



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Why is the resource management planning process important?

- Ensures that the BLM hears from a **wide range of perspectives** regarding public land management
- Ensures that the BLM manages its lands in accordance with federal regulations and requirements
- Provides the BLM with a **long-term and broad perspective** with which to manage their lands
- Allows the BLM to implement its **multiple use, sustained yield** approach to land management

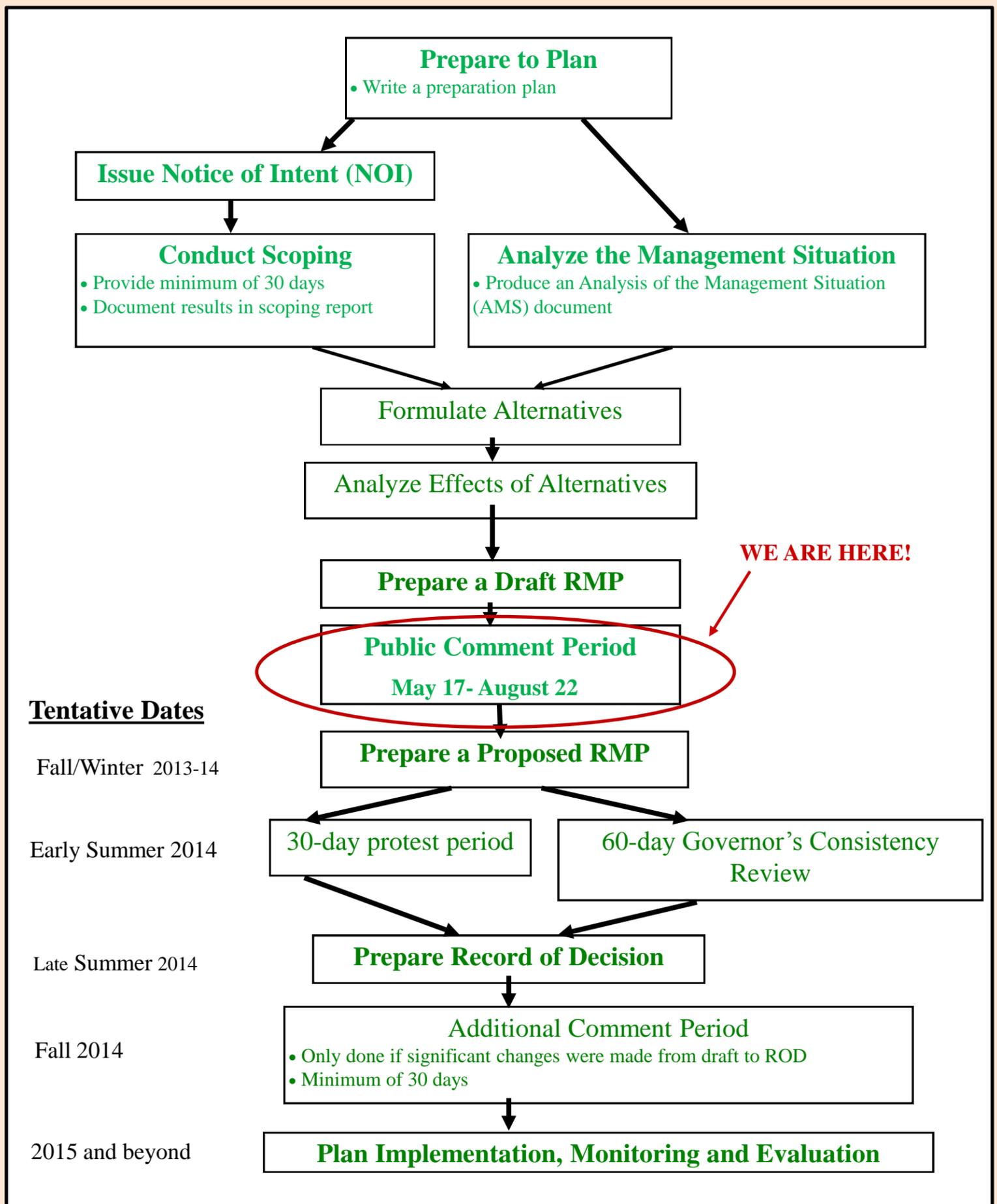


The Dominguez Escalante NCA Planning Area

- 210,012 acres of public land.
- Located within Mesa, Delta, and Montrose Counties
- BLM jointly manages the Dominguez-Escalante NCA in its Grand Junction and Uncompahgre (Montrose) Field Offices



Planning in the BLM



What is NEPA?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) assures that the BLM and other federal agencies will consider the impact of an action on the human environment before decisions are made and the action is taken.

- Encourages environmental protection and informed decision-making
- Helps public officials make decisions that are based on an understanding of environmental consequences, and take actions that protect, restore, and enhance the environment.

THE DOMINGUEZ-ESCALANTE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN



*“The purposes of the Conservation Area are to conserve and protect for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations ... the unique and important resources and values of the land, including the **geological**, cultural, **archaeological**, paleontological, **natural**, scientific, **recreational**, wilderness, **wildlife**, riparian, **historical**, educational, and **scenic** resources...and the water resources of area streams....”*

~ Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Legislation March 2009



Additional Legislative Direction:

- *The plan shall:*
 - be developed with extensive public input
 - Be developed with the advice of an advisory council
 - include a comprehensive travel management plan that limits motorized travel to designated roads and trails
- *The BLM shall:*
 - only allow uses that further the purposes for which the NCA is established
 - continue to issue and administer grazing leases or permits in the NCA
- The NCA is withdrawn from entry for mining, drilling and geothermal development