



Bureau of Land Management Grand Junction Field Office

Draft Resource Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement

Open Houses
January 29-February 7, 2013



Presentation Overview

What is the BLM?

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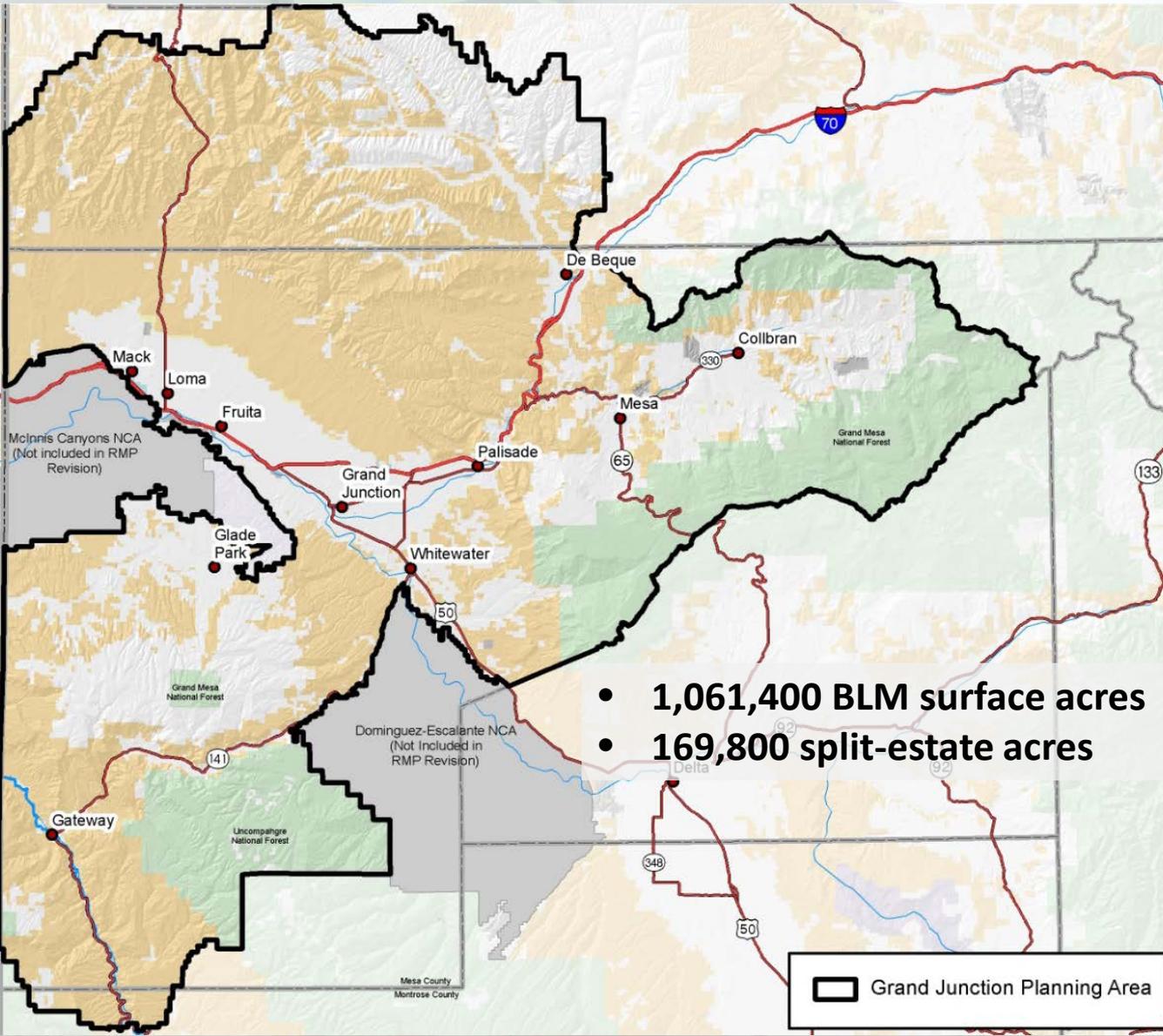
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Planning Area



- 1,061,400 BLM surface acres
- 169,800 split-estate acres

BLM Mission:
To maintain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.



Planning Process

Why are we here?

- Land use plans, or RMPs, are required by Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLMPA) of 1976
- RMPs are expected to be revised every 20 years
- Revising the 1987 Grand Junction RMP (as amended 13 times since 1987)
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Open Public Process – we need your review and comments



Planning Process

2009 Public Scoping comment period (90 days)

Develop Draft RMP/EIS with scoping input and participation from Local Cooperating agencies (county, cities, state, Fed)

We are here Draft RMP/EIS 90 day public comment period – ends April 25, 2013

Use comments to help prepare Proposed RMP/Final EIS

Proposed RMP/Final EIS Public Review and Protest period - 30 days (Early 2014)

Prepare Record of Decision (ROD) and Approved RMP (Late 2014)



Community Involvement

Scoping 2008-2009

- 90 day comment period
- 3 Open Houses
- 6 Travel Management Workshops
- 2 Travel Management comment periods



Cooperating Agencies (20 meetings 2009-2012)

- Mesa County, Cities of GJ & Fruita; Towns of Palisade, Collbran, De Beque, CPW, CDNR, CO River District, BOR, USFS, USFWS

Resource Advisory Council Subcommittee (11 meetings 2008-2011)

- User Representatives from Business, Sportsmen, Energy, Grazing, Hiking, Cultural, Motorized, Mountain Biking, Environmental



Grand Junction Field Office Resource Management Plan Revision



Community Involvement

Community Assessment, visitor surveys, and focus groups
Contracted through Colorado Mesa University



Lower Colorado River Wild and Scenic Stakeholder Collaborative

Stakeholders made recommendations on how to manage outstanding stream segments

Draft RMP public comment period January 25-April 25, 2013 (Now!)

Proposed RMP public review and Protest period/Governor's review (next winter)



Key Planning Issues

Based on Public comments during Scoping (2009), the RMP responds to the following major Issues:

Travel Management

Wildlife and Fish

Energy Development

Special Designations

Recreation Management

Lands with Wilderness Characteristics

Lands and Realty /Community
Growth and Expansion

Water, Soil, and Riparian

Special Status Species



Alternatives

4 Alternative Management Scenarios Analyzed

A: No-Action Alternative (1987 RMP as amended)

B: Balanced (Preferred)

C: Resource Protection/Conservation

D: Resource Use/Development





Alternatives

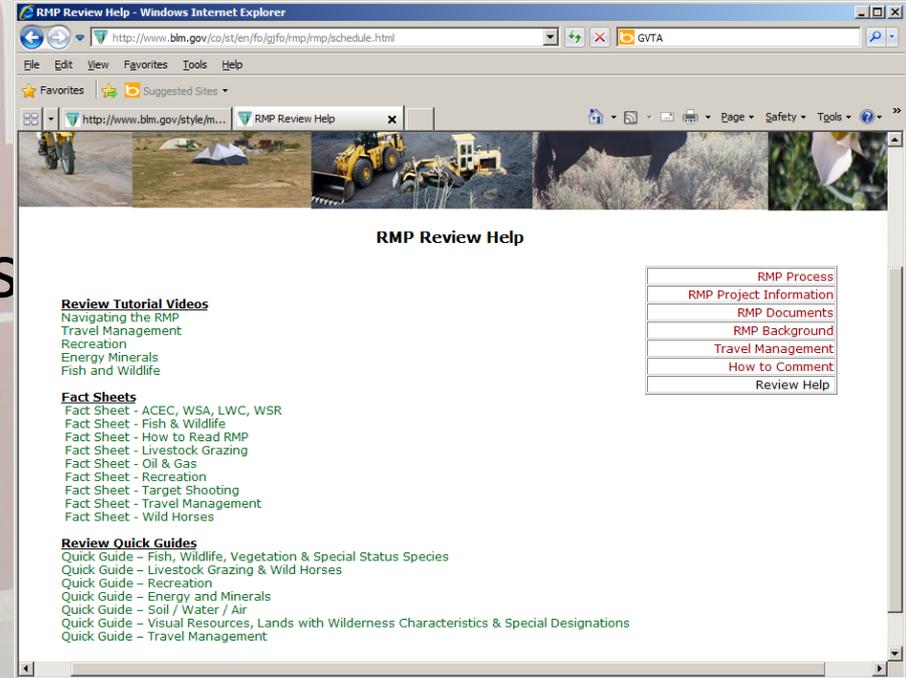
- While one of the alternatives is labeled the Preferred Alternative, none of the alternatives represents the final decision
- Public comments will help BLM develop a Proposed RMP/Final EIS (release next winter)
- For PRMP - BLM may select various management actions from each of the alternatives analyzed in this Draft RMP/EIS





Document Navigation

- All documents are available at libraries and on our website <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/gjfo/rmp/rmp.html>
- Review Help section of website:
 - Tutorial Videos
 - Fact Sheets
 - Review Quick-guides





How to Comment:

- You may submit your comments

By email: gjfo_rmp@blm.gov

By fax: 970-244-3083

By mail: BLM – GJFO RMP, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO, 81506

In writing at Open Houses (forms at welcome table)



- We need comments that not only state a preference for certain management actions in the alternatives, but also include your reasons for that preference.
- Tell us what you think of specific aspects of the alternatives – and why.





Conclusion:

Questions can be answered by BLM Representatives throughout the room

[Now Playing: RMP Tutorial Video](#)

