

HOW TO COMMENT

The Interdisciplinary (ID) Team for the Jarbidge Resource Management Plan (RMP) will accept comments on the Jarbidge Draft RMP/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) between September 3, 2010, and December 2, 2010.

Comments must be in writing, substantive, and timely in order to merit a written response. Comments should be as specific as possible. The following guidelines will help ensure your comments will be considered:

- Include your complete name, address, and phone number.
- Identify the portion of the document on which you are commenting; at a minimum, provide the chapter, section, and page number. When commenting on Chapter 2, provide the reference code for the goal, objective, allocation, or management action on which you are commenting (example: *"Lizards should be included in the analysis in the Wildlife section of Chapter 4 (page 435)."* Or *"WI-I-MA-5 should exclude let-down fences"*).
- Ensure your comments are substantive. Substantive comments do one or more of the following:
 - Question, with reasonable basis, the accuracy of information in the EIS (example: *"Based on 2009 surveys by the Wildlife Department, the number of beaver dams appears to be incorrect."*).
 - Question, with reasonable basis, the adequacy of, methodology for, or assumptions used for the environmental analysis (example: *The Department of Air Resources uses a more accurate methodology for calculating particulate matter.*). Describe the alternative methodology you prefer be used and explain why.
 - Present new information relevant to the analysis (example: *"Total exports from the planning area in 2009 were \$1.2 million."*).
 - Present reasonable alternatives other than those analyzed in the EIS (example: *"Please find enclosed a Maximize Geothermal Development alternative."*).
 - Cause changes or revision in one or more of the alternatives (example: *"The Miranda Hills ACEC should be removed from Alternatives B and C because it does not allow for the Prestige Transmission Line."*).

Comments that are not considered substantive include the following:

- Comments in favor of or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning that meet the criteria listed above (examples: *"We disagree with Alternative A and believe the BLM should select Alternative C."* or *"I vote for Alternative C."*).
- Comments that only agree or disagree with BLM policy or resource decisions without justification or supporting data that meet the criteria listed above (example: *"More oil and gas leasing should be allowed."*).
- Comments that don't pertain to the planning area (example: *"All roads in the South Hills should remain open."*).
- Comments on project-level decisions (example: *"A trough should be installed near Sparrow Creek."*).
- Comments that take the form of vague, open-ended questions (example: *"What about restoration?"*).

Comments regarding the Jarbidge Draft RMP/EIS can be submitted to the comment box at a public meeting or in the following ways:

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2536 Kimberly Road
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