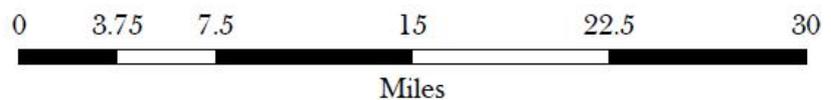
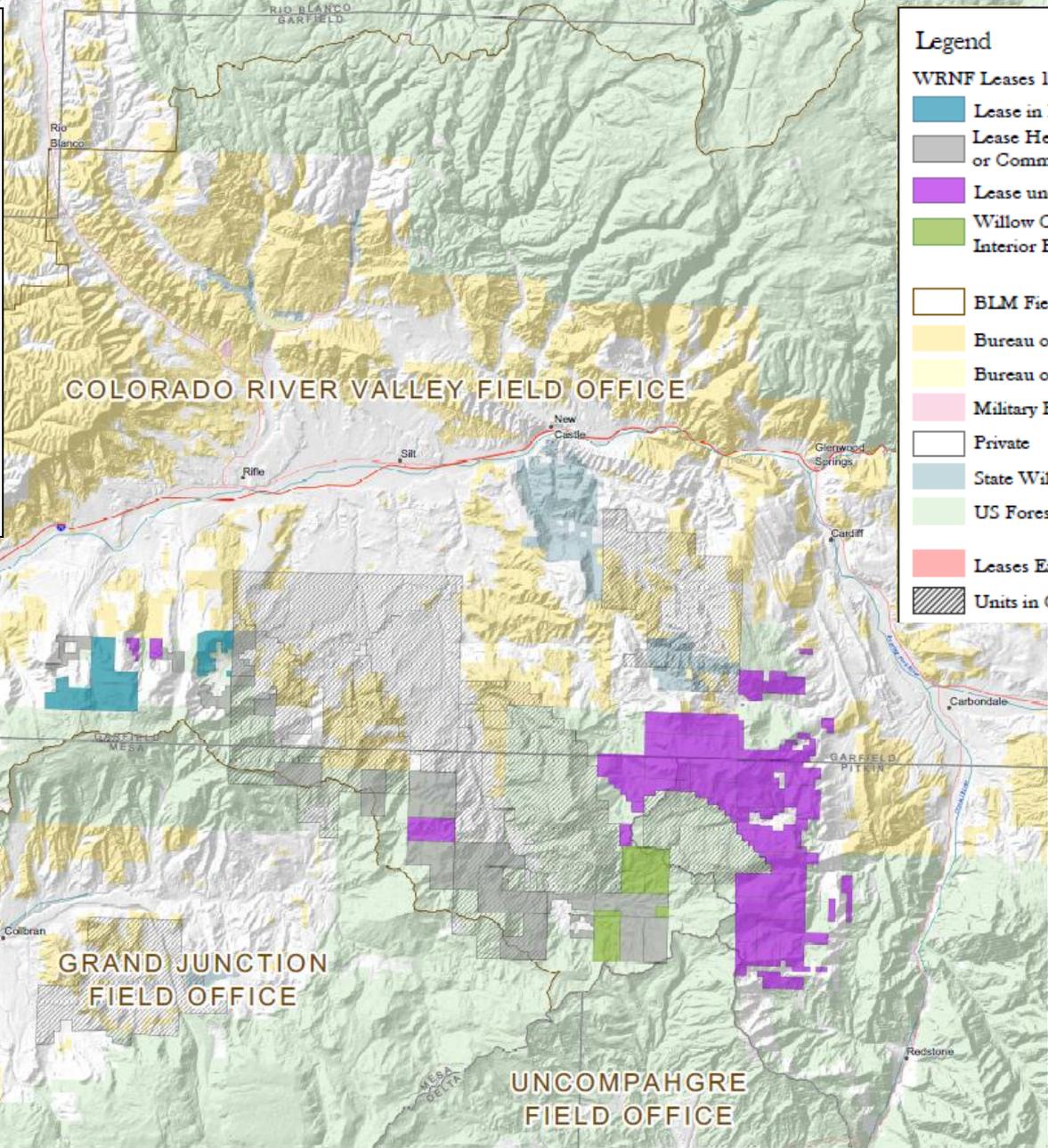
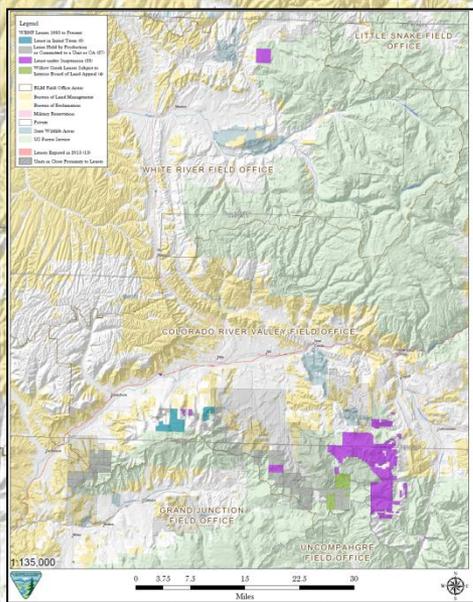


# Previously Issued Oil and Gas Leases in the WRNF EIS

## NW RAC UPDATE

February 19, 2015





# 1) Status Update

- External Scoping Report Completed
  - Posted online 2/9/15 at:  
[http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/crvfo/existing\\_leases\\_on.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/crvfo/existing_leases_on.html)
- Internal Scoping and Alternative Workshop Completed
- GIS Data Acquisition and Review Complete
- Three Cooperating Agency Meetings Held
  - Input has included stipulation modification suggestions, data incorporation, adequacy of USFS FEIS for incorporation by reference, and feedback on conceptual alternatives



## 2) Next Steps and Preliminary Schedule

- BLM review Chapters 1 and 2: *February/March*
- CA Alternatives Review Meeting: *February/March*
- CA Analysis Planning Meeting(s): *~March*
- BLM review Chapter 3: *March/April*
- BLM review Chapter 4: *May/June*
- CA Relevant Section Review: *~June*
- BLM review full PDEIS: *July-September*
- NOA and start of 45 day comment period: *November*



### 3) USFS EIS vs. BLM EIS

	White River National Forest Oil and Gas Leasing EIS	Previously Issued Oil and Gas Leases in the WRNF EIS
<b>Lead Agency:</b>	USFS <i>[BLM is a cooperator and intends to adopt the USFS decision]</i>	BLM <i>[USFS is a cooperator]</i>
<b>Decisions to be Made:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Future leasing availability</li> <li>2) Future leasing stipulations</li> </ol>	1) Whether these 65 leases should be voided, reaffirmed, modified with additional or different terms, or subject to additional mitigation measures
<b>Treatment of the 65 existing (post 1993) leases in the WRNF</b>	Valid existing rights; no decision to be made; two scenarios (development and expiration/cancellation); future availability and stipulations for lease areas	Potentially voidable; treatment is decision to be made following analysis
<b>Current Status</b>	Draft Decision and FEIS published 12/9/14; reviewing objections	Scoping report published 2/9/15; DEIS expected November 2015
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsinternet!/ut/p/c5/04_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP0os3gDfxMDT8MwRydLA1cJ72BTUwMTAwgAykeaxRtBeY4WBv4eHmF-YT4GMHkidBvgAl6EdleDXlvfdrAJuM3388jPTdUvyA2NMMgyUQQAyrgQmg!!/dl3/d3/L2dJQSEvUUt3QS9ZQnZ3LzZfs000MjZOMDcxT1RVODBJN0o2MTJQRDMwODQ!/?project=29938">http://www.fs.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsinternet!/ut/p/c5/04_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP0os3gDfxMDT8MwRydLA1cJ72BTUwMTAwgAykeaxRtBeY4WBv4eHmF-YT4GMHkidBvgAl6EdleDXlvfdrAJuM3388jPTdUvyA2NMMgyUQQAyrgQmg!!/dl3/d3/L2dJQSEvUUt3QS9ZQnZ3LzZfs000MjZOMDcxT1RVODBJN0o2MTJQRDMwODQ!/?project=29938</a>	<a href="http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/crvfo/existing_leases_on.html">http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/crvfo/existing_leases_on.html</a>



## 4) USFS Alternatives and Draft Decision

### USFS FEIS Alternatives

- A- No Action: Continue leasing program, potentially making new leases available under 1993 decision (areas available and stipulations)
- B- No Future Leasing: Issue no new leases on the WRNF
- C- Proposed Action: Issue new leases in areas identified as available for leasing with new stipulations [*Note: all areas of existing leases would be available for future leasing under this alternative*]

### USFS Proposed Decision

Combines Alternative B and Alternative C to close some areas to future leasing, while making others available with the stipulations identified in Alternative C. Closes ~30% of “high potential” areas in the WRNF to future leasing.

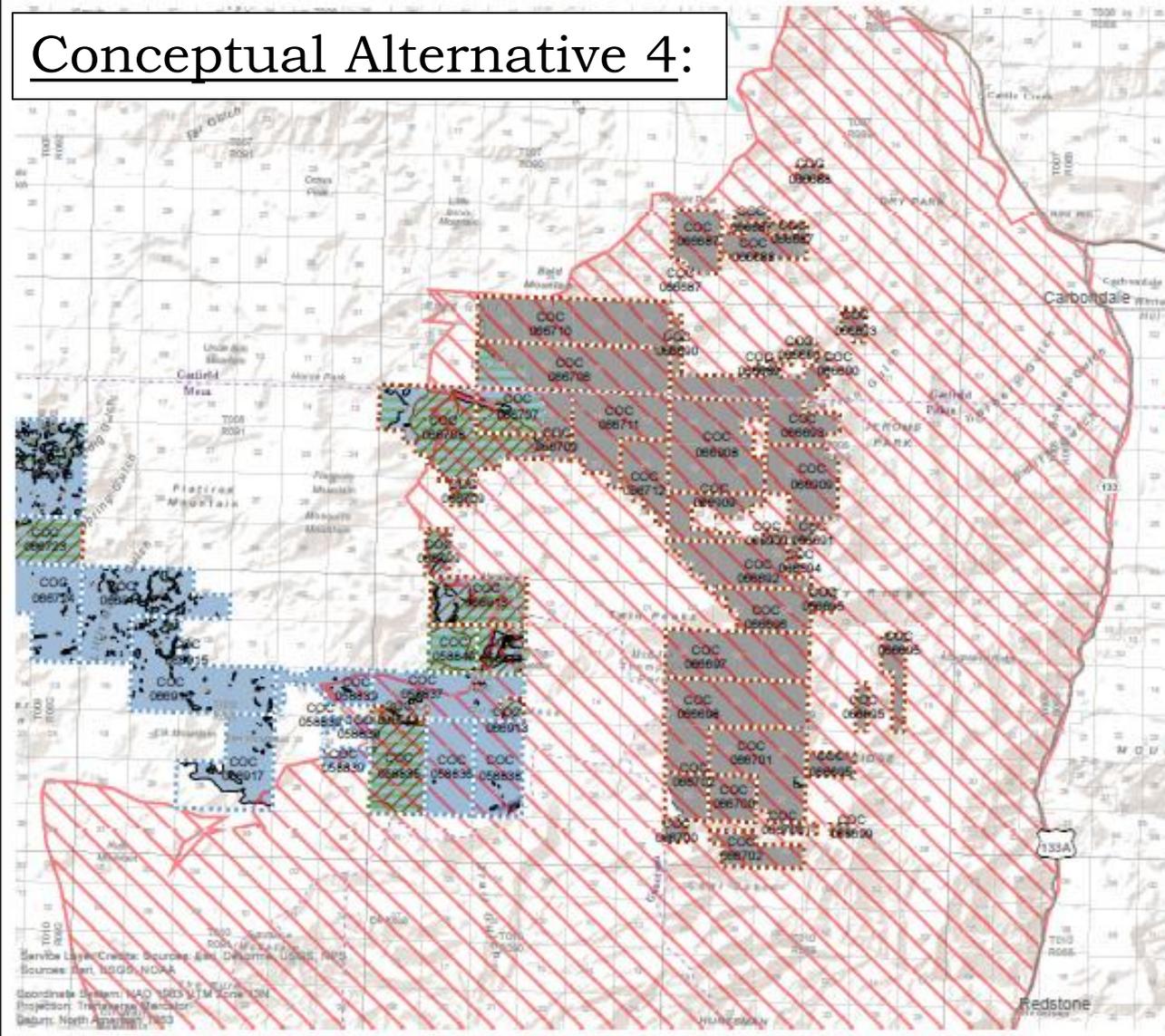


## 4) BLM Conceptual Alternatives

1. No Action: Take no action and continue to administer leases per current terms and conditions (i.e. reaffirm the leases)
2. Minor/Regulatory Modifications: Modify only leases that are (a) missing stipulations identified in 1993, or (b) where stipulations are warranted to ensure compliance with regulations (e.g. CAA, CWA, ESA).
3. USFS Proposed Action Stipulations: Match 2014 USFS Proposed Action stipulations (Alternative C).
4. USFS (Proposed) Future Leasing Decision: Match 2014 USFS Proposed Decision. Match stipulations in area open to future leasing. Void leases in areas closed to future leasing.
5. Void the leases: Void all leases.



# Conceptual Alternative 4:



- Lands Closed for Leasing (USFS Selected Alternative)**
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  - Timing Limitations
  - Thompson Divide
  - No Surface Occupancy
  - Controlled Surface Use
- Lease Status**
- Undeveloped
  - Expired but appealable
  - Producing or



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Conceptual Alternative 4 (Detail Area 3) draft deliberative

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Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 13N  
 Projection: Transverse Mercator  
 Datum: North American 1983

