



Basin and Range National Monument Resource Management Plan

Dear Neighbor,

Welcome to the first newsletter regarding the Basin and Range National Monument (Monument) planning effort. The time following the Basin and Range National Monument designation has been exciting and busy and we are looking forward to more collaboration with stakeholders to accomplish the goals set forth for the Monument. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is eager to continue working through the Resource Management Plan (RMP) process with maximum public involvement. We would like to thank all those who participated in the RMP scoping process. All comments are being considered and may provide valuable input to inform and guide the development of the draft RMP alternatives.

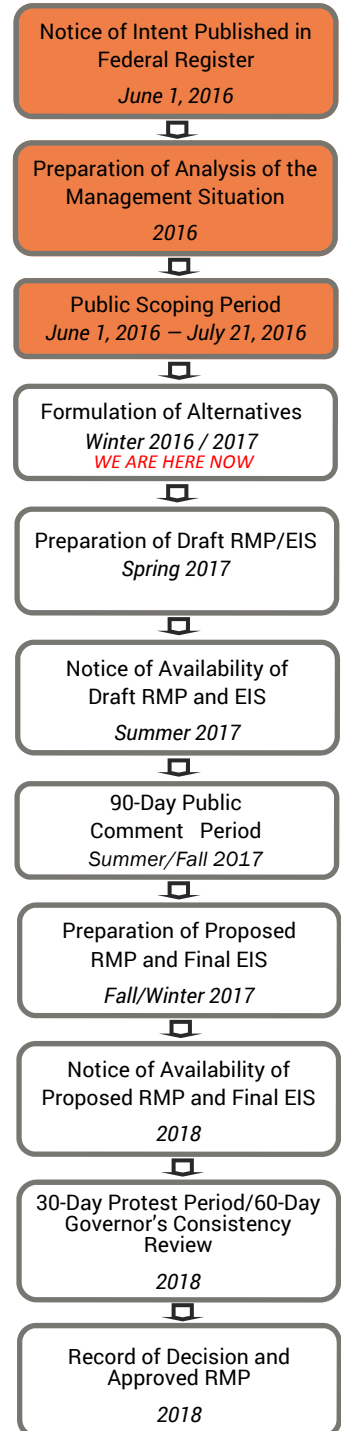
The next phase of the planning process will be to develop RMP alternatives for consideration in the project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). During this process, the BLM will assess management policies for the Monument currently in the BLM Ely District RMP and then incorporate input from the public scoping process, cooperating agencies, and other public stakeholders to develop a range of management options to apply to the Monument specific RMP. To reach this goal, the BLM will hold a series of alternatives development workshops to provide an opportunity for members of the public to participate in the shaping of Monument management policies. Dates and times for these workshops have not been finalized, but will be publicized on the Monument website, through local press releases, and the next Monument newsletter. The BLM anticipates conducting workshops in early 2017 in the following areas of Nevada: Ely, Caliente, Alamo, Las Vegas, and Reno. To be notified about the workshops, members of the public can add their names to the Monument RMP mailing list by sending an email to the project email address provided on page 3 of this newsletter.

The BLM hopes you find these newsletter updates helpful to stakeholders and other members of the public who are engaged in these planning efforts. Thank you for your participation and feedback on the planning process to date for Basin and Range National Monument.

Sincerely,

Alicia Styles
Monument Manager

Shading indicates steps completed



Public Scoping Period Summary

The public scoping period for the Basin and Range National Monument RMP process began June 1, 2016 and ended on July 21, 2016. The BLM hosted six scoping meetings between June 20, 2016 and July 6, 2016. These meetings gave agencies, organizations, the public, and other interested parties an opportunity to learn and ask questions about the Monument RMP and to share issues and concerns with the BLM. The meetings were held in an open house format to encourage broader participation, allow attendees to learn about the RMP at their own pace, and enable attendees to ask BLM representatives questions in an informal one-on-one setting. Approximately 100 members of the public attended the scoping meetings. Attendees asked questions and requested information regarding a variety of topics including recreation, off-highway vehicle use and motorized events, livestock grazing, vegetation, wildlife, water rights, valid existing rights, airspace, access to the artwork *City*, and travel and transportation management. Some attendees provided formal comments at the meetings while other opted to submit scoping comments via email or traditional mail. The BLM is currently reviewing all scoping comments that were received and is preparing a summary of the public scoping process as part of the RMP planning process. The final Public Scoping Report will provide a summary of the scoping process, present all the comments received from the public, and discuss the specific issues identified by the public that will be included in the Monument RMP and EIS analysis.

The Public Scoping Report will be available in late 2016 on the Basin and Range National Monument RMP ePlanning website. The RMP website address and other project contact information are found on page 3 of this newsletter.



Photos by David Pritchett

Members of the public and BLM staff attending the Basin and Range National Monument scoping meeting held in Las Vegas on June 29, 2016.



BLM Inventory of Basin and Range National Monument Recreational Sites

During October and November 2016, the BLM conducted a field inventory of available recreation sites located within the Monument. These sites included available camping sites, hiking and biking trails, areas that provide unique vistas and wildlife viewing opportunities, and many others. The Monument provides a wide array of recreational opportunities and the information collected during this recent inventory will allow the BLM to better inform future Monument visitors and recreationalists of the potential activities and amenities available to visitors. Future visitors to the Monument can contact the BLM Basin and Range National Monument office for information on recreational opportunities and other important information to consider when planning a trip to the area.



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Basin & Range National Monument Web Links

Basin and Range National Monument Webpage

www.blm.gov/nlcs_web/sites/nv/st/en/prog/nlcs_new/Basin_and_Range_National_Monument.html

Resource Management Plan Webpage

[https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?](https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=renderDefaultPlanOrProjectSite&projectId=63341&dctmId=0b0003e880b1f450)

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