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BLM Dominguez-Escalante draft resource management plan comment period coming to a close

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management is scheduled to conclude a 130-day comment period on Sept. 23 for the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area draft Resource Management Plan.

The draft management plan was released to the public on May 17 with an original comment period of 90 days. In response to public input, the deadline was extended until Sept. 23.

The BLM encourages the public to comment on the draft plan that will provide a framework to guide subsequent management decisions on approximately 210,000 acres of BLM-administered land in Delta, Mesa and Montrose counties of western Colorado. The BLM will use the public comments to help develop a Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement, which is scheduled for release in July 2014.

“We’ve had tremendous participation so far by the public and the Dominguez-Escalante advisory council,” said Collin Ewing, Dominguez-Escalante NCA manager. “We need the public's input to help us decide how to manage the NCA.”

Congress designated the National Conservation Area and Wilderness in 2009 in recognition of their unique and important resources, including geological, paleontological, archaeological, historical, cultural, wildlife, riparian, recreational, scientific, educational, natural, scenic and wilderness values, as well as the area’s water resources.

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