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This is still rough, but with the meetings we held this week with all the players, it's starting to come together, and people are more focused on finishing this early next week. We can walk you through it in our check in meeting. The various divisions are still working on the doc live in google drive, but it's probably 90% complete. We're interested if you think this format and level of detail is appropriate.

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Introduction

Secretarial Order 3356, Section 4b(1) directs the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to “amend National Monument Management Plans to include or expand hunting, recreational shooting, and fishing opportunities to the extent practicable under the law.” The BLM is developing an action plan to implement Section 4b(1) to identify (1) recommendations to amend or develop National Monument Management Plans to include or expand opportunities; and (2) potential actions that would further enhance hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting opportunities within National Monuments.

Summary

The BLM manages 27 National Monuments with nearly 9,452,000 acres located in nine western states. National Monuments are managed for the benefit of current and future generations, supporting conservation while allowing for multiple uses that are consistent with the designating authorities, including energy development, grazing, mining (including valid existing rights), and other uses. National Monuments offer the American people exceptional opportunities for hunting, fishing, recreation, wildlife viewing, and a wide range of traditional uses, including exploring our American heritage and history.

In response to the Secretarial Order 3356, the BLM conducted a review of the 27 National Monuments to identify current conditions for hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting opportunities on public lands. The review was coordinated between the BLM Washington and State Offices, with substantial support from Field Offices.

The summary of findings include the following:

- 100% of BLM National Monuments are open to fishing with no rivers, streams, lakes, or other water bodies closed, restricted or prohibited to this activity. Fishing restrictions are managed by the individual states, which have jurisdiction over most waterways.
- 98.8% of the 9.4 million acres are open to hunting, with 117,748 acres restricted or closed to hunting equating to 1.2% of the total BLM National Monument acreage.
- 91.0% or about 8.6 million acres of BLM National Monuments are open to recreational shooting, with 854,465 acres restricted or closed, equating to 9.0% of the total BLM National Monument acreage.

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Of the 27 National Monuments administered by the BLM:

- 6 have no restrictions on hunting or recreational shooting.
- 5 have shooting restrictions associated with 43 CFR 8365.2 5, prohibiting the discharge or use of firearms, other weapons, or fireworks on developed recreation sites.
- 11 have recreational shooting restrictions, other than those associated with 43 CFR 8365.2 5.
- 5 have hunting and recreational shooting restrictions, other than those associated with 43 CFR 8365.2 5.

The current status of management plans for the BLM's 27 National Monuments:

- 12 have Resource Management Plans (RMP)
- 4 RMPs are in development
- 3 have no RMPs
- 8 are in the process of amending the RMP

Planning Recommendations:

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See the attached table for monument specific planning recommendations.

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Specific Actions to Improve and Expand Opportunities:

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See the attached table for monument specific opportunities.

Current Status, Recommendations, and Opportunities for Hunting, Fishing and Recreational Shooting in National Monuments

The attached table identifies planning recommendations and opportunities to include and expand hunting, fishing, and recreation in the 27 BLM National Monuments. The table is divided into four sections:

Section 1. National Monuments with both hunting and recreational shooting restrictions and closures;

Section 2. National Monuments with only recreational shooting restrictions or closures;

Section 3. National Monuments with shooting restrictions associated with 43 CFR 8365.2 5, which prohibits the discharge or use of firearms, other weapons, or fireworks on developed recreation sites; and

Section 4. National Monuments with no restrictions or closures on hunting, fishing, or recreational shooting.

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The table displays acreage, land use plans, detailed reasons for hunting and recreational shooting restrictions or closures, a summary of restrictions or closures, and best management practices to expand access to these opportunities for each National Monument.

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			<p>the existing CCNM RMP. This new plan level decisions will include site specific objectives, management actions, and allowable uses. This unit of CCNM will require implementation level planning as well.</p>	<p>California Coastal National Monument RMP to address the onshore lands that have been added to the National Monument since 2014. Hunting, recreational shooting, and fishing will be addressed through the planning process.</p> <p><u>Currently:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three properties (Piedras Blancas, Trinidad Head, and Waluplh Lighthouse Ranch) will not feasibly support recreational shooting or hunting because of their small size (<15 acres) and fall under 43 CFR 8365.2 5 prohibiting the discharge or use of firearms, other weapons, or fireworks on developed recreation sites. • 1,132 acre Point Arena Stornetta is closed to recreational shooting through supplementary rules published through 	<p>FR 10206</p> <p>Management of the Cotoni Coast Dairies unit has not been addressed through the public planning process and is not yet accessible to the public.</p>		
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				<p>NFR 78 FR 10206 on Feb. 13, 2013. The area is closed because of a significant public safety risk. The property is relatively small and in close proximity to dwellings, roads, and other users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archery hunting currently occurs at Lost Coast Headlands. • Cotoni Coast Dairies is not yet accessible to the public and has no guidance on hunting, recreational shooting, or fishing. 			
2	Carrizo Plain, California	<p>BLM total acres: 211,045</p> <p>205,845 acres (98%) open to hunting</p> <p>5,200 acres closed to hunting</p>	Carrizo Plain National Monument RMP, 2010	<p>Nearly all of the Carrizo Plain National Monument is open to hunting. Areas not open to hunting include a large safety zone surrounding the Guy L. Goodwin Education Center and Painted Rock; all designated campgrounds; administrative and recreational facilities including Painted Rock</p>	<p>Public health and safety at recreation site or area.</p> <p>Closed in Carrizo Plain National Monument RMP, 2010.</p> <p><u>Supplementary Rule Reference:</u> 62</p>	<p>(b) (5) - DPP</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>

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3	Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains, California	98,981 total BLM acres 1,981 acres (2%) are open to hunting and recreational shooting 97,000 acres are closed to hunting and recreational shooting	Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Management Plan, 2004	The shooting closure was enacted to protect cultural resources from damage resulting from their use as targets; protect wildlife from disruption of feeding, breeding, and other important behaviors; protect wildlife from direct mortality and temporary or permanent abandonment of habitat, especially with regard to the endangered Peninsular Range bighorn sheep; and enhance visitor safety by minimizing potential for accidental shootings. Hunting is prohibited under state law because the area is within California State Game Refuge.	<u>Shooting:</u> Resource Protection (endangered species, cultural) and safety. <u>Hunting:</u> Prohibited under state law. <u>Supplementary Rule Reference:</u> FR 05 14937	(b) (5) - DPP [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
4	Kasha Katuwe Tent Rocks, New	BLM total acres: 4,645	Kasha Katuwe Tent Rocks NM RMP (2007)	Kasha Katuwe Tent Rocks is a fully developed recreation site with parking lots, trails	Addressing public health and safety at developed	(b) (5) - DPP [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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	Mexico	4,645 acres (100%) closed to hunting and recreational shooting		<p>and roads intertwining with slot canyons, mesas and fragile geological features.</p> <p>The 2007 Record of Decision designates the area as a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA).</p> <p>The RMP states that shooting, hunting, and trapping are specifically prohibited at the BLM's developed recreation sites in New Mexico.</p>	<p>recreation site or area.</p> <p>Closed to hunting and recreational shooting in the Kasha Katuwe Tent Rocks NM RMP (2007).</p> <p>Proposed statewide supplementary rules have been submitted for closures identified in the RMP. See Federal Register Notice 2015 28240.</p> <p>Until the proposed rules are final the 1996 closures still apply under the 1996 Federal Register Notice: [NM 01 0 06 1220 00/G01 0 G6 0202] Establishment of</p>	<p>(b) (5) - DPP</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
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					Supplementary Rules for Designated Recreation Sites, Special Recreation Management Areas, and Other Public Lands in the Albuquerque District, NM.		
5	Rio Grande del Norte, New Mexico	245,290 total acres 234,387 acres (96%) open to hunting. 10,903 acres closed to hunting.	Taos RMP, 2012 The Taos RMP position identified for all developed recreation areas, the BLM will work with the New Mexico Game and Fish Department to close the areas to hunting and recreational	Hunting closures were put into place by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF).	Hunting closures are enforced and established through the New Mexico Game and Fish. Closed in Taos RMP, 2012.	(b) (5) - DPP [Redacted]	[Redacted]

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		<p>233,787 acres (95%) open to recreational shooting.</p> <p>11,503 acres closed to recreational shooting.</p>	<p>shooting.</p> <p>The RMP is being amended in an EA to address Monument management.</p> <p>The alternatives in the EA have been developed and the draft is being finalized.</p>	<p>Recreational shooting closures have been in place for several years, and most recently were reaffirmed by the 2012 Taos RMP.</p>	<p>Closed in Taos RMP, 2012.</p> <p>Proposed statewide supplementary rules have been submitted for closures identified in the RMP. See Federal Register Notice 2015 28240: The New Mexico State Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to establish supplementary rules within public lands in New Mexico.</p> <p>Until the proposed rules are final the 1996 closures still apply under the 1996 Federal Register Notice: NM 01 0 06 1220</p>		
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SECTION 2. BLM NATIONAL MONUMENTS with RECREATIONAL SHOOTING RESTRICTIONS

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7	Ironwood Forest, Arizona	129,358 total acres 129,358 acres (100%) closed	Ironwood Forest National Monument RMP, 2013	The RMP's NEPA analysis concluded recreational shooting has resulted in damage to protected monument objects in localized areas and is presenting safety conflicts with other users. Hunting activities may continue as consistent with state laws.	Recreational shooting is prohibited. Closed in Ironwood Forest National Monument RMP, 2013. Supplementary rule is pending.	(b) (5) - DPP [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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8	Sonoran Desert, Arizona	486,400 total acres 476,300 acres (98%) open 10,100 acres closed	Sonoran Desert National Monument RMP, 2012 The RMP is being amended.	10,100 acres are temporarily closed by court order until the recreational shooting amendment for the Sonoran Desert National Monument RMP is completed. Court deadline: September 30, 2017. The proposed RMP Amendment and Final EIS was released on 10/20/2017.	Court Ordered temporary closure pending amendment of the RMP. Court Order number CV 13 01973 PX DGC.	(b) (5) - DPP [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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9	Berryessa Snow Mountain, California	<p>BLM total acres: 110,000</p> <p>34,402 acres (31%) open</p> <p>75,598 acres closed</p>	<p>2006 Ukiah Field Office RMP</p> <p>An RMP amendment will be prepared pending the outcome of the national monument review under Executive Order 13792.</p>	<p>Closures were made pre Monument designation (2008 and 2013). Nothing has been closed due to the monument designation.</p> <p>The Cache Creek Natural Area was closed to recreational shooting in the 2004 Cache Creek Coordinated Resource Management Plan. This decision was carried forward into the Ukiah FO RMP, 2006. The closure was made in coordination with California Department of Fish and Wildlife to comply with state regulations and address public complaints about nuisance and safety risks.</p> <p>The Knoxville Recreation Area was closed (6 acres) to</p>	<p>Supplementary rules closing the Cache Creek Natural Area were published in 2013.</p> <p><u>Supplementary Rule Reference:</u> 78 FR 10206</p> <p>A closure order for the Knoxville Recreation Area was published in 2008.</p> <p><u>Supplementary Rule Reference:</u> 73 FR 79899</p>	<p>(b) (5) - DPP [REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p>

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				shooting to protect other public land users and newly developed housing nearby.			
10	Fort Ord, California	BLM total acres: 7,212 7,212 acres (100%) closed	Hollister FO RMP for the Southern Diablo Mountain Range and Central Coast of California, 2007.	<p>The 2007 RMP established the 7,212 acre Fort Ord area as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern and Special Recreation Management Area with accompanying management allocations.</p> <p>The 7,446 acres of Army land is closed to all public uses while they are addressing potential live munitions and explosive hazards.</p> <p>The 7,212 acres of BLM land is open for hunting by falconry.</p> <p>Both Army and BLM lands are closed to firearm use and recreational shooting.</p>	<p>Public health and safety (potential live munitions and explosives on site, residences surrounding the monument).</p> <p>Closure order issued in 1996, prior to national monument designation</p> <p><u>Supplementary Rule Reference:</u> 61 FR 64530</p> <p>Closure maintained in Hollister FO RMP for the Southern Diablo Mountain Range and Central Coast of California, 2007.</p>	<p>(b) (5) - DPP</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>

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11	Mojave Trails, California	<p>1,600,000 total acres</p> <p>1,595,500 acres (99.7%) open</p> <p>4,500 acres closed</p>	<p>California Desert Conservation Area Plan of 1980, as amended.</p> <p>A Monument Plan will be prepared, pending the outcome of the national monument review under Executive Order 13792.</p>	<p>No new closures, all closures pre date Monument designation. The Mojave Trails NM is in the planning process.</p> <p>20 acres of shooting closures under 43 CFR 8365.2 prohibits the discharge or use firearms, other weapons, or fireworks on developed recreation sites and areas to provide for public health, safety and comfort.</p> <p>4,480 acres are closed to recreational shooting under supplemental regulations for Amboy Crater National Natural Landmark/Area of Critical of Environmental Concern (Aug. 6, 1998).</p>	<p>Public health and safety at recreation site or area.</p> <p>Closed under 43 CFR 8365.2.</p> <p><u>Supplementary Rule Reference</u>: 63 FR 42063</p>	<p>(b) (5) - DPP</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
12	Browns Canyon, Colorado	<p>BLM total acres: 9,793</p> <p>9,663 acres (99%) open</p> <p>130 acres</p>	<p>Currently managed under the Royal Gorge Field Office RMP, 1996.</p> <p>An independent</p>	<p>The Colorado Parks and Wildlife R&PP lease parcels totaling 130 acres (40 in Ruby Mountain and 90 in Hecla Junction).</p> <p>The State of Colorado</p>	<p>Established through Colorado Parks and Wildlife as part of R&PP lease.</p> <p>This is a</p>	<p>(b) (5) - DPP</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>

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				the National Rifle Association; the Supplementary Rules are in surnaming process and are currently with the Office of the Solicitor.	2010. Supplementary Rules pending.	(b) (5) - DPP [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
14	Organ Mountains Desert Peaks, New Mexico	419,532 total acres 418,532 acres (99.8%) open 1,000 acres closed	Mimbres RMP, 1993 Monument Plan under development. In pre planning stages, awaiting Notice of Intent to be published.	Closed to recreational shooting at the Dripping Springs Natural Area and the Aguirre Springs Campground. These two areas received over 100,000 visitors a year with an extensive trail system network crossing the 1,000 acres. Recreational shooting would pose a potential danger to the visiting public either while camping or traversing the trail system.	Public health and safety at recreation site or area. Originally closed in 1989, carried forward into the Mimbres RMP, 1993. Supplementary rules published in 1995 under the Federal Register NM 030 1231 00.	(b) (5) - DPP [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
15	Prehistoric Trackways, New Mexico	5,280 total acres 5,280 (100%) acres open to	Prehistoric Trackways RMP, 2015	The Monument was closed to target shooting in the 2015 RMP because it was becoming a public safety hazard to the visitors and other recreational users to	Public health and safety at recreation site or area. Closed to	(b) (5) - DPP [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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		<p>hunting</p> <p>5,280 acres (100%) closed to recreational target shooting</p>		<p>the Monument. The Trackways is a popular OHV, mountain biking, hiking and sightseeing spot with 20,000 visits reported in 2016.. There are also many school groups that visit the Monument to learn about its paleontology resources. The local office consulted with local recreational target shooting clubs and the National Shooting Roundtable. Due to the amount of public complaints, police reports, and BLM staff reports of close calls with recreational target shooters; it was agreed by all parties that this was not a safe place to allow recreational target shooting. The terrain of the area is such that visibility of other users is poor, and the possibility of stray or ricocheting bullets is high.</p> <p>On BLM managed public lands, outside of developed recreation sites and areas,</p>	<p>recreational target shooting in the Prehistoric Trackways RMP, 2015.</p> <p>Submittal of a supplementary rule to the Federal Register Notice is pending.</p>		
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				where discharging a weapon is prohibited through the establishment of a supplementary rule, unless specifically excluded, persons with a valid New Mexico hunting license while legally and actively in the pursuit of game during an open season are authorized by the BLM to discharge weapons in these areas.			
16	Cascade Siskiyou, Oregon	<p>112,928 total acres</p> <p>88,221 acres (78%) open</p> <p>24,707 acres closed to recreational shooting but open to hunting</p>	<p>CSNM RMP, 2008</p> <p>Soda Mountain Wilderness Stewardship Plan, 2012</p>	<p>The 24,707 acre Soda Mountain Wilderness is open to hunting.</p> <p>Through the Soda Mountain Wilderness Stewardship Plan these same acres are closed to recreational shooting.</p> <p>A supplementary rule published in 2005 provides the legal authority to enforce all pertinent planning decisions made prior to the rule and all such decisions made following publication of the rule (SOL</p>	<p>Resource Protection (recreation experience, wilderness values).</p> <p>Closed to recreational shooting in Soda Mountain Wilderness Stewardship Plan, 2012.</p> <p>Supplementary rule in place (70 FR 48584, August 18, 2015) deemed</p>	<p>(b) (5) - DPP</p>	

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				opinion).	applicable to all prior and subsequent planning decisions through DOI PNW Solicitor Memorandum dated July 12, 2017.		(b) (5) - DPP [REDACTED]
SECTION 3. BLM NATIONAL MONUMENTS with SHOOTING RESTRICTIONS ASSOCIATED with 43 CFR 8365.2 5 prohibiting the discharge or use of firearms, other weapons, or fireworks on developed recreation sites							
#	National Monument and State	BLM Acreage	Land Use Plan	Detailed Reason for Recreational Shooting Restrictions:	Summary of Restriction or Closure with Citations	Planning Recommendation	Potential Actions to Enhance Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Opportunities
17	Bears Ears, Utah	1,062,900 BLM acres 1,062,850 BLM Acres Open	Monticello RMP, 2008. A land use plan amendment is required per the	Less than 50 acres of developed sites are closed under 43 CFR 8365.2 5 which prohibits the discharge or use of firearms, other weapons, or fireworks	Closed under 43 CFR 8356.2 5	(b) (5) - DPP [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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		Less than 50 acres closed	Proclamation.	on developed recreation sites. Closures were made prior to designation and will remain closed for visitor health and safety.			
18	Grand Staircase Escalante, Utah	1,866,331 total acres 1,866,314 acres (99.9%) open 17 acres closed	GSENM MMP, 1999 The plan is being amended to address livestock grazing. Recreational shooting, hunting and fishing are outside the scope of the Amendment.	Approximately 17 acres of developed sites are closed to shooting per 43 CFR 8365.2 prohibiting the discharge or use of firearms, other weapons, or fireworks on developed recreation sites and areas to provide for public health and safety.	Public health and safety at recreation site or area Closed under 43 CFR 8365.2.	(b) (5) - DPP [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].
19	Pompey's Pillar, Montana	51 total acres 51 acres (100%) closed	Pompeys Pillar RMP, 2015	Closed to the discharge of firearms for public health and safety concerns as part of a land use plan amendment completed in 1996 for the Pompeys Pillar Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The 51 acres is heavily developed with	Public health and safety at developed recreation site or area. Closure carried forward in the Pompeys Pillar	(b) (5) - DPP [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

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				parking lots, roads, sidewalks, boardwalks, trails, a maintenance area, maintenance buildings, an amphitheater, a cabin and the visitor center. These land use allocation decisions were also included in the RMP amendment done for the visitor center in 2001 and were carried forward in the recent 2015 Pompeys Pillar RMP.	RMP, 2015. Closed under 43 CFR 8356.2 5		
20	Sand to Snow, California	83,000 BLM acres 58,100 acres (70%) open 24,900 acres closed	The BLM and US Forest Service have initiated planning for the Sand to Snow National Monument (SSNM). The BLM is preparing a Notice of Intent to begin scoping.	Shooting is closed in developed recreation areas.	58,100 acres are open for hunting and recreational shooting 24,900 acres are closed under 43 CFR 8365.2.	(b) (5) - DPP [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
21	Upper	377,346	Upper Missouri	Shooting is closed in	Public health and	(b) (5) - DPP [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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#	National Monument and State	BLM Acreage	Land Use Plan	Potential Actions to Enhance Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Opportunities
22	Grand Canyon Parashant, Arizona	812,581 BLM acres	BLM/NPS Grand Canyon Parashant RMP/General Management Plan, 2008.	(b) (5) - DPP [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]
23	Vermilion Cliffs, Arizona	279,566 total acres	Vermilion Cliffs National Monument RMP, 2008	(b) (5) - DPP [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]
24	Craters of the Moon, Idaho	275,076 BLM acres	The ROD for the Craters Amendment was signed in July 2017.	(b) (5) - DPP [Redacted] [Redacted]
25	Basin and Range,	703,585 total acres	Ely RMP, 2008.	(b) (5) - DPP [Redacted] [Redacted]

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	Nevada		Amendment to the RMP. A scoping report has been prepared.	(b) (5) - DPP [REDACTED]
26	Gold Butte, Nevada	296,937 total acres	Las Vegas RMP, 1998. An amendment is needed.	(b) (5) - DPP [REDACTED]
27	San Juan Islands, Washington	970 total acres	There is no RMP addressing these lands.	(b) (5) - DPP [REDACTED]

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Section 4 of the Order, titled "Directive" states: *"The following actions are to be taken consistent with governing laws, regulations, and principles of responsible public stewardship:*

C. With respect to participation in hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting, bureaus and offices shall:

(3) Work with veterans and youth programs to provide hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting mentor training programs."

No.	Activity	Description/Location	Activity Dates	Expected Outcome	Comments
	ALASKA: <i>Glenallen Family Ice Fishing Day</i>	The annual <i>Family Ice Fishing Day</i> happens on the 1st Saturday of April in Alaska and is a day for Alaskan families to learn how to catch the iconic rainbow trout and welcome back the sun. Youth are taught jigging methods and choosing the right lures and bait. An underwater video camera is also setup to observe and learn how rainbow trout respond to lures and bait. Fishing values and future natural resource interests are being formed in the youth who participate alongside their parents and other siblings/youth through education and hands on experience to create the next generation of fisheries biologists and conservationists.			
	ALASKA: <i>Aquatic Camp</i>	During the summer, the BLM Glennallen Field Office partners with the Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment to take local middle school students on three days of <i>Aquatic Camp</i> exploration at Silver Lake. Literally getting their feet wet as acting field biologists, students take water samples, analyze oxygen levels, set fyke nets, learn fish habitat			

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		utilization where in lake and stream will the fish be, study culvert placements and stream morphology, examine zooplankton, set minnow traps, dissect trout, study river dynamics on a stream table.			
	ALASKA: <i>Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (Tangle Lakes Program)</i>	The BLM managed Wild and Scenic Delta River begins as a chain lake system consisting of 21 lakes (Tangle Lakes). All of these shallow lakes positively influence the productivity of the Delta River, creating the largest population of Arctic grayling recorded in Alaska. Every June, <i>Project Healing Waters</i> (PHW) participants travel to Tangle Lakes to learn about the aquatic ecology and fly fish for three days. The Amphitheater Mountains surrounds the river creating a beautiful, grandiose landscape, that quiets the mind and allows participants to find peace and healing. Veterans during the PHW Tangle Lakes Event routinely catch over 100 Arctic grayling a day, which creates many opportunities for stories around the campfire that strengthen comradery and build relationships. Project Healing Waters connects veterans to local communities and introduces them to people they would otherwise not meet. A prior PHW participant from the Tangle Lakes event has gone on to become a GIS Specialist with BLM.			
	ALASKA: <i>Traveling Stream Table Presentations</i>	The BLM Glennallen Field Office collaborated with Wrangell Institute for Science, Native Village of Gakona, and Native Village of Tazlina to take a stream simulation table on the road to underserved communities. The program engages students at			

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		underserved local communities by letting them explore river processes through hands on learning. Stream tables are powerful educational tools that demonstrate basic principles of river behavior. Students can see and learn a broad range of river processes such as pool and riffle development, perched culverts, channel incision, meander and floodplain formation, bed material transport, head cutting, and bank failures.			
	ALASKA: <i>Campbell Creek Science Center and Outdoor Week</i>	Several programs that hunting/fishing opportunities at the Campbell Creek Science Center including <i>Outdoor Week</i> (May each year). Sixth graders come over during the week and spend time learning about outdoor recreation and natural resources careers (including section on tying flies).			
	ALASKA: <i>Chosen Frozen</i>	Annual event co hosted by the Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve, WISE, and hosted in March. Each year is slightly different. Last year we hosted a total of 35 youth/chaperone participants who spent two nights throughout a 2 week time period at the winter camp and learned many important winter skills including, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, quinzee (snow hut) building, beaver and muskrat trapping and skinning, ice fishing, winter outdoor survival skills, fire starting, Atlatl dart throwing, and more.			

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	CALIFORNIA: <i>Annual Youth and Women's Pheasant Hunt</i>	The Redding Field Office conducts an annual <i>Youth and Women's Pheasant Hunt</i> . Now in its 26th year the hunt is a partnership MOU program with the Shasta County Sportsmen, California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and the Redding BLM. This event is focused on beginner hunters, but is open for experienced hunters also. The main focus is to teach the youth and women about safety while giving them an opportunity to be successful in the field and to get them excited about hunting. 60 youth and 60 women per year participate in this event. The BLM provides public lands access and staff to assist in the hunt, the Sportsman have a bbq and volunteers who work the hunt, and CDFW provides game raised birds to plant and handle the sign ups.			
	CALIFORNIA: <i>Annual Bend School Fish Day</i>	The Redding Field Office and conducts the <i>Annual Bend School Fish Day</i> with a local school adjacent to the Sacramento River Bend Recreation Area. Co sponsored by the BLM and California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, the <i>Bend School Fish Day</i> is a hands on event allowing kids to get outside, learn to fish and learn about local aquatic life. Around 75 kids participate in this event every year.			
	CALIFORNIA: <i>Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (Grass Valley Creek Program)</i>	The Redding Field Office has worked with <i>Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing</i> to provide and allow access for disabled veterans to Grass Valley Creek Reservoir for fishing. PHWFF has become recognized as an innovative			

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		leader and model in the field of therapeutic outdoor recreation for the disabled, through its successful application of the sport of fly fishing as a rehabilitation tool. The BLM is working to make this a recurring annual event.			
	CALIFORNIA: <i>Cougar Wetland Unit Waterfowl Hunt</i>	For 25 years the BLM and its partners have offered women, youth and mobility impaired waterfowl hunts on the BLM owned Cougar Wetland Unit at the Preserve.			
	CALIFORNIA: <i>Wild Turkey Hunts</i>	Also, in coordination with Cal Fish & Wildlife, we have been offering wild turkey hunts to women, youth and mobility impaired hunters since 2008 on Preserve lands.			
	CALIFORNIA: <i>Annual Susanville Junior Fishing Derby</i>	The Eagle Lake Field Office participates in the <i>Annual Junior Fishing Derby</i> in partnership with the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Lassen County Fish and Game Commission, and other local volunteers. The event takes place in Susanville and the BLM provides access for the participants to fish the Susan River where the trout are planted specifically for the derby by the CDFW. The event is usually in May or June and a date for 2018 has not been set yet.			
	CALIFORNIA: <i>La Panza Tule Elk Hunt</i>	Each year the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) makes available 1 apprentice tag available for the La Panza Tule Elk hunt. According to CDFW website the apprentice hunt is the 2nd Saturday in Oct and extends for 23 days. CDFW is one of the managing partners on Carrizo Plain National			

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		Monument and Carrizo falls within the La Panza hunt area.			
	EASTERN STATES/FLORIDA: <i>Monthly JILONA Fish and Learn Classes</i>	Series of family and veterans fishing classes and on site fishing sessions co hosted by the BLM, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and FishingCommunity.Org. Free of charge and open to the public, <i>Fish and Learn Classes</i> take place at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area			
	EASTERN STATES/FLORIDA: <u><i>Cooperative Agreement L16AC00257: Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse ONA Veterans Engagement Program Support</i></u>	Cooperative agreement with FishingCommunity.Org to facilitate engagement with individual veterans and veterans groups to establish on site, appropriate, recreational and social experiences for veterans and their families, local veteran focused education and outreach associated with the ONA and public lands resources on site, and to empower veterans through on the ground projects to enhance public lands, improve access and develop a strong connection and stewardship ethic with the values and resources of the ONA. Specific objectives include conducting veterans family fishing programs at the ONA; outreach efforts for the ONA focusing on the tie to the ocean and fisheries, and the benefits of recreational experiences on public lands to aid in connecting veterans with the unique and sensitive resources managed by the BLM; and assist in the development of empowerment projects at the ONA to engage veterans and volunteers in land management tasks focused on			

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		protecting ecosystems and enhancing recreational and education opportunities at the ONA.			
	EASTERN STATES/FLORIDA: <i>Palm Beach Veterans Wheelchair Accessible Boat Fishing Events</i>	Recurring free veterans family fishing event co hosted by the BLM, FishingCommunity.Org, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Fishing Academy. Salt water fishing using a custom designed, 49 passenger, handicapped wheel chair accessible fishing vessel and fishing experience for wounded veterans and family members.			
	EASTERN STATES/FLORIDA: <i>Annual Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse ONA Veterans Family Fishing Classic</i>	The annual <i>Jupiter Inlet Veterans Family Fishing Classic</i> is held in October and open and free of charge to all wounded, injured or ill heroes and their families. This event provides veterans and family members an opportunity to fish, relax and enjoy camaraderie. Activities included hosted shore fishing, professional fishing instruction with all equipment supplied, family activities, educational and interpretive activities and a closing celebration which includes lunch and raffle prizes. Cohosted by the BLM, FishingCommunity.Org, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, West Palm Beach Fishing Club and many others			
	IDAHO: <i>Annual Hyde Creek Pond Kids' Ice Fishing Derby</i>	For 25 years the BLM has co-hosted the <i>Annual Idaho Kids' Ice Fishing Derby</i> held at Hyde Creek Pond in Salmon, ID. Derby is sponsored by the Salmon-Challis National Forest, Salmon Region - Idaho Department of Fish & Game, Salmon Field Office - Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, US Fish and			

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		Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Upper Salmon Basin Watershed Program, Lemhi Soil and Water Conservation District, Trout Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.			
	OREGON: <i>Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (Umpqua Program)</i>	The Roseburg District and the OR/WA State Office partnered together to create and implement a brand new chapter of <i>Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing</i> in the Umpqua Basin (Southwest Oregon). The PHWFF Umpqua Program started about two years ago and is intended to help veterans heal physically and emotionally, through the therapeutic benefits of fly fishing. PHWFF has become recognized as an innovative leader and model in the field of therapeutic outdoor recreation for the disabled, through its successful application of the sport of fly fishing as a rehabilitation tool.			
	WYOMING: <i>Adopt A Trout</i>	<p>The <i>Adopt A Trout Program</i> (AAT) was originally created and implemented in Montana by Trout Unlimited. Since its creation it has been taken over by Wyoming Trout Unlimited out of Green River. Trout Unlimited in cooperation with the BLM has implemented four projects statewide.</p> <p>The AAT program goals are to: 1) involve the youth in resource management and teach them about the resources in their back yards; and 2) generate valuable scientific data from an AAT projects that is usable by resource professionals.</p>			

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		<p>Typically an AAT program is done in one 7th or 8th grade classroom of 15-20 kids each year. The Baggs AAT program is so popular that it is now presented to all 140 kids within the Little Snake River Valley School in Baggs, WY which includes grades one through 12.</p> <p>Rainbow trout and cutthroat trout are surgically implanted with radio telemetry tags and released in the wild. The kids made hypothesis as to when and why their fish would move.</p> <p>The kids spend time in the field to track fish locations in the watershed throughout the school year with resource professionals who also come to the school twice a month to present various biological topics.</p> <p>Topics including: Basic Fish identification and Biology, Trout Life History, How Radio Telemetry Works, Scientific Method, GPS/GIS, History of Fishing Tools (presented by BLM Archeologist), and How To Conduct Population Estimates as well as interact with a Stream Restoration Trailer Sandbox. Finally, the kids then apply this knowledge to their local streams and plant over 500 willows on stream channel restoration projects.</p>			
	WYOMING: <i>Teachers on Public Lands</i>	The <i>Teachers on Public Lands</i> project is a BLM funded program between the Rawlins Field Office and the Rawlins High School. Through an application process, BLM biologist select a teacher to			

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		job shadow that biologist in the field. The teacher participates in field activities and learns about various BLM programs and incorporates this knowledge into their curriculum and created a classroom project. The teacher is also required to take an online graduate level course. Recent projects include including fish surveys, population estimates, radio telemetry, piscicide projects and stream habitat restoration projects.			
	WYOMING: <i>Youth Days</i>	The Rawlins Field Office Fisheries Biologist participates in five to ten <i>Youth Days</i> a year. These days are anything from large school visits (100-200 kids) going through various stations that include; macro-invertebrate collection, boat safety, aquatic invasive species, fish identification, fish sampling techniques, etc. Some days are spent on reservoirs, streams and/or in classrooms. Recently the RFO Fisheries Program has been involved with a partnership with the Saratoga/Encampment/Riverside Conservation District, Trout Unlimited and Brush Creek Ranch to teach watershed management and health to intercity kids from Chicago that are brought out to Wyoming. During the summer of 2017 the Fisheries Biologist presented fish anatomy and identification to summer school special education students.			
	WYOMING: <i>Annual Family Fishing Day</i>	Wyoming BLM State Office hosts the <i>Annual Family Fishing Day</i> event in June in partnership with the Wyoming Game and Fish Dept., Wyoming State Parks and local volunteers. The event provides outreach and			

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		education on aquatic invasive species and fishing opportunities on public lands within the State for hundreds of families during the public event. Because the event is collocated and coordinated with the State Parks (Curt Gowdy State Park) the BLM is building on a long term relationship and partnership for conservation, education and traditional public land use opportunities.			
	NATIONAL OFFICE: <i><u>Cooperative Agreement</u></i> <i><u>L16AC00249:</u></i> <i>Providing Access to Public Lands and Waters to Underserved Youth (Cast for Kids) (Cast a Special Thrill (CAST) for Kids)</i>	National cooperative agreement to provide opportunities for under resourced youth, including urban youth and youth with disabilities, to participate in the wide range of recreation opportunities available on BLM public lands. These include exposing children, who may not otherwise get the opportunity, to the sport of fishing and the enjoyment of the outdoors, encouraging continued participation in fishing by developing skills in the children along with their parents, providing education and understanding to children about fish as a natural resource, and increasing the awareness of all participants, parents, sportsmen, and volunteers, to the capabilities of children with disabilities, in effect strengthening local communities.			
	NATIONAL OFFICE: <i><u>Cooperative Agreement</u></i> <i><u>L15AC00227:</u></i> <i>Creek Freaks: Connecting Children to the Green Zone (Izaak Walton</i>	National cooperative agreement to establish and enhance youth connections to the outdoors by educating them about stream ecology and riparian areas and encouraging them to become stewards of creeks in their communities. Increase children's interest in science, technology, engineering, and math			

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	<i>League of America, Inc)</i>	learning to increase children's interest in pursuing careers in natural resources management. In addition, this program empowers young people to become experts in local streams and to share information about health of their streams and streamside habitats with their communities.			
	NATIONAL OFFICE: <i>Chesapeake Watershed Stewardship Collaborative</i>	<p>Collaborative program amongst Anacostia Watershed Society, Bureau of Land Management, Campus Compact Mid Atlantic, Hood College Center for Coastal and Watershed Studies, Izaak Walton League of America, and the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education.</p> <p>The CWSC works to foster collaboration among entities that advance environmental education, environmental literacy, aquatic habitat management and water quality programming benefiting watershed health within the 176 square mile region of the Washington, D.C. metro area. Developing leadership training efforts that engage college & university students, teachers, and resource professionals in service learning efforts benefiting aquatic ecosystems, watershed health, and water quality monitoring. Creating innovative, first of its kind <i>Watershed Mentor Certificate Program</i>, a 2 5 day intensive watershed mentor competencies program in addition to job/career skills workshops. The BLM co founded and co leads this program.</p>			
	NATIONAL OFFICE:	The <i>Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program</i> is a			

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	<i>American Fisheries Society Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program</i>	paid summer internship and mentoring program for high school students to increase diversity within the fisheries professions and is sponsored by the American Fisheries Society. Students are matched and mentored by a fisheries professional for a hands on fisheries science experience in a marine and/or freshwater setting. Scholars who successfully complete the program receive a \$4,000 scholarship as well as valuable work to stimulate interest in careers in Fisheries science and management among groups underrepresented in the fisheries professions, including minorities and women. BLM fish biologist mentor 5 7 students each year and the WO serves on the national Hutton Committee.			
	NATIONAL OFFICE: NFWF <i>Developing the Next Generation of Conservationists Grant Program</i>	The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in cooperation with its federal partners, the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service fund this initiative to connect youth to the outdoors by providing financial support for conservation employment programs. The initiative, <i>Developing the Next Generation of Conservationists</i> , brings together public and private partners to support developing innovative conservation job opportunities for young people, particularly urban, tribal and minority youth on public lands.			
	NATIONAL OFFICE:	The Bureau of Land Management has partnered with			

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	<i>Fisheries for Veterans Project National Partnership</i>	<p>FishingCommunity.Org, a non profit organization to create the <i>Fisheries for Veterans Project</i>, a community based, nation wide effort. The <i>Fisheries for Veterans Project</i> works to demonstrate that America's public lands, fishing and water resources provide: 1) recreational and social opportunities; 2) educational and on the ground job training opportunities; and 3) rejuvenation, rehabilitation, and healing for person, families and communities.</p> <p>The F4V project serves to liaison and event coordination with veteran service organizations, local communities and businesses, professional fishermen, non profit groups, and federal and state agencies; conduct fishing events, including family fishing days, fishing tournaments, fishing instruction and educational activities; provide outreach support from professional fishermen, aquatic biologists and land management professionals; and facilitate fish habitat and water improvement activities; and provide fundraising and volunteer coordination assistance. The BLM co founded the Fisheries for Veterans Project</p>			
	NATIONAL OFFICE: <i>Anacostia River Veterans Family Fishing Meetup</i>	The Washington D.C. Dept. of Energy and Environment's Aquatic Resources Education Center (AREC) and the BLM have partnered to implement a monthly veterans and family fishing event at the AREC location in Anacostia Park (managed by the National Park Service). The event will be free of			

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		charge and open to all public to provide fishing instruction, environmental education activities to connect veterans, youth and their families to public lands and aquatic resources through angling instruction and environmental education. The BLM co founded this no frills recurring event.			
	NATIONAL OFFICE: <i>Canoemobile Program</i>	Exposes and introduces participating youth in aquatic resources and outdoor experiences to urban kids in an effort to encourage communities to engage youth in the outdoors. Designed to safely engage youth in urban rivers and environments that are close to where they live. Replicates the Pyramid of Engagement and Urban Wilderness Canoe Adventures models to engages thousands of urban youth with the environment, facilitates skill building to grow future stewards and managers of our public lands, and addresses academic achievement gaps. Serving 1,000 DC area school kids on the Anacostia River, this effort helped bring together 20 DC area organizations focused on youth and/or the Anacostia River.			

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Memorandum

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Deputy Secretary

Through: Katharine S. MacGregor
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Land and Minerals Management

From: XXXX XXXX
Director – Bureau of Land Management

Subject: Response to Secretary Order 3356

This report to Interior Secretary Zinke is the U.S. Bureau of Land Management comprehensive response to Secretary Order 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories. This report incorporates content previously submitted by BLM for S.O. 3356 deliverables due November 15:

- 4.b.2 Access Enhancement Recommendations/Vulnerabilities Report
- 4.b.4 Hunting/Angling Shooting Sports Expansion Recommendations
- 4.b.5 Recreation Permitting Streamlining Recommendations
- 4.c.2 *Community Program Funding Recommendations

This report includes S.O. Sections with January 15, 2018 due dates:

- 4.a.1 S.O. 3347 Implementation Plan (fishing opportunity and aquatic habitat)
- 4.a.2 S.O. 3347 Implementation Plan (all other content)
- 4.b.1 National Monument Management Plan Amendment Report and Action Plan
- 4.b.6 Hunting/Fishing/Shooting IM – Incorporating into Proposed Actions
- 4.c.1 Private Lands Access Strategy
- 4.c.3 Veteran and Youth Programs Recommendations
- 4.d.1 Partnership Position Recommendations
- 4.d.2 State/Tribe/Territory Coordination
- 4.d.3 State/Tribal/Territory Wildlife Goal Collaboration Recommendations and IB
- 4.d.4 State/Tribal/Territory Access Collaboration Recommendations and Outreach
- 4.d.6 Migratory Waterfowl Progress Report
- 4.d.7 Surrounding Lands Report

And also S.O. sections with March 15 and September 15, 2018 due dates:

- 4.b.3 Hunting/Angling/Shooting Sports Searchable Database
- 4.d.5 Categorical Exclusions
- 4.d.8 Coordinate Wildlife Management Regulations
- 4.e.1 Implementation Plan for Updates to all guidance to comply with SO 3356
- 4.e.2 Implementation Plan for Using science to inform guidelines

BACKGROUND

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Interior Secretary Order 3356 - On September 15, 2017 Secretary Zinke signed Secretary Order 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories. S.O. 3356 prioritizes the Department's efforts to enhance conservation stewardship; increase outdoor recreation opportunities with an emphasis on hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting; improving the management of game species and their habitats; and directing greater collaboration with state, tribes, and territorial partners. It requests an assessment of past and ongoing implementation of the recommendations set forth in Executive Order 13443, "Facilitation of Hunting Heritage and Wildlife Conservation." S.O. 3356 also prioritizes recruiting and retaining sportsmen and women conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, and underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in outdoor recreation activities. S.O. 3356 includes 22 sections each with an associated deliverable, with two sections (4.a(1) and 4.a(2)) requesting detailed implementation plans for all recommendations provided in BLM's response to a previous S.O. 3347.

Interior Secretary Order 3347 and Executive Order 13443 - On March 2 2017 Secretary Zinke signed Secretary Order 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation (S.O.). The order directed the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, and the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management to provide the Secretary reports on all actions taken to implement Executive Order 13443 (E.O.) and achieve its goals; all actions described by the E.O. that have not occurred; explanation of regulatory, legislative, policy, or other barriers preventing or slowing implementation of the E.O.; and recommendations to improve implementation of the E.O. The Bureau of Land Management submitted its report to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management on March 31, 2017. The report was reviewed by Secretary Zinke and approved on August 23, 2017.

The recommendations provided by the BLM in its S.O. 3347 response were organized into seven distinct, higher-level categories that in total captured all directives found in both E.O. 13443 and S.O. 3347. Those categories are:

- 1. Improving State and Tribal Coordination*
- 2. Enhancing Partnerships*
- 3. Public Outreach*
- 4. Incorporating Data, and Science into Planning Decisions*
- 5. Increasing Access*
- 6. Infrastructure Improvements*
- 7. Improving Habitat*

Because of the overlapping/interconnected nature of the directives found between and within the Executive and Secretarial Orders, the BLM organized its January Report using the seven categories used in its S.O. 3347 report approved by the Secretary. A "crosswalk" response table showing the relationship between the S.O. and the seven categories is also attached.

Attachments:

S.O. 3356 Response Table

S.O. 3356/S.O. 3347 Detailed Implementation Report