

CHAPTER 5

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

5.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter is a description of the public outreach and participation opportunities made available through development of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS, and consultation and coordination efforts with tribes, government agencies, and other stakeholders that have transpired to date. It includes a list of the document preparers and the agencies, organizations, and individuals that received a copy of the Draft RMP/Draft EIS for review. The original intent of this RMP revision planning process was to revise the land use plans for the BLM KFO and CRVFO in a single, joint RMP/EIS document. The scoping process and much of the Draft RMP/Draft EIS preparation process took place with the idea of preparing a combined document. However, the BLM decided to separate the land use plans for these two Field Offices based on consideration of internal and cooperating agency comments, as well as understanding that the decision process would benefit from separating these RMPs by Field Office. Therefore, a large amount of the public outreach and agency coordination that took place in the beginning of the planning process was undertaken with a combined document in mind. The history detailed below reflects this combined RMP outreach and coordination. After January 2011, outreach and coordination were conducted separately.

5.2 PUBLIC COLLABORATION AND OUTREACH

5.2.1 Scoping Process

“Scoping” is the term used in the CEQ regulations implementing the NEPA (40 CFR, Part 1500 et seq.) to define the early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed in the planning process. The scoping process provides an avenue to involve the public in identifying significant issues related to potential land use management actions. The process also helps identify any issues that are not significant and can thereby be eliminated from detailed analysis. The list of stakeholders and other interested parties is also confirmed and augmented during the scoping process.

Notice of Intent

The Notice of Intent (NOI) is the legal document notifying the public of the BLM intent to initiate the planning process and to prepare an EIS for a major federal action. The NOI invites the participation of the affected and interested agencies, organizations, and members of the public in determining the scope and significant issues to be addressed in the planning alternatives and analyzed in the EIS.

The formal scoping period for the combined CRVFO/KFO RMP/EIS began on March 2, 2007, with publication in the *Federal Register* of the NOI. Under CEQ regulations, the public comment period must continue for at least 30 days, but the BLM extended this public comment period to May 2, 2007, providing 60 days for comment submittal. After the scoping comment period ended, BLM continued to consider all comments received during the planning process. The NOI was provided for public consideration at seven scoping open houses and was posted on the project website.

Scoping Open Houses

The BLM hosted seven scoping open houses to provide the public with additional opportunities to become involved, learn about the project and planning process, meet the RMP team members, and to offer comments. As described below, the meetings were advertised in local media. Additionally, the postcard advertising announcing the meetings was mailed to agency staff and members of the public who had participated in past BLM activities and had been included in past BLM distribution lists.

During the week of April 9, 2007, open houses were held in seven locations within the project planning area (see Table 5-1).

Table 5-1
2007 Open House Schedule and Attendance

Venue	Location	Date	Attendance
Rifle Fire Protection District-Station 1	Rifle	April 10	23
Granby Community Center	Granby	April 10	34
Town of Carbondale-Community Room 2	Carbondale	April 11	31
CSU Extension Hall	Kremmling	April 11	36
Town Hall-Council Chambers	Gypsum	April 12	11
Wattenberg Center	Walden	April 12	17
Larimer River Guest Ranch	Glendavey	April 25	25
Total			177

Note: All meetings were held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

At this scoping phase of the planning process, an open house format was chosen over the more formal public meeting format to encourage broader participation, to allow attendees to learn about the project at their own pace, and to enable them to ask questions of BLM representatives in an informal one-on-one setting. A packet of fact sheets and handouts about the project and a map of the planning area were provided, as was a list of the anticipated planning issues and preliminary planning criteria related to the project. Single-page summaries of each resource issue were included as a convenient reference to take from the meetings. Site and resource maps were displayed illustrating the current situation and management techniques practices among different resources and land areas. To encourage broad participation, the BLM chose prominent, handicapped-accessible local facilities in informal settings. These venues included three community centers and an extension hall, a town hall, and a fire station. In addition to BLM representatives, a total of 177 people attended the open houses.

5.2.2 Project Web Site

In the winter of 2006, a combined CRVFO/KFO RMP/EIS public website was launched to serve as a clearinghouse for project information during the planning process. The web site provided background information about the project, a public involvement timeline and calendar, maps and photos of the planning

area, and copies of public information documents such as the NOI and newsletter. The site also provided a link to the comment form for submitting comments about the project. The BLM continuously updates the web site with information, documents, and announcements. RMP updates can be found at http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Programs/land_use_planning/rmp/kfo-gsfo.html.

5.2.3 Postcards and Newsletters

On March 27, 2007, BLM sent a postcard for the joint CRVFO/KFO RMP planning process to more than 850 individuals from the public, agencies, and organizations. The postcard introduced the BLM and the RMP planning process and suggested methods for public involvement. The postcard also provided dates and venues for six of the seven scoping open houses. A seventh open house was added later at the request of the public. The postcard gave members of the public various alternative methods to submit their comments, including a dedicated email address and the BLM postal address to mail comments.

Newsletters are published throughout the course of the RMP/EIS process and are posted on the BLM web site in addition to being sent to the public, agencies, and organizations. Participants also may request to receive newsletters through email. The newsletters remind members of the public of how they can comment and get involved and include a calendar of events. Each edition addresses in detail issues of concern identified during the scoping process. The first newsletter was sent via email and US mail on May 18, 2007, to more than 1,050 individuals from the public, agencies, and organizations. The newsletter summarized the scoping meetings, provided information on the trails and routes data collection workshops in June 2007, and gave overall information about the planning process. The trails and routes data collection workshops were separate from the scoping meetings and gave individuals, agencies, and organizations an opportunity to provide the BLM with data and missing information on existing trails and routes.

5.2.4 News Release and Newspaper Advertisement

Local and regional newspapers and radio stations throughout the planning area were used to disseminate information on the CRVFO/KFO RMP scoping and planning process. BLM prepared newspaper advertisements announcing the official scoping meetings and inviting the public to provide input. The advertisements were published in the print media listed in Table 5-2 between April 1 and April 5, 2007.

Table 5-2
Scoping and Planning Process Newspaper Advertisements

Publication Name	Location
<i>The Daily Sentinel</i>	Grand Junction, Colorado
<i>Jackson County Star</i>	Walden, Colorado
<i>Middle Park Times</i>	Kremmling, Colorado
<i>Ski-Hi News</i>	Granby, Colorado
<i>Post Independent</i>	Glenwood Springs, Colorado
<i>Vail Daily</i>	Vail, Colorado
<i>Summit Daily News</i>	Breckenridge, Colorado
<i>Aspen Daily Times</i>	Aspen, Colorado

5.2.5 Newspaper Articles

In addition to articles and notifications that the BLM has published regarding the RMP, numerous articles and news bulletins regarding some aspect of the RMP process have been published in newspapers both within and outside the planning area. Numerous articles advertised the April 2007 public scoping meetings and the June 2007 travel management workshops. Others discussed the Wild and Scenic Rivers Suitability Study and

management of the Thompson Creek ACEC. A few explained the RMP planning process, urged public participation, and explained methods to submit comments.

The articles appeared in 11 different newspapers (see Table 5-3). Most of the newspapers have circulations that encompass the two field offices; however, two of the newspapers publish outside of the planning area.

**Table 5-3
Newspaper Article Publications**

<i>Aspen Daily</i>
<i>Glenwood Springs Post Independent</i>
<i>Grand Junction Daily Sentinel</i>
<i>Vail Daily</i>
<i>Casper Star Tribune</i>
<i>Summit Daily News</i>
<i>Eagle Valley Enterprise</i>
<i>Aspen Times</i>
<i>Rifle Citizen Telegram</i>
<i>Greeley Daily Tribune</i>
<i>Seattle Post-Intelligencer</i>

5.3 CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

The CRVFO RMP will provide guidance for a vast area of public land in Colorado and necessarily requires the coordination of a wide variety of organizations with interests in the area. Among those are governmental bodies that create, administer, and monitor policy for these, as well as adjacent, lands. BLM established a coordinated effort revising the CRVFO RMP by seeking the active participation of these parties.

The following subsections document the BLM’s consultation and coordination efforts during the preparation of this Proposed RMP/Final EIS. Consultation is an ongoing effort throughout the entire process of developing the Approved RMP/ROD.

5.3.1 Cooperating Agencies

A cooperating agency is any federal, state, or local government agency or Native American tribe that enters into a formal agreement with the lead federal agency to help develop an environmental analysis. More specifically, cooperating agencies “work with the BLM, sharing knowledge and resources, to achieve desired outcomes for public lands and communities within statutory and regulatory frameworks” (BLM *Land Use Planning Handbook* H-1601-1).

In November of 2006, BLM invited 37 local, state, federal, and tribal representatives to participate as cooperating agencies for the previously joint CRVFO and KFO RMP revision. Of these, 22 agencies accepted this offer to participate in the BLM’s RMP planning process as cooperating agencies (Table 5-4).

The primary role of cooperating agencies is to provide input during the EIS process on issues for which they have a special expertise or jurisdiction. The representatives meet with the lead agency periodically throughout the EIS process to discuss issues as a group. Cooperating agencies are expected to participate in the EIS process at the earliest possible time, including during scoping, and are available to enhance the interdisciplinary capability of the lead agency by providing needed information throughout the NEPA process.

**Table 5-4
Cooperating Agencies**

Federal Agencies	
• US Fish and Wildlife Service	• White River National Forest
State Agencies	
• Colorado Department of Natural Resources	• Colorado River Water District
Local Agencies	
• Denver Water Board	• Eagle County
• Garfield County	• Grand County*
• Jackson County*	• Pitkin County
• Town of Basalt	• Town of Carbondale
• Town of Eagle	• City of Glenwood Springs
• Town of Granby*	• Town of Gypsum
• Town of Hot Sulphur Springs*	• Town of Kremmling*
• Town of Newcastle	• Town of Parachute
• Town of Rifle	• Town of Silt

* Predominantly worked with the KFO

MOUs were made and entered between the CRVFO and KFO and the entities who accepted the invitation to participate as cooperating agencies for the CRVFO and KFO RMP revisions. The MOUs set forth the roles and responsibilities for cooperating agencies for collaborative planning and production of an EIS for the RMP. These agencies agreed to “work with the BLM, sharing knowledge and resources, to achieve desired outcomes for BLM lands and communities within statutory and regulatory frameworks” (BLM 2005a). Table 5-5 summarizes cooperative agency meetings including the previous joint CRVFO/KFO RMP/EIS meetings.

The 14 cooperating agency meetings conducted at the CRVFO, between April 2007 and June 2010, focused on identifying and defining the planning issues and the alternatives development process for the CRVFO. Between April and August 2012, the CRVFO held six more cooperating agency meetings. The meetings focused on: the social and economic analysis, public comments received by the BLM on the Draft RMP/Draft EIS, management topics of interest to the participants, and discussions on RMP decisions and alternatives the BLM was anticipating analyzing in the Proposed RMP/Final EIS. The CRVFO held one additional meeting at the request of the cooperating agencies in September 2013 to discuss the socioeconomic analysis, the results of BLM internal reviews, and the RMP schedule.

5.3.2 Tribal Consultation

Federally recognized Native American tribes have a unique legal and political relationship with the government of the United States. Executive Order 13175 requires federal agencies to coordinate and consult on a government-to-government basis with sovereign Native American tribal governments whose interests may be directly and substantially affected by activities on federally administered lands. Other laws, regulations, DOI guidance, and executive orders require consultation to identify the cultural values, the religious beliefs, the traditional practices, and the legal rights of Native American people, which could be affected by BLM actions on federal lands. These include the NHPA of 1966 (as amended), the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, Executive Order No. 13175 (2010), DOI Secretarial Order No. 3215 (DOI 2000), Secretarial Order No. 3317 with DOI Tribal Consultation Policy (2011), 512 Department Manual Chapter 2 (DOI 1995), BLM Manual H-8160-1 (DOI 1994), and Executive Order (EO) 13007 Indian Sacred Sites.

**Table 5-5
CRVFO and KFO Cooperating Agency Meetings
(Scoping and Development of Draft RMP/Draft EIS)**

Meeting Number	Date
KFO #1	4/3/07
CRVFO #1	4/4/07
KFO #2	5/21/07
CRVFO #2	6/6/07
CRVFO #3	9/5/07
KFO #3	9/25/07
CRVFO #4	11/7/07
CRVFO #5	12/5/07
KFO #4	11/8/10
KFO #5	12/4/07
CRVFO #6	1/16/08
KFO #6	1/17/08
KFO #7	1/29/08
CRVFO #7	1/30/08
CRVFO #8	2/6/08
KFO #8	2/19/08
CRVFO #9	2/20/08
CRVFO #10	5/7/08
KFO #9	5/16/08
KFO #10	7/9/08
KFO #11	2/10/09
CRVFO #11	2/11/09
CRVFO #12	3/11/09
CRVFO #13	5/4/10
KFO #12	5/6/10
KFO #13	6/29/10
CRVFO #14	6/30/10

**CRVFO Cooperating Agency Meetings
(Development of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS)**

Meeting Number	Date
CRVFO Socioeconomic Presentation	4/24/13
CRVFO #15	6/20/12
CRVFO #16	6/28/12
CRVFO #17	7/12/12
CRVFO #18	7/19/12
CRVFO #19	8/2/12
CRVFO #20	9/18/13

Acronyms and Abbreviation:

CRVFO	Colorado River Valley Field Office
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
KFO	Kremmling Field Office
RMP	Resource Management Plan

Consultation with Native American tribes is also part of the NEPA scoping process and a requirement of FLPMA. Tribal consultation regarding the CRVFO RMP revision began in April 2007 and is ongoing. Native American tribes and organizations consulted are listed in Table 5-6.

Table 5-6
Consulted Native American Tribes

Colorado Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Eastern Shoshone Tribe (Wind River Reservation)
Northern Arapahoe Tribe
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Ute Indian Tribe (Uintah and Ouray Reservation)
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

All Native American tribes and organizations with interests in the CRVFO/KFO RMP planning area were contacted by mail and encouraged to be cooperating agencies. The above tribes and groups have been participating in the RMP/EIS process through meetings and other contacts. After the CRVFO and KFO RMPs were split into individual offices, the CRVFO continued consultation with tribes that have an historical and ongoing interest in the CRVFO area. These tribes included the Ute Indian Tribe (Uintah and Ouray Reservation), the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and have traditionally been the primarily-consulted tribes for the CRVFO. A detailed record of contact and coordination between the BLM and tribes is included in the administrative record. Table 5-7 summarizes Native American tribe consultation activities since April 2007.

Table 5-7
Native American Tribe Consultation Activities

Date	Description of Interaction
April 3-4, 2007	Initiation of Tribal Consultation
June 12, 2008	Meeting with the Ute Indian Tribe and CRVFO regarding alternatives affecting Native American cultural resources. Changes later made to EIS alternatives as a result of meeting.
January 12, 2009	Letter sent to Tribes requesting meeting in March 2009 regarding project status and alternatives overview.
March 3-5, 2009	Letter sent to Tribes requesting meeting in May 2009 regarding project status and alternatives overview.
April 2009	Contacted Tribes to request meeting with BLM to discuss RMP.
July 20, 2009	BLM met with the Shoshone Tribe for an update on the RMP status. BLM distributed Alternative Themes, Project Schedule, RMP Basic Information, and Planning Process Diagram documents.
July 28-29, 2009	Contacted Tribes to request meeting with the BLM to discuss RMP.
September 21, 2009	Contacted Tribes to request meeting with the BLM to discuss the RMP.
January 6, 2010	BLM met with the Northern and Southern Ute Tribes to discuss the RMP process.
December 7, 2011	BLM met with the Tribal Business Council for the Ute Indian Tribe (Uintah and Ouray Reservation) to solicit feedback on Draft RMP.
December 14, 2011	BLM met with the Southern Ute Tribal Council to solicit feedback on Draft RMP.
March 13, 2012	BLM met with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council to solicit feedback on Draft RMP.
August 8-9, 2012	BLM hosted Ute Indian Tribe, Tribal NAGPRA Representative in a visit to the Field Office to discuss specific management actions regarding the RMP.
June 5, 2013	BLM met with the Tribal Business Council for the Ute Indian Tribe (Uintah and Ouray Reservation) to solicit feedback on the Proposed RMP.
July 31, 2013	BLM met with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to solicit feedback on the Proposed RMP.

Acronyms and Abbreviations:

BLM	Bureau of Land Management
CRVFO	Colorado River Valley Field Office
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
NAGPRA	Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990
RMP	Resource Management Plan

5.3.3 Resource Advisory Council Subcommittees

A Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is a committee established by the Secretary of the Interior to provide advice or recommendations to BLM management (BLM 2005a). Recommendations are based on consensus building and collaboration. The BLM Northwest Colorado RAC includes a 15-member panel appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to represent constituent public land users, and provides input on public management issues to the BLM's Northwest RAC Designated Federal Officers. BLM Northwest Colorado RAC members represent a broad range of interests in three general categories, with five members assigned to each category. Category 1 members represent commercial interests or users, such as livestock grazing, timber, mining, oil and gas, realty and ROWs, OHV groups, and guides and outfitters. Category 2 members represent environmental organizations, archaeology/historical interests, wildlife organizations, wild horse and burro interests, and dispersed/general recreation. Category 3 members represent state or other governmental agencies, Tribes, academic institutions, and the public-at-large.

The BLM gave the BLM Northwest Colorado RAC an initial presentation on the RMP process in November 2006. At a May 2007 Northwest Colorado RAC meeting, they gave an additional presentation on the scoping and travel management process. Two subcommittees were formed under the BLM Northwest Colorado RAC to advise it regarding the CRVFO and KFO RMP revisions.

The CRVFO RAC subcommittee was formed of individuals with diverse interests who were from the local area and directly affected by the decisions in the Colorado River Valley RMP revision. Using its local expertise, the group's task was to provide recommendations and advice to the Northwest Colorado RAC regarding the planning effort. The BLM Northwest Colorado RAC could use the information to make its own recommendations or directly forward the recommendations to BLM.

Between November 2007 and June 2010, a total of 14 RAC subgroup meetings were conducted (Table 5-8). The RAC subgroup focused on all aspects of the range of alternatives to be considered in the RMP revision. Recommendations developed by the subgroup were presented formally for discussion to the Northwest Colorado RAC at the May 22, 2008, meeting of the full BLM Northwest Colorado RAC. The BLM Northwest Colorado RAC voted to forward recommendations from this subcommittee to the BLM regarding the range of alternatives considered in the Draft RMP/Draft EIS.

The group met five times during the summer of 2012 to discuss the working draft of the Proposed RMP and find areas where the diverse group could reach consensus. The meetings focused on the social and economic analysis, public comments received by BLM on the Draft RMP/Draft EIS, management topics of interest to the participants, and discussions on proposed decisions and alternatives that the BLM was anticipating analyzing in the Proposed RMP/Final EIS. The result of those meetings and follow-up email interactions are described in Section 1.7.4. In September 2012, the BLM Northwest Colorado RAC forwarded their recommendations below to the CRVFO for consideration in development of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS.

5.3.4 Cultural Resource Consultation

Cultural Resource consultation with the Colorado SHPO occurred early in the planning process at the draft stage. A letter was sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer on October 6, 2011, requesting comment and feedback regarding the Draft RMP; no comments were received at this time.

5.3.5 Special Status Species Consultation

Formal consultation will be undertaken during the Proposed RMP/Final EIS process.

Table 5-8
CRVFO and KFO RAC Meetings
(Scoping and Development of Draft RMP/Draft EIS)

Meeting Number	Date
CRVFO #1	11/7/07
KFO #1	11/27/07
CRVFO #2	12/5/07
KFO #2	12/12/07
CRVFO #3	1/16/08
KFO #3	1/17/08
CRVFO #4	1/30/08
CRVFO #5	2/6/08
KFO #4	2/11/08
CRVFO #6	2/20/08
KFO #5	2/21/08
CRVFO #7	2/27/08
KFO #6	2/10/09
CRVFO #8	2/11/09
CRVFO #9	5/4/10
KFO #7	5/6/10
CRVFO #10	6/9/10
KFO #8	6/29/10
CRVFO #11	6/30/10

CRVFO RAC Meetings
(Development of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS)

Meeting Number	Date
CRVFO #12	6/20/12
CRVFO #13	6/28/12
CRVFO #14	7/12/12
CRVFO #15	7/19/12
CRVFO #16	8/2/12

Acronyms and Abbreviation:

BLM	Bureau of Land Management
CRVFO	Colorado River Valley Field Office
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
KFO	Kremmling Field Office
RAC	Resource Advisory Council
RMP	Resource Management Plan

5.3.6 Upper Colorado River Wild and Scenic Stakeholder Group

The Upper Colorado River Wild and Scenic stakeholder group represents a diverse range of interests, including local governments, East Slope and West Slope water user organizations, environmental and recreation organizations, and private landowners. In February 2011, the stakeholder group delivered to BLM and USFS a proposal titled *Upper Colorado River Wild and Scenic Stakeholder Group Management Plan* that provided a management alternative for Colorado River Segments 4, 5, 6, and 7. The stakeholder group developed the plan in consultation with the CWCB, CPW, and BOR. The stakeholder group asked the BLM to consider including its Management Plan as part of the RMP. The consideration of the Management Plan is discussed in Section 1.7.5.

The BLM and USFS accepted this Management Plan for impact analysis as part of the Draft RMP/Draft EIS. The entire text of the Management Plan was provided for public review and comment in Appendix Q of the Draft RMP/Draft EIS. The Executive Summary of the *Draft Wild and Scenic Rivers Suitability Report* was included in the Draft RMP/Draft EIS as Appendix C.

Between the Draft RMP/Draft EIS and Proposed RMP/Final EIS, the stakeholder group continued to develop more details for portions of the Management Plan, and responded to the BLM and USFS regarding concerns raised in public comments and by agency staff on the proposed Management Plan. The *Final Wild and Scenic Rivers Suitability Report* is published with this Proposed RMP/Final EIS and is found in Appendix C. The *Upper Colorado River Wild and Scenic Stakeholder Group Management Plan* is found in Appendix Q.

5.4 DISTRIBUTION LIST

Recipients of the newsletter and visitors to the open houses were asked to specifically request to stay on the official RMP project mailing list to receive future mailings. In addition, the distribution list was updated throughout the development of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS. The distribution list of agencies, organizations, and individuals who have been a part of the RMP/EIS process is available in the administrative record.

5.5 PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT RMP/DRAFT EIS

The CRVFO Draft RMP/Draft EIS was issued to the public on September 16, 2011, with an NOA published in the *Federal Register*. The NOA, advertisements in local newspapers, and a newsletter (sent to all agencies, organizations, and members of the public that were on the project distribution list) announced the availability of the Draft RMP/Draft EIS, and listed the time and place for the scheduled BLM open house meetings.

Copies of the Draft RMP/Draft EIS were distributed to those who had previously requested copies and to those who submitted requests subsequent to the publication of the NOA. The Draft RMP/Draft EIS was also available for download from the BLM's project website.

5.5.1 Open House Meetings

The BLM hosted three open house meetings to provide the public with opportunities to ask questions about the project and planning process, to meet the RMP team members, and to offer comments. (See Table 5-9 Draft RMP/Draft EIS Open House Schedule and Attendance.) The open house format was chosen over the more formal public meeting format to encourage broader participation and to allow attendees to ask questions of BLM representatives in an informal one-on-one setting. BLM accepted written comments at the open house meetings. Comment forms were provided for those submitting immediate comments.

**Table 5-9
Draft RMP/Draft EIS Open House Schedule and Attendance**

Venue	Location	Date	Attendance
BLM Colorado River Valley Field Office	Silt	October 6, 2011	30
Eagle Public Library	Eagle	October 11, 2011	56
Town of Carbondale–Community Room 2	Carbondale	October 12, 2011	117
Total			203

Note: All meetings were scheduled from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Acronyms and Abbreviations:

- BLM Bureau of Land Management
- EIS Environmental Impact Statement
- RMP Resource Management Plan

5.6 LIST OF PREPARERS

An interdisciplinary team of resource specialists from the BLM and USFS, and specialists from independent, third-party consulting firms prepared this RMP/EIS (Table 5-10). Under guidance and direction from the BLM, the team prepared alternatives, collected data for the analysis, assessed potential effects from the alternatives, and prepared the other chapters of this document.

Table 5-10
RMP/EIS Preparers

Name	Years' Experience	Discipline	Education
BLM, Colorado River Valley Field Office Interdisciplinary Team (ID) Members			
Adams, Pauline	12	Soils/Water Resources/Locatable/Saleable Minerals/Wild and Scenic Rivers	MS/Aquatic Ecology; BS/Biology
Bartz, Joseph (Everett)	15	Vegetation - Riparian	MS/Rangeland Ecology and Wildland Watershed Management; BS/Wildlife Ecology
Bennett, Steve	35	Colorado River Valley Field Office Manager	BS/Recreation Planning
Crockett, Allen	39	Cave and Karst Resources/Fluid Minerals/Coal/ Public Health and Safety/Project Management	PhD/ Ecology and Geology; JD/Environmental Law; BS/Geology
DeYoung, Carla	22	Vegetation/ Special Status Species/Areas of Critical Environmental Concern/ Rangeland	BS/Ecology
Dziedzic, Faith	6	Geographic Information System Management	
Fresques, Tom	20	Fish and Wildlife/ Special Status Species	BS/Fisheries Biology
Hopkins, Brian	26	RMP Project Manager/Fish and Wildlife/ Special Status Species/Areas of Critical Environmental Concern/Lands with Wilderness Characteristics Outside Existing WSAs/Recreation and Visitor Services/ Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas	BS/Resource Management; AS/Wildlife Management
Johnson, Lathan	20	Wildland Fire and Ecology and Management	BS/Natural Resource Management; MS/Forestry
Kocman, Shauna	7	Air Quality/ Fluid Minerals (Environmental)/ Climate Change	PhD/Civil Engineering
Leifield, Erin	5	Cultural Resources/Tribal Interests/Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	BS/Archaeology; MS/ Anthropology
McGrew, Julie	6	Terrestrial Wildlife/National Trails and Scenic Byways	MS/Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning; BS/Geography; BS Bioveterinary Science
Mendonca, Karl	30	Colorado River Valley Field Office Associate Field Manager/Forestry/ Renewable Energy/Lands and Realty	BS/Forest Management

**Table 5-10
RMP/EIS Preparers**

Name	Years' Experience	Discipline	Education
Miller, Kimberly	5	Cave and Karst Resources/Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas/Lands with Wilderness Characteristics Outside Existing WSAs/Wild and Scenic Rivers/ National Trails and Scenic Byways/Recreation	BS/Biology; BA/General Studies for Spanish, Education & Music
Pittman, Isaac	8	Livestock Grazing	BS/Rangeland Science; BS/Biology
Ringer, Sylvia	8	Fish and Wildlife/Special Status Species	BS/Animal Ecology
Sieber, Anthony (Todd)	6	Fluid Minerals (Geologic/Technical), Paleontological Resources	BS/ Geological Science
Senor, Monte		Lands and Realty	BS/Landscape Architecture
Stark, Rusty	18	Wildland Fire and Ecology and Management	BA/Recreation
Thorburn, Matt	19	Forestry	BS/Natural Resource Management; MS/Forestry
Wolfgang, Greg	7	Visual Resources/Recreation and Visitor Services/Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management	MS/Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning; BS/Math
Former BLM ID Team Members			
Anderson, Alton	7	Wildland Fire and Ecology and Management	BS/ Wildland Fire Management
Ausmus, Desa	14	Fish and Wildlife/Special Status Species	MA / Biological Sciences; BA/ Biological Sciences
Brenneman, Beth	17	Vegetation/ Special Status Species/ Rangeland	BS/Ecology
Beupert, DJ	22	Lands and Realty	BS/Geology
Conrath, Fred	36	Coal/ Fluid Minerals/Locatable Minerals, Mineral Materials, and Non-energy Leasable Minerals	BS/Geology
Conrath, Karen	9	Groundwater/Paleontological Resources/ Energy and Minerals	BS/Geology
Gergen, Denise	12	Geographic Information System Management	BS/Cartography
Geyer, Dane	11	Energy and Minerals	BS/Petroleum Engineering
Harrison, Cheryl	37	Cultural Resources/Tribal Interests	BA/Archaeology
Hopkins, Kay	21	Lands with Wilderness Characteristics Outside Existing WSAs/Cave and Karst Resources/Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management/Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas	BS/Parks and Recreation Resource Management
Huey, Carole	30	Lands and Realty/ Renewable Energy	AS/Forestry
Kinsler, Mike	33	Riparian Areas/ Livestock Grazing	BS/Range Management
Ludwig, Noel	5	Water Resources, Surface	PhD/Geography; MS/Geophysics; BS/Geology and English
O'Connell, Jeff	11	Soils/ Water Resources/ Renewable Energy	MS/Geology

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Name	Years' Experience	Discipline	Education
Russell, John	23	RMP Project Manager	MSSPA, BS/Recreation Resource Management; AS/Natural Resources
Stout, Joe		RMP Project Manager	
Colorado State Office			
Epstein, David	3	Socioeconomics	MS/Natural Resources
Smith, Roy	22	Wild and Scenic Rivers	MS/Natural Resource Management; BS/Biology and Communication
Thompson, Jay	24	Soils Fisheries/Riparian	MS/Fisheries Biology; BS/Water Resources Management
Zahniser, Angela		Air Quality	MPA, BA/Environmental Policy and Natural Resource Management
USFS			
Eichman, Henry (TEAMS Enterprise Unit)	9	Socioeconomics	MS/Agricultural and Resource Economics; BA Biology
Hopkins, Kay (White River National Forest)	21	Wild and Scenic Rivers/ Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management	BS/Parks & Recreation Management
Contractor, Tetra Tech, Inc.			
Adornetto, Cynthia	27	Lands and Realty/Recreation and Visitor Services/	MS/Environmental Policy and Mgmt.; BS/Natural Resources
Anderson, Maren	6	Biological Resources	BA/Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Bayer, Kelly	19	Fish and Wildlife/Special Status Species/	BS/Biology and Marine Science
Benz, Jenny	18	Project Management/Forest and Woodlands/Lands and Realty	BA/Environmental Studies
Doyle, Kevin	29	Cultural Resources/Paleontological Resources/National Trails and Scenic Byways	BA/Sociology
Flood, Cameo	27	Wildland Fire and Ecology and Management/Forestry	BS/Forest Resource Management
Fries, Butch	31	Technical Editor	MA/Mass Communications; BA/Journalism
Gertler, Linda	40	Technical Editor	MA/Communications
Holmgren, Derek	12	Visual Resources/Public Health and Safety	MPA/Environmental Policy and Natural Resources Management; MS/Environmental Science; BS/Environmental Science; BA/International Studies

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Jarman, Cliff	24	Project Manager/ Soils/Water Resources/ Coal/ Minerals/Energy and Minerals/ Renewable Energy/Locatable Minerals, Mineral Materials, Non-Energy Leasable Minerals, Executive Summary	MS/Geophysics; BS/Geology
Kaiser, Genevieve	24	Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management/ Socioeconomics/ Environmental Justice	MS/Energy Management and Policy; Professional Certification/GIS; BA/Economics
Loscalzo, Matt	9	Lands with Wilderness Characteristics/ Cave and Karst Resources/Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas/Transportation Facilities	MS/Environmental Studies; BS/Political Science
Lynn, Neil	8	Vegetation/Watchable Wildlife Areas/ Special Status Species	BS/Wildlife Biology
Miller, Craig	22	QA/QC	MS/Wildlife Biology; BS/Wildlife and Fisheries Biology
Phippen, Stephanie	15	Energy and Minerals	MS/Geology and Watershed Science; BA/Geology
Preicko, John	8	Renewable Energy	MURP/Urban and Environmental Planning; BS/Environmental Studies
Prohaska, Holly	15	Grazing	
Ricklefs, Chad	9	Lands and Realty/Public Interaction/Project Management	MURP/Environmental Planning; BA/Political Science and Environmental Conservation
Seymour, Jill	8	Biological Resources	BA/Biology
Scully, Bob	41	Air Quality/ Climate	MS/Ecology; BS/Zoology
Varney, Randolph	23	Technical Editor	MFA/Writing; BA/Technical and Professional Writing
Weidner, Michele	15	Vegetation	MS/Vegetation Ecology
Zaccherio, Meredith	8	Vegetation/Livestock Grazing/ Special Designations/ Areas of Critical Environmental Concern/Watchable Wildlife Areas	MA/Biology; BS/Biology and Environmental Science
Zoidis, Ann	23	Biology Review Chapter 3 and 4	MS/Physiology and Behavioral Biology; BA/Geology
Contractor, EMPSi			
Adams, Angie	16	Special Designations/ Areas of Critical Environmental Concern/Wilderness and Wilderness Characteristics/Lands with Wilderness Characteristics Outside of WSAs	BA/ Biology

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Batts, David	23	Public Interaction/Scoping/Alternatives	MS/Natural Resource Planning; BS/International Development
Whitaker, Jennifer	14	Travel Management, Recreation	MSM/Project Management; BS/Public Affairs, emphasis in Natural Resource Management
Wynant, Kate	7	Public Interaction/Scoping/Wild and Scenic Rivers	BA/Environmental Studies
Contractor, URS			
Bassett, Susan	23	Air Quality	BS/Chemical Engineering
Contractor, Alpine Archeology			
Chandler, Susan		Cultural Resources	MA/Archaeology
Contractor, ESA			
Manka, Mike	19	Wild and Scenic Rivers	BS/Biological Sciences, Ecology and Systematics

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