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FYI...

Below is a release from BLM regarding the final environmental analysis for grazing management in the Craters of the Moon National Monument. This is in the FR today and will publish tomorrow. They are planning on sending the release out tomorrow. Craters of the Moon is currently under the larger monument review. BLM said this has already been run through ASLM, but just flagging. Thanks!

# News Release

Twin Falls District, Idaho

**DATE:** May 26, 2017

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## BLM releases final plan for livestock grazing in Craters of the Moon National Monument

SHOSHONE, ID – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today published a final environmental analysis for grazing management in the Craters of the Moon National Monument.

The Proposed Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve Management Plan (MMP) Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was developed in response to a 2012 court order. The U.S. District Court of Idaho ordered the BLM to complete a plan amendment for the monument that analyzes a no-grazing alternative and a reduced grazing alternative for BLM-managed lands within the Monument and Preserve.

The Plan would make 273,600 acres available for grazing, adjust two allotment boundaries, and set the maximum number of Animal Unit Months (AUM) at 37,792. An AUM is the amount of forage required for one mature cow per month or five sheep per month. The new Plan adjusts the AUMs slightly lower to account for the proposed allotment boundary adjustments.

“The new Plan gives land managers the tools to manage livestock grazing to achieve vegetation restoration objectives, including enhancing sagebrush steppe as wildlife habitat,” said Craters of the Moon National Monument Manager Holly Crawford. The Proposed Plan Amendment and Final EIS is available on the BLM project website at: <https://on.doi.gov/2qPTbnD>

Anyone who participated in the process for this Proposed Plan Amendment and Final EIS and who has an interest that is or may be adversely affected may protest the proposed plan amendments. A person who wishes to file a protest must do so in writing by June 25, 2017.

Instructions for filing such a protest with the Director of the BLM may be found online at <http://on.doi.gov/1sExpBP>.

All protests must be in writing and mailed to one of the following addresses:

U.S. Postal Service Mail:

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BLM Director (210)

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Attention: Protest Coordinator

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Before including your phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your protest, you should be aware that your entire protest – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your protest to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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