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BLM initiates public scoping to amend the Florida Management Plan for the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area

JUPITER, Fla. – Today, the Bureau of Land Management Southeastern States District announced a 30-day public scoping period to help guide long-term management planning for the 120-acre Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area (ONA) in Palm Beach County. The BLM is seeking public input before preparing an environmental assessment (EA) for a proposal to amend the Approved 1995 Florida Resource Management Plan, addressing future management at the ONA.

"We are eager to hear from the public and looking forward to working with our partners to devise a plan to manage this special place over the next 10-15 years," said BLM Southeastern States District Manager Bob Swithers. "The strong partnerships we have in place and the local community's affinity for the ONA will help us achieve this goal."

A virtual public meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2022, at 6:00 pm EST. The meeting will be held via Zoom. To register, visit <u>http://ow.ly/a6tS50Hz9KY</u>.

The EA will evaluate a range of alternatives and consider measures to protect and conserve biological, cultural, and historic resources, as well as take a close look at any potential impacts to recreation and visitor services.

To be considered, all comments must be received prior to February 21, 2022. Comments must be submitted through either the BLM ePlanning website at <u>https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2002316/510</u>, by email to <u>BLM_ES_JupiterONA@blm.gov</u>; or by mail to Program Manager, Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse ONA, Bureau of Land Management, 600 State Road 707, Unit B, Jupiter, Florida 33469.

Before including your address, phone number, email, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your PII – may be made publicly available at any time. While individuals may request the BLM to withhold PII from public view, the BLM cannot guarantee it will be able to do so.

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