

Notice of Public Scoping

GRAND JUNCTION FIELD OFFICE GRAZING PERMIT RENEWALS AND LAND HEALTH ASSESSMENTS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2010

Comment Period: Open until **March 31, 2010**

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The Grand Junction Field Office (FO) is soliciting public comments on the following two topics: First, we would like any comments or concerns regarding the area scheduled for the assessment of public land health standards for Colorado in 2010. Secondly, we intend to renew 17 grazing permit/leases in 2010. We need to determine the level of public interest, concern, and resource conditions on each of the allotments up for assessment and renewal.

During FY 2010 the Grand Junction FO will be completing a land health assessment in the following areas: Kannah Creek, Grand Mesa Slopes, Debeque Cutoff, Sunnyside and Plateau Valley. A total of 130,000 acres is planned for assessment.

Public comments received regarding land health assessments will be used in analyzing data and help prioritize land health assessments for future years. Information is used by the FO Inter-Disciplinary Team.

The FO will also be completing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and making decisions on the renewal of certain grazing permit/leases. Since the level of NEPA analysis is in part driven by the level of public interest and concern, your comments are requested relative to conditions you have observed on these allotments, and/or specific environmental concerns about the lands and/or resources found within the specific allotment. The more specific and factual your information the more helpful and useful it will be.

The following BLM grazing permits/leases are scheduled for renewal in FY2010 on the following BLM grazing allotments in the Grand Junction FO:

Permit Renewal Schedule FY10

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OP#	ALLOT #	ALLOTMENT	Land Area
0500065	06431	Cottonwood.	Gateway
	06430	Salt Wash	
0507093	06168	Rattlesnake	McInnis Canyons NCA
0507036	06736	Lower Carr Creek	Debeque
0507083	06742	Paddock	Debeque
	06723	Henderson Ridge Common	
0507131	06209	N. Fork Kannah Creek	Kannah Creek
	16203	Whitewater Common	
0507087	16203	Whitewater Common	Kannah Creek
0500194	16205	Kannah Creek Common	Kannah Creek
0507144	16202	Kannah Creek Common	Kannah Creek
	16206	Bean	
0507125	16202	Kannah Creek Common	Kannah Creek
0507181	06728	Kimball Foothill Common	Debeque
0507135	06728	Kimball Foothill Common	Debeque
0507107	06843	Big Park	Debeque
	16809	Wild Country	
0507189	16503	Garr Mesa	Grand Valley Desert
0507167	06853	Molina Place	Plateau Valley
	06854	East of Collbran	
0507039	16821	Fetters	Plateau Valley
0507045	06848	Berthod Place	Plateau Valley
0507084	16836	Long	Plateau Valley

If you have any information or concerns, wish to be considered as an interested public on a permit or allotment, or wish to be involved in a land health assessment, please contact Jim Dollerschell at jim_dollerschell@blm.gov or 970-244-3016 to be put on a mailing list. If you do not have specific comments at this time but have questions about the land areas or allotments listed in this notice, contact the individual at the address or phone number above.