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BLM seeks comment on future management of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area

JUPITER, Fla. – Today, the Bureau of Land Management Southeastern States District released an environmental assessment evaluating long-term management planning for the 120-acre Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area in Palm Beach County. A 60-day public comment period is in place and will run through Jan. 9, 2023.

"We are eager to hear from the public and look forward to coordinating with our partners to devise a strong plan to manage this special place over the next 10-15 years," said **BLM Southeastern States District Manager Bob Swithers**.

The environmental assessment evaluates a range of alternatives and considers measures to protect and conserve biological, cultural, and historic resources, as well as potential impacts to recreation and visitor services.

"This effort supports the President's 'America the Beautiful' initiative through balancing conservation and recreation," said **BLM Eastern States Director Mitchell Leverette**. "The Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse is a gem of BLM's National Conservation Lands and involving the local community is vital to ensure this special place is managed in the best way possible."

Two virtual public meetings are scheduled for Nov. 29 and Dec. 15, 2022, at 6 p.m. EST on both days. The meetings will be held via Zoom. To register in advance for the Nov. 29 webinar, visit: https://blm.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_g2808mgJQu61-NUSkeTLLw. To register for the Dec. 15 webinar, visit https://blm.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_bpCJIDWnQCS5HcQyytVVUQ. Information on the meetings will be posted on the BLM website at www.blm.gov/JupiterONA.

All comments must be received by Jan. 9, 2023. Comments must be submitted through either the BLM ePlanning website at https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2002316/510, by email to BLM_ES_JupiterONA@blm.gov, or by mail to Program Manager, Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area, 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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