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BLM COMMENT PERIOD FOR ARKANSAS RIVER TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Royal Gorge Field Office is asking the public for comments on the Arkansas River Travel Management Plan (TMP) during a comment period June 20 through August 3, 2007.

The Environmental Analysis (EA) for the Travel Management Plan evaluates a Proposed Action and three alternatives for establishing a designated system of roads and trails on BLM managed public lands. The Travel Management Plan covers the public lands along the Arkansas River corridor located between the cities of Canon City and Buena Vista and involves portions of Fremont, Chaffee, and Custer Counties.

The document will be available for review beginning June 20 at several locations:

1) http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo/travel_mgmt.html ; 2) printed copies will be available for on-site review at the public libraries in Canon City, Pueblo, Salida, Westcliffe, Colorado Springs and Denver; 3) printed copies will also be available for review on-site at the Royal Gorge Field Office in Canon City, the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area Headquarters in Salida, and the Colorado BLM State Office in Lakewood.

Two Public Meetings will be held to accompany release of the EA: Wednesday, June 20 at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds, 10165 County Road 120 in Salida and Thursday, June 21 at the Council Chambers in the lower level of City Hall, 128 Main Street, Canon City (use the Highway 50 entrance.) Both meetings start at 7 p.m.

Written comments may be mailed or delivered to: Royal Gorge Field Office, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, CO 81212. Comments may also be submitted via FAX to (719) 269-8599, or via e-mail at rgfo_comments@blm.gov. You are asked to include Attn: "Arkansas River TMP" and your name, return address and phone number with all comments. Comments need to be postmarked or received by August 3, 2007.

Additional information about the EA may be obtained from Joe Vieira, Natural Resource Specialist, at BLM Royal Gorge Field Office, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, CO 81212 / (719) 269-8708.

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