFR 1600, the BLM Land Use Planning Handbook (H–1601–1), the BLM NEPA Handbook (H–1790–1), the BLM Travel and Transportation Management Handbook (H–8342–1), and all other applicable laws and BLM policies and guidance.

5. Land use decisions in Greater Sage-Grouse habitat considered in the RMP amendment will be consistent with land use decisions in the Northwest Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse RMP amendment.

6. The RMP amendment will recognize valid existing rights.

7. The BLM will use a collaborative approach to planning.

8. The BLM will consult with Indian tribes to identify sites, areas and objectives important to their cultural and religious heritage.

9. The BLM will coordinate and communicate with State, local and tribal governments to ensure the BLM considers provisions of pertinent plans; seek to resolve inconsistencies between State, local and tribal plans; and provide ample opportunities for State, local and tribal governments to comment on the development of the amendment.

10. The BLM will address socioeconomic and Environmental Justice impacts of the alternatives.

11. Land use allocations made for Wilderness Study Areas (WSA) must be consistent with the BLM Management of WSA manual (BLM Manual 6330) and with other laws, regulations and policies related to WSA management.

12. The BLM will consider public welfare and safety when addressing fire management in the context of travel and transportation management planning.

13. The BLM will not consider creating any new special designations, such as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, through this RMP amendment.

14. The BLM will conduct implementation (route-by-route designations) travel management

planning in a separate effort subsequent to completing this RMP amendment.

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the

**ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you should submit comments by the close of the 30-day scoping period or within 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

The BLM will use the NEPA public participation requirements to assist in satisfying the public involvement requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. 470(f)) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed action will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA.

The BLM will consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. The BLM will give tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, due consideration. Federal, State and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action the BLM is evaluating, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The BLM will evaluate identified issues to be addressed in the plan, and will place them into one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the RMP amendment;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this RMP amendment.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the Draft RMP amendment/preliminary EA as to why an issue was placed in category two or three. The BLM also encourages the public to help

identify any management questions and concerns that should be addressed in the plan. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan amendment in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: Rangeland management, vegetation, riparian and wetlands, invasive and noxious weeds, minerals and geology, forestry, outdoor recreation, visual resource management, cultural resources and Native American concerns, paleontology, wildlife and fisheries, threatened and endangered species, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, wild horses, fire ecology and management, sociology and economics, public safety, law enforcement, and geographic information systems.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2.

**Ruth Welch,**

*BLM Colorado State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Eastern States: Filing of Plats of Survey

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of plats of survey; Wisconsin.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will officially file the plats of survey of the lands described below in the BLM-Eastern States Office, Washington, DC at least 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 20 M Street SE., Washington, DC 20003. Attn: Cadastral Survey. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the

above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These surveys were requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The lands surveyed are:

**Fourth Principal Meridian, Wisconsin**

T. 30 N., R. 16 E.

The plat of survey represents the Dependent Resurvey of a portion of the south boundary, a portion of the subdivisional lines, and a portion of the certified survey map recorded on Page 149, volume 2, in section 26, the retracement of a portion of the eastern right of way of county road "AA" in section 35, the survey of the subdivision of sections 25, 26, 35, and 36 and the western boundary of document No. 310, recorded on Page 31, volume 3, in section 35, and the informational traverse of the northern shore and a portion of the eastern shore of Vejo Lake in section 35 in Township 30 North, Range 16 East, of the 4th Principal Meridian, in the State of Wisconsin, and was accepted September 16, 2015.

**Fourth Principal Meridian, Wisconsin**

T. 51 N., R. 3 W.

The plat of survey represents the retracement of a portion of Blocks 4 and 5 of Buffalo's Subdivision and the retracement, resurvey and monumentation of specified lot and block corners and right of way intersection points, in Blocks 1, 2, and 3 of Buffalo's Subdivision, lands held in trust for the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians in Government Lot 3, Section 31 of Township 51 North, Range 3 West, 4th Principle Meridian, in the State of Wisconsin, and was accepted September 1, 2015.

We will place a copy of the plats we described in the open files. They will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If BLM receives a protest against these surveys, as shown on the plats, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest.

We will not officially file the plats until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions on appeals.

Dated: October 7, 2015.

**Dominica VanKoten,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Initial Classification of Public Lands and Minerals for State Indemnity Selection, Colorado**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners (State) has filed a petition for classification and application to obtain public lands and mineral estate in lieu of lands to which the State was entitled but did not receive under its Statehood Act. The State did not receive title because the lands had been included in an Indian Reservation, Forest Reserve, National Forest, or other encumbrance at the time of statehood. Under the Taylor Grazing Act of 1934, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) may classify sufficient public lands and/or minerals in Colorado for title transfer to the State to satisfy this obligation.

**DATES:** Interested parties may submit written comments regarding the classification of lands and minerals on or before November 16, 2015. Persons asserting a claim to or interest in the lands or mineral estate described in this notice will find the requirements for filing such claims in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments concerning this Notice should be addressed to: State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215-7093.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John D. Beck, Chief, Branch of Lands and Realty; telephone 303-239-3882; email [jbeck@blm.gov](mailto:jbeck@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Sections 2275 and 2276 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (43 U.S.C. 851 and 852), provide authority for Colorado to receive title to public lands in lieu of lands to which it was entitled under Section 7 of its statehood act of March 3, 1875, where it did not receive title because those lands had otherwise been encumbered.

Section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act of June 8, 1934, clarified by the Supreme Court in *Andrus v. Utah*, 446 U.S. 500 (1980), requires that such public lands and/or minerals identified for proposed transfers out of Federal ownership under this authority must first be classified. The BLM is classifying these lands and minerals pursuant to 43 CFR 2400 and Section 7 of the Act of June 8, 1934 (48 Stat. 1272, as amended), 43 U.S.C. 315(f). The final acres conveyed will be determined after further environmental analysis is completed, will be based on a dollar value, and may be less than the aggregate acreage described in this notice.

All persons who wish to submit comments on a motion of any protestant with this initial classification may present their views by any means shown under the **ADDRESSES** section above.

The BLM Colorado State Director will evaluate any adverse comment and issue a notice of determination to proceed with, modify, or cancel the proposed action. In the absence of any action by the BLM State Director, this initial classification action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

The BLM will review any comments and may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land described in this notice will become effective on December 15, 2015.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. As provided by 43 CFR 2462.1, the BLM Colorado State Director will schedule a public hearing. The BLM will announce the public hearing date 15 days prior to the hearing.

The lands and minerals included within this initial classification are in Chaffee, Custer, Dolores, Eagle, El Paso, Garfield, Grand, Huerfano, Jackson, Kiowa, La Plata, Moffat, Montezuma, Ouray, Park, Pueblo, Routt, San Miguel and Weld counties, Colorado, and are described as follows:

**New Mexico Principle Meridian, Colorado**

T. 44 N., R. 8 W.,

Sec. 11, lots 12 thru 14, excluding M.S. No. 9195;

Sec. 13, lots 17, 28, 30, and 31;

Sec. 14, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 42 N., R. 13 W.,

Sec. 30, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .