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Attached are talking points that Ryan and I put together for the RAC meeting next week. I'll send Lola with extra hardcopies and a USB with the final PPT.

Regards,

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On Mon, Dec 4, 2017 at 7:55 AM, Ginn, Allison <aginn@blm.gov> wrote:

Ed-

I believe that Mike passed you a paper copy of the draft RAC presentation. Does this generally meet your needs?

If so, I'll whip up some talking points ASAP. If I've missed anything or should cut any items, please also let me know.

Thanks!

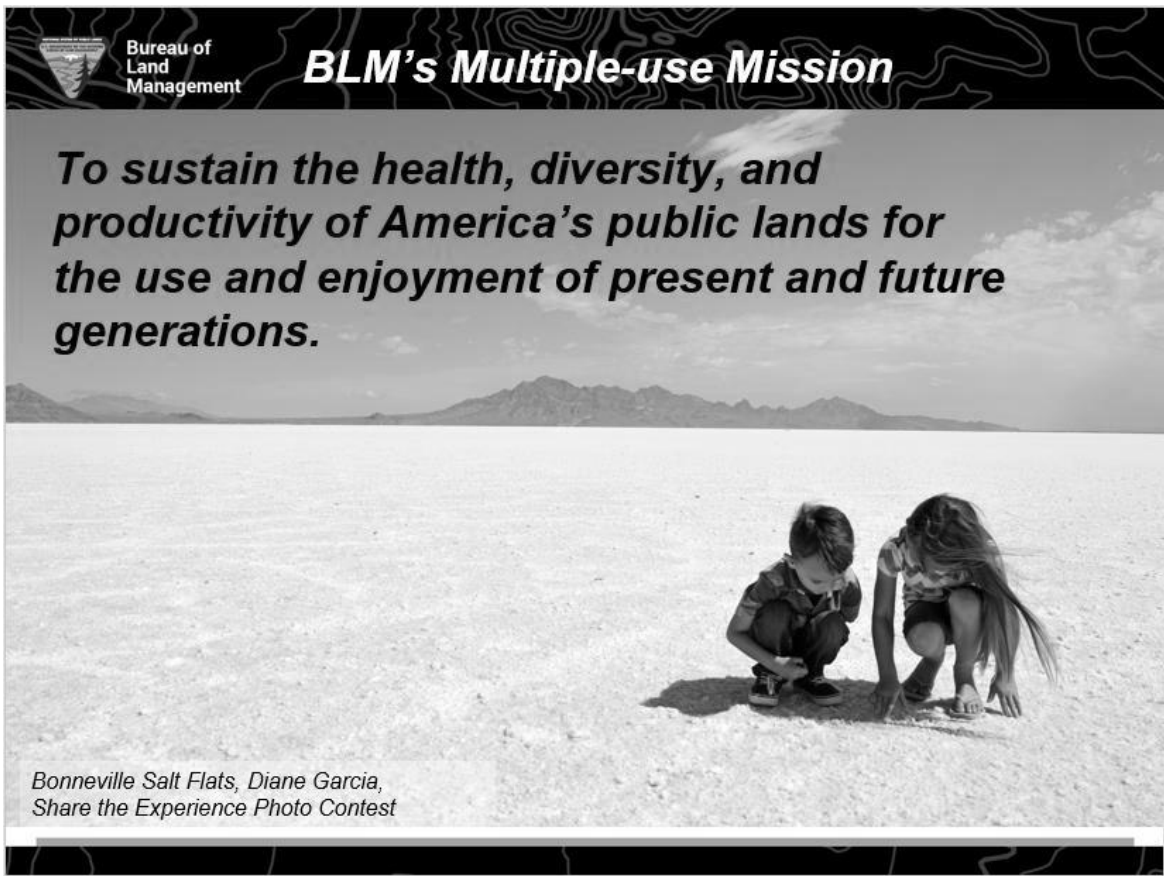
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Introduction



BLM's Multiple-use Mission

- Today I will speak about some of our successes, challenges, and upcoming opportunities in managing public lands and resources under our multiple-use mission.

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Priorities



- **Making America Safe - Energy Independence**
- **Making America Great Through Shared Conservation Stewardship**
- **Making America Safe - National Safety and Security**
- **Getting America Back to Work (Jobs & Economy)**
- **Serving the American Family**

Presentation organized according to BLM's Priorities



Major fluid mineral projects:

- Quarterly Lease Sales
- Greater Chapita Wells Oil and Gas Infilling Project
- Enefit American Oil Company Oil ROW EIS & Oil Shale Lease Ext.
- Crescent Point Oil and Gas Project
- Monument Butte

Meeting America's Energy Needs

- BLM-managed public lands play an important role in the Administration's America First Energy Plan, which includes oil and gas, coal, strategic minerals, and renewable sources
- BLM-Utah is adopting a practice of sending more parcels to the field office to consider through the environmental analysis process
 - Determine whether or not the allocations in the RMPs and stipulations are appropriate
 - Make better informed decisions (to lease or not to lease)

Greater Chapita Wells Oil and Gas Infill Project

- The proposal includes drilling up to 2,808 gas wells primarily on BLM-administered land, but also on land owned by the State of Utah, Ute Indian Tribe, tribal allottees, and private parties.
- The majority of the new wells will be drilled on existing pads. Development of these wells will produce an estimated 4.17 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and more than 60 million barrels of condensate over the life of the project. The proposed life of the

project is 55 years, with drilling and development activities to occur within the first 15 years.

- Centralized liquids gathering systems are proposed to minimize air emissions. A draft EIS is expected to publish in fall 2017; the Federal Register Notice package is currently with ASLM.
- The projected oil and gas production for the proposed project is valued at \$20 billion, estimated to bring in \$1 billion in state royalties, \$526 million in county and school tax generation, and \$140 million in royalties to the State Permanent Public School Fund. Peak direct onsite employment during development is estimated at 345 jobs and employment during production is estimated at 279 jobs.

Enefit American Oil ROW EIS Project

- The proposed action for the Enefit American Oil ROW project involves five rights-of-way traversing public lands into private lands for a water supply line, natural gas supply line, oil product line, electric power line, and to upgrade an existing road in support of oil shale development on private lands.
- The draft EIS comment period was held from April 2016 to June 2016. The final EIS and its Federal Register Notice package are being reviewed and refined for publication.


Crescent Point

- Crescent Point Energy U.S. Corp, herein referred to as “CPE,” has filed a proposal to drill up to 3,925 new oil and gas wells and build 863 miles of roads; 693 miles of pipelines co-located with roads; 170 miles of cross-country pipelines; 400 miles of trunk pipelines; five salt water disposal wells; five produced water treatment facilities; 20 central tank batteries; four gas processing plants; eight oil storage areas, and four equipment storage areas. These activities would occur on Federal, tribal trust, allottee, State, and privately owned or administered lands and leases.
- Crescent Point’s project is located in an area containing existing oil and gas wells and associated rights of way.

Monument Butte

- In Sept. 2016, the BLM signed the ROD for the Monument Butte Area Oil and Gas Project in the Uinta Basin, authorizing infill drilling for up to 5,750 new wells to aid in the secondary recovery of oil and gas resources in the area.
- The project expects to generate between 540-600 million cubic feet of natural gas and 335 million barrels of oil over the next 20 years.

- Total employment would peak at 500 jobs during build-up and sustain 40-50 jobs over the project's lifetime.
- About \$73.6 million in taxes would be paid to Uintah and Duchesne counties; about \$138.7 million would be paid to the state. Eleven environmental and health advocacy groups appealed the decision to the IBLA in April 2017.



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Meeting America's Energy Needs

Lila Canyon Mine, Utah

Solid Minerals

Major coal projects:

- Greens Hollow Tract – lease issued April 1, 2017
- Alton Coal – Final EIS for original LBA in progress

Other Minerals:

- Daneros and La Sal Uranium Mine Plan Modifications
- Sevier Playa Potash

Solid and Other Minerals

Greens Hollow Coal Lease by Application:

- The Jan. 2017 Greens Hollow coal lease sale offered 55.7 million tons from the 6,175-acre federal coal tract under lands managed by the Manti-La Sal and Fishlake National Forests in Sevier and Sanpete counties.
- BLM received a bid from Canyon Fuel Company, LLC based out of Grand Junction, CO in the amount of \$22.85 million, or \$3,700.15 per acre.
- BLM issued the lease in March 2017, which went into effect in April 2017; the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) has not approved a mine plan for this lease and will be making a determination if additional NEPA will be required.

Alton Coal Mine Lease by Application:

- In 2004, Alton Coal Development, LLC submitted a Lease by Application (LBA) to expand its existing private mineral estate surface coal mine to federal mineral estate.

- A tract delineation, scoping, publication of a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) and supplemental EIS were completed. The proponent asked to divide the LBA into two tracts in response to Secretarial Order 3338; the request was withdrawn after Secretarial Order 3348 was issued.
- The final EIS and its Federal Register Notice package are being reviewed and refined for publication.

Daneros Uranium Mine Plan Modification:


- The Monticello Field Office completed an environmental assessment on a mine plan modification proposal at the Daneros uranium mine in western San Juan County.
- Energy Fuels, Inc. seeks to expand existing facilities at the Daneros mine, construct new facilities at two previously mined sites (Bullseye and South Portal Areas), improve access roads and install up to eight ventilation shafts. The company agreed to include the previously mined sites into their reclamation plan.
- The proposed modification would result in a total of 46 acres of surface disturbance over 20 years. Total production is expected to increase from 100,000 tons in seven years to 500,000 over 20 years.
- The mine is adjacent to Bears Ears National Monument and currently not in operation due to the low market values for uranium. Access to the mine is on state and county roads that traverse the Monument. The WO/DOI have been briefed, and the Decision Record is pending.
- The environmental analysis is complete, the WO/DOI have been briefed, and the Decision Record is pending.

La Sal Uranium Mines Complex Plan Modification:

- The Moab Field Office completed an environmental assessment on a mine plan modification proposal to the Pandora, La Sal, Beaver Shart and Snowball uranium mines in northern San Juan county.
- Energy Fuels Resources, a subsidiary of Energy Fuels, Inc., seeks to expand the existing Pandora mine, install ten ventilation shafts and drill 132 exploration holes on BLM lands spread across three phases of the 20-year life of the mine.
- The BLM and the USFS analyzed the combined effects of these mining activities in EA. Both Agencies conducted public scoping, held public meetings, and placed the EA out for a 30-day public comment period.
- The environmental analysis is complete, the WO/DOI have been briefed, and the Decision Record is pending.

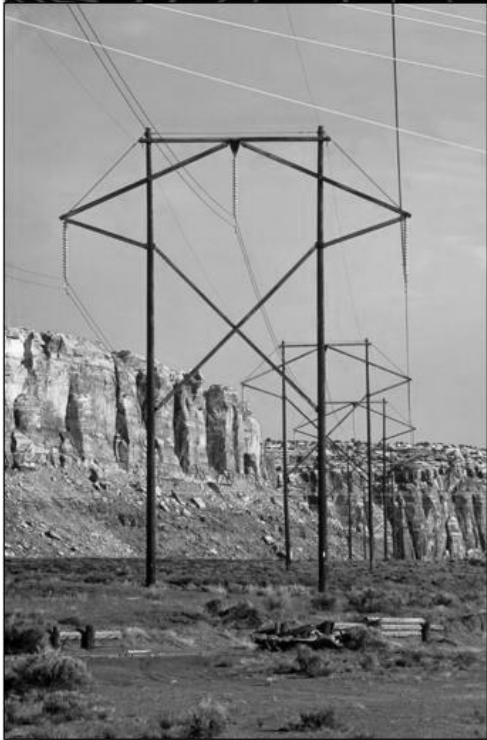
Sevier Playa Potash Project:

- The BLM is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Sevier Playa Potash Project.
- The proponent, Crystal Peak Minerals (CPM) has the right to develop and operate potassium mineral leases on 117,812 acres of federal lands administered by the BLM and an additional 6,400 acres of state lands on and adjacent to the Sevier Playa.
- CPM proposes to construct and operate the project, which would be designed to produce 373,000 tons per year of potassium sulfate, a potash fertilizer also known as sulfate of potash (SOP), and related minerals from the brines of the playa. Potassium-rich brines would be extracted from below the surface of the Sevier Playa using a 600 miles of extraction and recharge trenches, 2,800 miles of shallow wells, and a series of evaporative ponds.
- Water would be diverted from the Sevier River for recharge of the brine aquifer. Fresh water needs for the Project may be as much as 1,500 acre-feet per year. The project requires an on-lease facility for processing of harvested salts into commercial SOP.
- The off-lease temporary and permanent ROWs would require approximately 2,500 acres of BLM public land, 60 acres of state land, and 23 acres of private land, for a total of approximately 2,600 acres. The Draft EIS is estimated to be available second quarter of 2018.



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Community-Facing Infrastructure



BLM-Utah accommodates the needs of local communities through our lands and realty program, ensuring that citizens have adequate access to water, power and transportation routes.

Ongoing Lands Projects:

- Washington County Northern Transportation Route
- Lake Powell Pipeline
- Deer Creek Pipeline
- Telescope Array x4
- Utah Test & Training Range
- Skull Valley Land Exchange

Community-Facing Infrastructure

- Rights-of-way are mutually beneficial - generating receipts for the American public for use of public lands and producing benefits for local communities, such as ensuring long-term availability of important infrastructure.

Washington County Northern Transportation Route/Red Cliffs National Conservation Area

- The 2009 Omnibus Public Land Management Act (OPLMA) established the Red Cliffs NCA and required the BLM to consider a northern transportation route in the Red Cliffs NCA Resource Management Plan.
- The Record of Decision (ROD) for the Red Cliffs NCA RMP was approved in December 2016 and established the subject lands as an avoidance area for right-of-ways. Due to anticipated future transportation needs, Washington County is requesting BLM move forward with the process to designate lands for a transportation route through the Red Cliffs National Conservation Area (NCA).

- The subject lands for the northern portion of the corridor are within the NCA, containing critical habitat for the federally-listed Mojave Desert Tortoise as well as outstanding scenic values.
- OPLMA also directed travel management planning efforts to consider the subject route, along with other existing routes and trails to establish a travel and transportation network in Washington County.
- BLM is currently working on an environmental assessment for a Travel Management Plan (TMP) and anticipates releasing the EA for public review in summer 2018.
- The TMP will not resolve the Northern Corridor designation issue as it is outside the scope of the TMP effort. Color Country District and the St. George Field Office are working closely with Washington County to develop a road map for a path forward to address the Northern Corridor transportation route.
- In May 2016, Congressman Stewart introduced H.R. 2423 Washington County, Utah, Public Lands Management Implementation Act which would reverse the RMP decision and designate a right-of-way for the Northern Corridor.

Lake Powell Pipeline

- BLM prepared an NOI and sent to WO for their action, regarding a plan amendment to the AZ Strip FO RMP. BLM will conduct public scoping meetings on the proposed RMPA in early 2018.
- BLM is working with the State to select a third party contractor to prepare a technical report for the proposed RMP amendment, which information will be incorporated into the Draft EIS prepared by FERC. An RFP for contractors has been agreed upon, and an MOU is in draft.
- FERC prepared a draft Ready for Environmental Analysis (REA) Federal Register announcement. BLM sent language to FERC this week to include the announcement in FERC's REA publication.
- It is anticipated that the REA will be published either at the end of 2017 or early 2018. FERC will subsequently hold public meetings.
- The BLM, as lead for the Section 106 process, had submitted the Class III report to the Utah and Arizona SHPOs. Both entities have responded with comments, which are being incorporated into the final Class III report. The Kaibab Tribe today indicated that they will soon also provide us comments as well.

Deer Creek Pipeline ROW Project

- In July 2017, BLM approved a right-of-way across BLM lands in Emery County to construct and install a buried water pipeline for the Deer Creek Mine.
- The pipeline crosses US Forest Service (1.8 miles), BLM (1.2 miles) and private lands (2.6 miles), for a total of 5.6 miles. It will convey mine drainage and facilitate proper water treatment, which is a condition of the mine closure (active coal mining was completed in 2014).
- The environmental assessment was prepared jointly with the Manti-La Sal National Forest (USFS), and both agencies held multiple public comment periods.
- The USFS' proposed decision was objected by HEAL Utah and the Sierra Club. Following the USFS' administrative review, the EA was revised to address concerns before both agencies issued final decisions. The BLM decision has been appealed to IBLA by HEAL Utah and the Sierra Club.

Telescope Array x 4

- The BLM Fillmore Field Office is initiating the NEPA process for a proposed 3rd amendment to the 2006 Telescope Array right-of-way (ROW) granted to the University of Utah's Telescope Array Cosmic Ray Project.
- The amendment, TAx4, would expand the project area from 200,000 acres of state, private, and BLM administered lands in Millard and Juab Counties to 734,800 acres of land nearly four times the original size.
- The BLM, counties, and local communities are concerned that the project expansion will "reserve" the project area and eliminate the possibility of future project developments in the area. Telescope Array Cosmic Ray Project is a major international astrophysics experiment seeking to better understand the nature and origin of cosmic rays.

Utah Test and Training Range

- The National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2017 was signed into law Dec. 2016. Sections 3001-3004 impose significant requirements for BLM Utah intended to expand the Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR) and enhance mission safety.
- Key requirements include forming a community advisory group, developing a Memorandum of Agreement, temporary closures of 703,621 acres of BLM lands, a large land exchange, and a mineral withdrawal.
- The BLM partnered with the UTTR and Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration to implement these actions.

Skull Valley Land Exchange

- The BLM Salt Lake Field Office is nearing completion of the Skull Valley Land Exchange that proposes the conveyance of 12,603.27 acres of Federal lands in exchange for 11,586.32 acres of non-Federal lands in Tooele County, Utah.
- The exchange was proposed by Christopher F. Robinson, who represents Castle Rock Land and Livestock Company and the Skull Valley Company, for a more cohesive management of private and public lands to meet the needs of a local community and residents.
- Currently, the decision record is at the WO awaiting approval. The exchange would allow the BLM to gain Greater Sage-grouse habitat, lands adjacent to the Cedar Mountain Wilderness Area, historical properties, habitat for a BLM sensitive plant species, and acreage adjacent to two wild horse HMAs.




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Commitment to Healthy Landscapes



Pre-Treatment



Post-Treatment

Watershed Restoration Initiative

- Partnership with 13 other state, educational and federal agencies
- In 2017, BLM-Utah invested \$10.5 million and funded 73 diverse projects
 - Greater Sage-grouse habitat improvement
 - Fuels reduction
 - Forest/woodland/rangeland vegetation improvement
 - Noxious weed treatments
 - Riparian habitat restoration
 - Wildfire Rehabilitation/ Emergency stabilization

Commitment to Healthy Landscapes

- To reduce wildfire risk, we also work to create healthy, resilient landscapes
- Utah Watershed Restoration Initiative is a partnership with 13 other organizations working across boundaries
- Landscape-level fuels projects mitigate fire risk to communities. More than two thirds of the 100,000 acres of fuels treatments planned for FY17 are complete
- Over the past decade, nearly 2,000 WRI projects have been funded
- 400+ miles of stream restored to proper functioning condition
- This year, BLM-Utah contributed a total of \$10.5 million dollars towards 73 diverse projects including Greater Sage-Grouse habitat improvement, fuels reduction, vegetation improvement, noxious (invasive) species treatments, riparian habitat restoration, and wildfire rehabilitation including emergency stabilization and seeding.

Through this partnership, BLM's investment goes further; truly embodies collaborative spirit



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Shared Conservation Stewardship



- Nearly 1,000 new cultural sites recorded on public lands in 2017
- Statewide Site Stewardship program
- Respect and Protect cultural resources education campaign
- RIDE ON Utah OHV stewardship campaign


Respect and Protect Campaign: In 2016, BLM launched the “Respect and Protect” public awareness campaign in partnership with the non-profit organization Tread Lightly!, which aims to eliminate looting and vandalism of archaeological, paleontological and other natural resources from public lands in Utah. To date, the campaign has included the development and marketing of public service announcements in print, online, social media and billboards across the state. BLM is currently developing a Memorandum of Understanding with 14 other federal and state agencies, as well as non-profit organizations to outline how the campaign’s message will be consistently disseminated across the state.

Utah Site Stewardship Program: In 2016, BLM established a partnership with the non-profit organization Friends of Cedar Mesa to create a statewide Site Stewardship Program aiming to increase the number of volunteer citizen stewards responsible for monitoring at-risk cultural resource sites on public lands in Utah. To date, a program coordinator has been hired, a volunteer training manual has been developed and significant progress has been made on developing a custom mobile application to streamline on-the-ground documentation efforts and facilitate consistent recording of monitoring data across the state.



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Shared Conservation Stewardship



- Utah Land Use Plans AML: 1,956 wild horses and burros
- **Current population exceeds AML by 284% (excess of ~3,572 animals)**
 - 5,215 wild horses and 313 burros, March 2017
- 294 wild horses and burros adopted in FY17
- 1,030 animals gathered in FY17
- Trainer Incentive Program (TIP) with Mustang Heritage Foundation


Shared Conservation Stewardship (WH&B)

- The appropriate management level (AML) of animals established in Utah land use plans is currently set at 1,956 wild horse and burros.
- As of March 2017, there were 5,215 wild horses and 313 burros on public lands in Utah.
- The current population exceeds AML by 284% (excess of ~3,500+ animals).
- In efforts to reduce numbers on the range, BLM-Utah removed over 1,000 animals in FY17, and over 600 animals in FY16. In FY17, Utah BLM successfully adopted 294 wild horses or burros, and in FY16, 184 animals were adopted.
- Approximately 45 youth volunteers, in three separate events during FY17, participated in the gentling and training of wild horses and then placed them into private care.
- In FY17, approximately 241 mares were treated with a fertility control vaccine across three Habitat Management Areas using field darting and hand injections.
- Utah is the only BLM state conducting research, in partnership with USGS and Colorado State University, using neutering (gelding) of wild stallions (at Conger HMA). Horses were removed from the area in FY16 & FY17, and animals were returned with radio collars and GPS trackers. A follow-up gather and the neutering will occur in November of 2017.

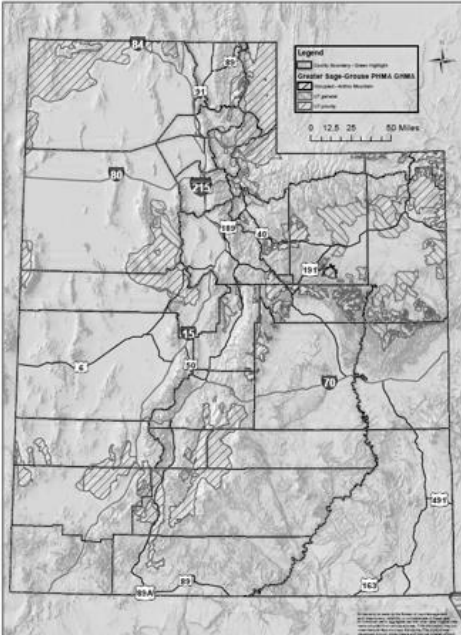


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Shared Conservation Stewardship



Utah Greater Sage-Grouse PHMA/GHMA
October 20, 2017



Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat

~ 2 million acres
Priority Habitat
Management
Area on BLM
lands in Utah


FY17: 70K acres
of sage-grouse
habitat treated

Hosted 3 Public
Meetings on
Plan
Amendments in
November

Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Effort:


- BLM Utah is implementing the Greater Sage-Grouse (GRSG) Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments for 14 land-use plans in Utah. This includes coordinating habitat improvement projects throughout the state with Watershed Restoration Initiative partners.
- In FY17, nearly 70,000 acres were treated, more than any other state with GRSG habitat. The State of Utah is currently working on a state-level rule making effort that addresses mitigation in sage-grouse habitat.
- The BLM worked with the state in designing the State's process to enable the BLM the best opportunity to apply the State's mitigation approach on public lands. BLM, USFS and the State developed a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for multi-agency GRSG conservation efforts. These agencies continue to adjust the MOU to reflect the needs of GRSG conservation in the state, including addressing the State's draft mitigation rule.
- BLM-Utah hosted three public meetings in November 2017 during the public scoping period for new GRSG plan amendments.

- The scoping comment period ended on December 1. No extensions to the comment period will be granted.
- Our estimate is that we received 40,000 to 50,000 comments. Many of them were form comments.
- Copies of the governors' comment letters have been forwarded to the Department and WO 100. BLM leadership soon will be briefed on the comments and possible next steps.
- The scoping report contract has been awarded to a firm called EMPSi, which has extensive experience with sagebrush/grouse planning. The scoping report will concentrate on identifying issues raised in the comments, plus, contain some national and state-by-state analytical information. A preliminary draft report is due 12/19/17, with the final report due on 12/31/17.
- After receiving the final report, BLM will work with the Department to decide what the next step is in the planning amendment process. In other words, BLM will choose whether to amend some, none or all of the 2015 plans.
- A few reporters called on December 1 with questions about the scoping process. One reporter asked if he could access the comments. We told him it would be more helpful if he were to receive a copy of the scoping report near the end of the month and he agreed with that suggestion. That's a good approach for you if you receive similar requests.
- Finally, DOI Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt discussed draft BLM IMs with governors at the Western Governors' Association meeting last week in Phoenix. The discussion drafts will be circulated to the Sage-Grouse Task Force. The draft IMs address BLM policies in six areas: grazing thresholds and responses; adaptive management; grazing priority setting; habitat assessment frameworks; habitat objectives; and oil and gas prioritization. It's possible you may get calls from state officials or interest groups regarding them.
- The next update likely will come in early January, after the scoping report is completed.



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FIRE PROGRAM

- 2017 fire season was active with 278 fires burned on 86,680 acres
Current 5 year average is 334 fires burned for 35,581 acres
- 270 total fire personnel, including seasonal employees
- 2017 BLM Utah Preparedness Budget: \$10,003,000
- 2017 BLM Utah Severity Expenditures: \$653,152

National Safety and Security

- The 2017 fire season was extremely active with 278 fires burned on 86,680 acres. The current five-year average is 334 fires burned for 35,581 acres.
- Primary contributing factors to this year's fire activity included; heavy winter precipitation and the resulting heavy fine fuel loads, no precipitation for the duration of fire season and higher than average sustained temperatures.
- Persistent precipitation starting mid-September lead to a "season ending event"
- We are currently in a "neutral" El Nino Southern Oscillation pattern that will evolve slowly over the next several months into a weak El Nino pattern.
- With current data, we are expecting higher than average precipitation potential in the next several months.



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LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

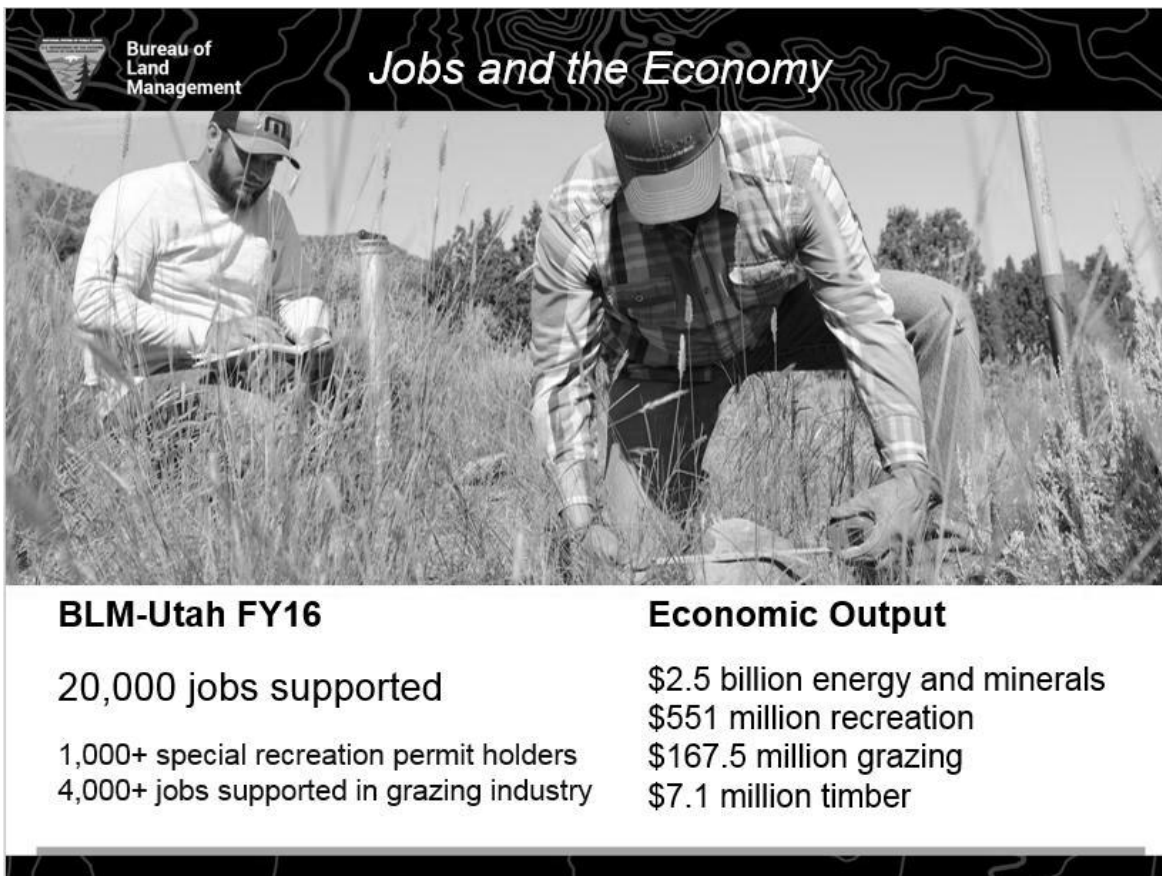
- 17 Uniformed Rangers

Contracts for services with the following County Sheriff departments:

- Juab County (Patrol)
- Emery County (Patrol)
- Kane County (Patrol/Dispatch)
- Wayne County (Patrol)
- Uintah County (Patrol)
- Washington County (Dispatch)
- Tooele County (Dispatch)



In 2017, BLM-Utah rangers assisted with multiple search and rescues, wildfire evacuations, accident investigations, and Emergency Support Function for Hurricanes Irma & Maria.



Jobs and the Economy

- As of mid-October, we have 763 BLM-Utah employees implementing the agency's multiple-use mission. This works out to one employee for every thirty thousand (30K) acres.
 - Note: Includes all current employees- even fire- but not selected or funded vacancies*
- In turn, activities on BLM-Utah lands support more than twenty thousand (20K) jobs within the state. More than four thousand (4K) of these jobs are in the grazing industry.
- The total calculated economic output of BLM lands and resources in 2016 was \$5.15 billion. (Source: BLM National Operations Center data)



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Families and Local Relationships

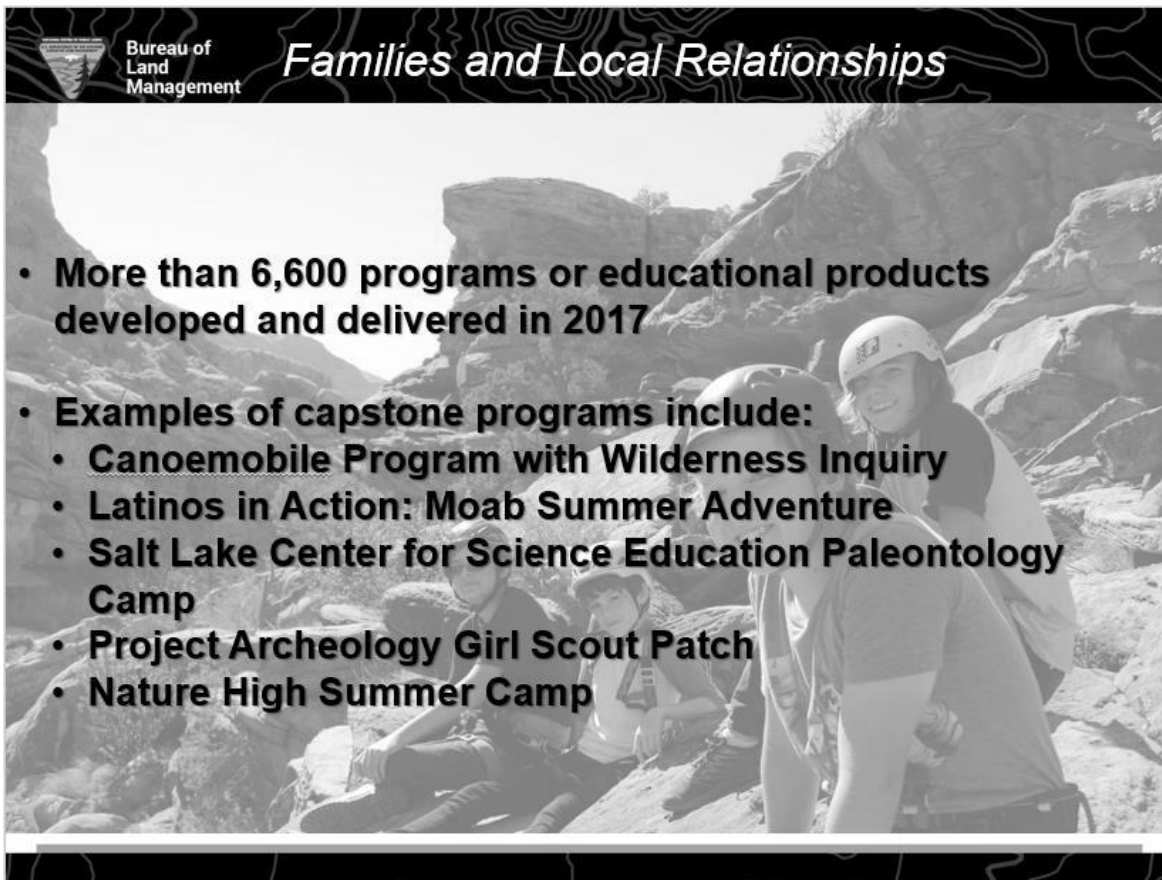
Little Sahara, 2016

RECREATION AND ACCESS

- 7.36 million annual recreation visitors, BLM-Utah
- 99% of BLM recreation areas are fee free and many sites are family-friendly
- 2018 Priority: Revising Business Plans for recreation fee sites statewide
- New geospatial PDF recreation maps promote recreation opportunities

BLM-Utah's Recreation Program

- Last year, over 7.36 million visitors recreated on BLM lands in Utah, marking a 12% increase in recreation in the last decade.
- We expect to approach the RAC for review of more than a dozen draft Recreation Business Plans in 2018
- Has anyone here tested our new geoPDF maps in the Avenza app? We offer more than 50 user-friendly interactive maps that work even without cell service. We encourage you to check them out within the free Avenza app or at blm.gov/maps.



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Families and Local Relationships

- **More than 6,600 programs or educational products developed and delivered in 2017**
- **Examples of capstone programs include:**
 - **Canoemobile Program with Wilderness Inquiry**
 - **Latinos in Action: Moab Summer Adventure**
 - **Salt Lake Center for Science Education Paleontology Camp**
 - **Project Archeology Girl Scout Patch**
 - **Nature High Summer Camp**

Connecting Youth with the Outdoors

- BLM is committed to serving American Families by expanding outreach and education efforts local communities across diverse social, ethnic, and cultural settings to increase awareness and appreciation of BLM's public lands and multiple-use mission



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- **BLM-Utah will develop ~20 Travel Management Plans over the next decade**
- **Plans will designate which routes are available for off-highway vehicle use on public lands**
- **Public involvement will be critical to successful implementation**
- **BLM-Utah will pioneer new technology to assist the public in identifying routes of interest and submitting comments**

San Rafael Swell, 2016

Travel Management Planning

- Over the next ten years, BLM is slated to develop approximately 20 travel management plans to designate off-highway vehicle routes on public lands in Utah.
- In May 2017, the federal courts approved the “SUWA v. Burke” settlement agreement, which involved challenges to six of BLM Utah’s Resource Management Plans (RMP) and Travel Management Plans approved in 2008. In addition to preserving the 2008 RMP decisions, the settlement agreement commits five BLM-Utah field offices to developing 12 travel management plans over eight years and across less than 50% of the area covered under the 2008 plans. BLM is also slated to develop travel management plans to meet the commitments or requirements established in the Greater Sage-Grouse plan amendments, the Washington County Lands Bill (P.L. 111-11), and plans related to the recent proclamations for GSENM and BENM.
- BLM is currently developing a statewide Programmatic Agreement with dozens of stakeholders to clarify the travel management plans’ conformance requirements with the National Historic Preservation Act. BLM expects to finalize the agreement in 2018.



Labyrinth Canyon, Green River