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## **BLM Seeks Comment on Environmental Assessment for Invasive Species Management Plan**

**Moab, Utah**— The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Moab Field Office is seeking public comments on an Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzing a proposed programmatic invasive species management plan covering approximately 2.8 million acres of land within the Moab Field Office boundary. Comments will be accepted until April 22, 2016.

The BLM and partners, including private landowners, county, state, and federal agencies, work collaboratively across administrative boundaries to control weeds. This includes sharing expertise, providing assistance, coordinating partnership efforts, and identifying priorities. The proposed action provides guidance for implementing the BLM's integrated weed management program (combining preventative, mechanical, chemical, manual, prescribed fire, and biological treatments). It builds upon current partnership efforts and will facilitate new projects to prevent, control, and reduce the spread of invasive plants along major rivers, drainages, roads, and uplands in the area.

An electronic copy of the EA and project map are available online at: [https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa\\_register.do](https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do). Navigate to the website and click on "text search," then "advanced search," and enter the project name, "Programmatic Invasive Species Management Plan," either partially or in its entirety in the "Project Name" field.

Comments may be submitted electronically through the ePlanning website or submitted by mail to the BLM Moab Field Office. To submit comments electronically, open the project webpage and click on "Documents" in the left hand menu. Select the "Comment on Document" button to comment.

Please mail written comments to:

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For additional project-specific information, please call Jason Kirks, BLM Canyon Country Fuels Program Manager, at (435) 259-2184 or Joshua Relph, BLM Canyon Country Fuels Planner, at (435) 259-2195.

Please note that the most useful comments are those that identify issues relevant to the proposed action or contain new technical or scientific information. Comments which contain only opinions or preferences will not receive a formal response but may be considered in the BLM decision-making process. Please reference “Programmatic Invasive Species Management Plan” when submitting comments.

Please be aware that the entire comment—including personally identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. Requests to withhold personally identifying information (e.g. address, phone number, email address, etc.) in any comments, from public review can be submitted, but the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so. The BLM will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

The BLM is also continuing consultation for this project as described in National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process outlined in 36 CFR 800. This comment period provides an opportunity for consulting parties and the public to review the proposal and provide comments simultaneously with the NEPA public comment process. More information about this process can be found in “The Citizens Guide to Section 106 Review” available from the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation.

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