

READER'S GUIDE

How to Use this Document

This Draft Resource Management Plan Revision/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft RMP/Draft EIS) is presented in five chapters and appendices, consistent with federal requirements that guide the preparation of an EIS.

- **Chapter 1** sets the stage by describing the purpose and need for its preparation as well as providing key background information.
- **Chapter 2** describes several potential management approaches, or “alternatives.” This document describes four alternative land use plans, including the no action alternative and a preferred alternative.
- **Chapter 3** describes the environment, or resources, that would be affected by the decisions contained in the individual alternatives.
- **Chapter 4** describes the impacts of the potential decisions on these resources.
- **Chapter 5** describes the actions undertaken to provide open and effective participation from members of the public, as well as from organizations, governmental agencies, and consultation with the tribes that all have a stake in the outcome of this process.

The appendices and glossary provide more detailed information, which some readers may find helpful when reviewing the main text of the document.

In many cases, potential decisions or other discussions contained in this Draft RMP/Draft EIS refer directly to maps and tables. In fact, many potential decisions themselves are “map based.” The reader must rely on the text, maps, and tables taken together to fully understand the potential decisions described for each alternative.

How to Comment on this Document

The Notice of Availability in the Federal Register initiates a 90-day public review and comment period. During this period, comments may be submitted using one of the following methods:

E-mail comments to: www.blm.gov/ca/palmsprings

All written comments should be sent to: RMP Team Lead, BLM Palm Springs–South Coast Field Office, 1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262

Freedom of Information Act Considerations

Public comments submitted during this planning review, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Palm Springs–South Coast Field Office during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality.

If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Tips for Reviewing and Commenting on the Draft RMP/Draft EIS

Does the Preferred Alternative provide for the uses and activities you consider most important on the public lands administered by the Palm Springs–South Coast Field Office? If not, why?

Does the Preferred Alternative adequately protect the values, resources, or conditions you consider important on the public lands administered by the Palm Springs–South Coast Field Office? If not, why?

Are there any flaws in the analysis? If so, what specifically?

Is there new information that would have a bearing on the analysis? If so, what?

Do we need to clarify any of the potential decisions? If so, which?

Is there anything we missed that should be in the Draft RMP/EIS? If so, what?

The Palm Springs–South Coast Field Office planning team is willing to meet with groups, individuals, or members of the media to go over the key points in the Draft RMP/Draft EIS (call the RMP Team Lead at (760) 833-7100).