

Notice of Public Scoping

COLORADO RIVER VALLEY FIELD OFFICE GRAZING PERMIT RENEWALS AND LAND HEALTH ASSESSMENTS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2012

Comment Period: Open until **October 30, 2011**

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The Colorado River Valley Field Office (FO) is soliciting public comments on the following two topics: First, we would like assistance in prioritizing areas within watersheds for the assessment of public land health standards for Colorado. Secondly, we intend to renew 23 grazing permit/leases in Fiscal Year 2012. We need to determine the level of public interest, concern, and resource conditions on each of the allotments up for assessment and renewal.

The assessment of public land health will be done on a watershed basis. During FY 2012 the Colorado River Valley FO will be completing land health assessment(s) in the following area:

NAME AND GENERAL LOCATION OF AREA	APPROXIMATE FEDERAL ACREAGE
ROAN PLATEAU UNIT	28,300

Once the FO receives the public comments, the staff will meet as an interdisciplinary team. Using the public comments and all other available information provided, the FO Inter-Disciplinary Team will establish the priority list of the land areas that will be assessed for compliance with the health standards during the 2012 field season.

The FO will also be completing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and making decisions on the renewal of certain grazing permit/leases. Since the level of NEPA analysis is in part driven by the level of public interest and concern, your comments are requested relative to conditions you have observed on these allotments, and/or specific environmental concerns about the lands and/or resources found within the specific allotment. The more specific and factual your information is the more helpful and useful it will be.

The following BLM grazing permits/leases are scheduled for renewal in FY2012 on the following BLM grazing allotments in the Colorado River Valley FO:

Auth No	Allotment Name	Livestock #	Begin Date	End Date	Aums	Permit Exp Date
500027	CROWN COMMON	10 C	5/16/1987	6/15/1987	10	3/1/2012
	VASTEN HOMESTEAD COM	10 C	6/16/1987	10/10/1987	38	
500142	MOONEY	25 C	5/16/2004	9/15/2004	30	2/1/2012

500227	CROWN	94 C	6/16/2000	9/18/2000	294	8/17/2012
	N THOMPSON CRK COM	92 C	6/1/2000	6/15/2000	23	
	N THOMPSON CRK COM	92 C	10/10/2000	10/16/2000	11	
500228	JQS COMMON	159 C	6/16/2000	9/30/2000	559	2/28/2012
501971	WHITMAN	60 C	5/1/1993	5/31/1993	61	12/31/2011
503688	EAST FORK COM	112 C	6/16/1987	10/15/1987	449	4/1/2012
503932	BULL GULCH COM	90 Y	7/1/2009	8/31/2009	183	4/15/2012
	BULL GULCH COM	41 C	7/1/2009	8/31/2009	84	
	BULL GULCH COM	100 C	5/1/2009	6/30/2009	201	
503989	SW RIFLE CREEK	108 C	5/16/1996	6/14/1996	107	5/31/2012
	HARRIS GULCH	165 C	6/15/1996	8/31/1996	381	
	HAYDEN	6 C	6/15/1996	8/31/1996	15	
503994	CLOUGH-ALBER	1000 S	5/16/2009	7/6/2009	274	2/28/2012
	WEBSTER PARK	1000 S	4/5/2009	6/15/2009	95	
	CLOUGH-ALBER	1000 S	9/10/2009	10/31/2009	274	
	WEBSTER PARK	1000 S	11/1/2009	11/30/2009	39	
507501	SUNNYSIDE	100 C	5/1/1991	5/31/1991	25	4/14/2012
	RIVER COMMON	25 C	5/1/1991	5/31/1991	25	
507526	CROWN IND	62 Y	5/15/1997	6/27/1997	90	4/3/2012
	CROWN IND	100 C	5/15/1997	6/27/1997	145	
507527	HARRIS PARK	205 C	6/1/2000	7/15/2000	124	3/31/2012
507587	HUBBARD MESA	1500 S	4/1/2007	5/31/2007	301	3/31/2012
	GOVERNMENT CREEK COM	1500 S	3/18/2008	3/31/2008	138	
507606	MORROW	18 C	8/1/2002	9/30/2002	36	2/28/2012
507607	JQS COMMON	1200 S	6/16/1993	9/30/1993	844	2/28/2012
507610	EAST FORK COM	86 C	6/16/2000	10/15/2000	345	10/31/2011
507653	WHEELER GULCH	4 C	4/16/2002	5/31/2002	6	2/28/2012
	RILEY GULCH COM	76 C	5/1/1988	6/15/1988	115	
	STARKEY GULCH	42 C	5/1/1988	5/31/1988	5	
507667	CANYON CK	48 Y	8/1/2001	9/15/2001	73	3/31/2012
507670	EAST DIVIDE COMMON	369 C	10/1/1998	10/15/1998	182	2/28/2012
	EAST DIVIDE COMMON	369 C	6/1/1998	6/30/1998	364	
507696	BENTON	114 C	5/20/2002	7/1/2002	161	2/28/2012
507711	THOMAS	195 Y	5/16/2002	7/10/2002	72	1/23/2012
	THOMAS	40 C	10/10/2002	11/10/2002	8	
507713	UPPER GARFIELD COM	181 C	6/1/2009	10/10/2009	785	4/1/2012
	ALKALI CREEK	74 C	6/1/2002	8/15/2002	185	
507718	S MCKEEN CREEK	260 C	10/1/2007	10/12/2007	5	5/31/2012
	MONIGER RIDGE 1	150 C	6/15/2007	6/30/2007	14	
	MONIGER RIDGE 1	108 C	5/15/2007	6/15/2007	20	
	MCKEEN CREEK	260 C	10/1/2007	10/12/2007	103	

If you have any information or concerns, wish to be considered as an interested public on a permit or allotment, or wish to be involved in a land health assessment, please contact Isaac Pittman at ipittman@blm.gov or 970-876-9069 to be put on a mailing list. If you do not have specific comments at this time but have questions about the land areas or allotments listed in this notice, contact the individual at the address or phone number above.