



FACT SHEET: Changes between the Preferred Alternative and Proposed RMP

As a result of public comment and internal BLM review, the BLM modified the Preferred Alternative, (Alternative B in the Draft) and carried it forward as the Proposed RMP. The Proposed RMP (new Alternative B) carries forward the same theme as Alternative B from the Draft RMP/EIS which was the Preferred Alternative, but also includes elements of the other four alternatives analyzed in the Draft RMP/EIS. These modifications focused on addressing public comments while continuing to meet the BLM’s legal and regulatory mandates. Chapter 1 addresses changes from the Draft beginning with 1-20.

Light gray shading was applied throughout the entire EIS to indicated changes text and decisions that were made to the Proposed RMP/Final EIS from the Draft RMP/Draft EIS.

The table below lists some of the key changes made between the Preferred Alternative and the Proposed RMP in response to public comment:

Roan and Carr Creek wildlife emphasis area is being carried forward as an ACEC and is available for motorized use through a limited to designated travel management designation.	Boundaries for the Bangs SRMA were adjusted with multiple zones to allow for a broad range of management.	Barrel Springs Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA) expanded.
Sieber Canyon, Snyder Flats, and Renegade Point Critical Habitat and Research areas were removed from areas closed to motorized use.	Dolores River Canyon SRMA boundaries were adjusted as analyzed in Alternatives B and D. This SRMA was also changed from Right of Way Exclusion to ROW Avoidance.	Horse Mountain ERMA expanded and was renamed – formerly 34 and C Road ERMA.
The Grand Valley OHV and Palisade Rim Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMA) were added.	North Fruita Desert SRMA boundaries were adjusted.	North Desert ERMA was added.
Mica Mine and Rough Canyon Trails were added as areas closed to equestrian travel.	Gunnison River Bluffs ERMA was added to the list of areas managed as limited to designated routes for equestrian and foot travel.	Pyramid Rock ACEC was reclassified as closed to foot travel.
Criterion “Lands adjacent to NCAs” was added to list of criteria considered when acquiring lands.	The Shale Ridges and Canyons Master Leasing Plan was added to the Energy and Minerals section in Chapter 2.	The Palisade Rims ERMA was changed to an SRMA.
A national trail management corridor of 100 meters is being established in the proposed plan for the Old Spanish Trail.	The South Shale Ridge area is proposed to be managed as an ACEC with VRM Class II designation.	The Bangs lands with wilderness characteristics area is proposed to be managed to protect wilderness resource values.