

READERS GUIDE TO THE DOCUMENT

CHAPTER ONE – INTRODUCTION

This chapter introduces the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Draft RMP/Draft EIS), describes the purpose and need to which the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is responding, provides an overview of the BLM planning process, identifies planning issues and criteria, and identifies topics not addressed by this RMP revision.

CHAPTER TWO – ALTERNATIVES

This chapter describes how the five alternatives (A, B, C, D, and E) were developed, the components and content of each alternative. It also, discusses the alternatives considered but eliminated from further consideration. Finally it presents a comparative summary of impacts of each alternative.

Alternative A (no action) is listed as a complete alternative, whereas Alternatives B, C, D and E (the action alternatives) include some management decisions in common. For a complete understanding of these the individual decision within these alternatives must be combined with the management decisions detailed under *Management Common to All Action Alternatives*.

Maps referenced (as Map 2.X) for each alternative are located at the end of the first alternative referencing them (with the exception of Livestock Grazing and Route Designation maps – located in a separate oversized map packet available for download, and Lands and Realty Maps located in Appendix O), these maps are not repeated in the document if referenced later.

To further aid in organization, program discussions are organized into four main subgroups; Resources, Resource Uses, Special Designation and Social and Economic Considerations. Within these subgroups programs are listed alphabetically, as follows:

Resources: Air and Atmospheric Values, Biological Resources, Cave and Karst Resource, Cultural Resources, Lands with Wilderness Characteristics, Paleontological Resources, Soil Resources, Water Resources, Wildland Fire Ecology and Management, and Visual Resources.

Resource Uses: Comprehensive Trail and Travel Management, Lands and Realty, Livestock Grazing, Minerals Management, Recreation and Visitor Services (including Environmental Education and Interpretation).

Special Designations: Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, Back Country Byways, National Trails, Outstanding Natural Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, and Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas.

Social and Economic Considerations: Public Safety and Health, Social and economic values and Tribal Interests.

Programs are organized in the same fashion throughout the remainder of the document.

CHAPTER THREE - AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

This chapter describes the Bakersfield FO Planning and Decision Area and the existing environmental conditions that could be impacted by implementation of the alternatives.

CHAPTER FOUR - ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

This chapter forms the scientific and analytic basis of the environmental impacts of each alternative, including the No Action Alternative.

Impacts generally are described in terms of direct or indirect, short-term or long-term, and minor, moderate, or major, when applicable. Potential cumulative and unavoidable impacts and irreversible and irretrievable commitments also are discussed in this chapter.

CHAPTER FIVE - PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, CONSULTATION, AND COORDINATION

This chapter describes the public involvement process, as well as other key consultation and coordination activities undertaken to prepare the EIS in support of the RMP revision. This chapter also includes a list of preparers displaying the names and resource topics each individual was responsible for preparing.

CHAPTER SIX – REFERENCES

This chapter provides full citation information for all references cited within the document.

GLOSSARY

The Glossary defines selected terms used throughout this document.

APPENDICES

The appendices include documents that support existing resource conditions or situations, substantiate analyses, provide resource management guidance, explain processes, or provide information directly relevant or supporting conclusions in the Draft RMP/Draft EIS.

Acreage and Geographic Information System Calculations

The majority of acreage and miles in this document are calculated using Geographic Information Systems (GIS). The use of GIS spatial analysis can provide precise acreage calculations; however, for the ease of reading these values have been rounded. It should be noted that the acreage values are only as accurate as the data that is entered. Various factors can affect the accuracy of data including data collection and entry, scale, and timeframe. Until these calculations are confirmed through field surveys using a Global Positioning System, all GIS calculations are for reference and comparative purposes only.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

<	less than
ACEC	Area of Critical Environmental Concern
AML	Abandoned Mine Land
APCD	Air Pollution Control District
APD	Application for Permit to Drill
ARPA	Archeological Resources Protection Act
ATV	All Terrain Vehicle
AUM	animal unit month
BLM	US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
BMP	Best Management Practice
BOR	Bureau of Reclamation
CAA	Clean Air Act
CALIPC	California Invasive Plants Council
CAL FIRE	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game
CDOGGR	California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CNPS	California Native Plant Society
CIAA	cumulative impacts assessment area
COA	Conditions of Approval
CPNM	Carrizo Plain National Monument
CSU	Controlled Surface Use
CTTM	comprehensive trails and travel management
CWA	Clean Water Act
CWCG	California Wildfire Coordinating Group
DOD	US Department of Defense
EA	environmental assessment
EIS	environmental impact statement
EO	Executive Order
EPA	US Environmental Protection Agency
ERMA	extensive recreation management area
ESA	Endangered Species Act of 1973
ESR	emergency stabilization and rehabilitation
FLPMA	Federal Land Policy and Management Act
FMP	fire management plan
FMU	Fire Management Unit
FRCC	fire regime condition class
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPS	Global Positioning System
HCP	habitat conservation plan
KCAPCD	Kern County Air Pollution Control District
LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund
LUP	Land Use Plan
MIST	Minimum impact suppression tactics
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement

NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NCLWMA	National Cooperative Land and Wildlife Management Area
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
NHL	National Historic Landmark
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NLCS	National Landscape Conservation System
NOA	Naturally Occurring Asbestos
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NPR	Naval Petroleum Reserve
NPS	US Department of the Interior, National Park Service
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
NSO	No Surface Occupancy
NWSRS	National Wild and Scenic Rivers Systems
OHV	off-highway vehicle (previously ORV – Off-road vehicle)
ONA	Outstanding Natural Area
ORV	outstandingly remarkable value
PCNST	Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail
PFC	proper functioning condition
PFYC	Potential Fossil Yield Classification
PM2.5	particulate matter smaller than 2.5 microns in diameter
PM10	particulate matter smaller than 10 microns in diameter
RFD	reasonably foreseeable development
RMA	Recreation Management Area
RMIS	Recreation Management Information System
RMP	resource management plan
RMZ	recreation management zone
ROD	Record of Decision
ROW	right-of-way
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer
SIP	State Implementation Plan
SJRG	San Joaquin River Gorge
SMA	Special Management Area
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SRMA	Special Recreation Management Area
SRP	special recreation permit
TCP	traditional cultural practice
T&E	Threatened and Endangered
US	United States
USC	United States Code
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USDI	United States Department of the Interior
USFS	United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
USFWS	US Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	US Geological Survey
VRI	Visual Resource Inventory
VRM	visual resource management
WSA	wilderness study area
WSR	wild and scenic river
WUI	wildland urban interface