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## BLM seeks public input on Uncompahgre Field Office plan amendment

**MONTROSE, Colo.** – The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comment to inform the development of an environmental impact statement analyzing potential amendments to the April 2020 Uncompahgre Field Office Resource Management Plan. The plan covers about 678,400 acres of public lands and 973,300 acres of subsurface mineral estate in Delta, Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel counties.

“We value the public’s input early and throughout what will be a tightly focused two-year process,” said **BLM Uncompahgre Field Manager Suzanne Copping**. “The public helps ensure that our agency arrives at more informed and cohesive decisions.”

This analysis is limited to considering alternative management approaches for oil and gas resources, lands with [wilderness characteristics](#), and previously analyzed [Areas of Critical Environmental Concern](#), consistent with two litigation settlement agreements. BLM will consider an alternative that corresponds with management actions previously analyzed in the 2019 Uncompahgre Field Office Proposed Resource Management Plan and associated final environmental impact statement and will strive for consistency with other BLM planning efforts for [Gunnison sage-grouse](#) and [Colorado big game species](#).

A [Notice of Intent](#) publishing in tomorrow’s *Federal Register* will open a 45-day scoping period scheduled to close February 20, 2024. Written comments may be submitted through the “Participate Now” option at the [BLM National NEPA Register](#) (preferred) or delivered to: Uncompahgre Field Office RMP Amendment/EIS, BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, 2465 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, CO 81401.

Additional information is available at the [BLM National NEPA Register](#) or by contacting project manager Angela LoSasso at (970) 210-5579 or email [BLM\\_COSO\\_5000\\_UFO\\_RMPA\\_EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_COSO_5000_UFO_RMPA_EIS@blm.gov).

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