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Emerald Mountain RMP Plan Amendment  
and Environmental Assessment

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Dear Reader:

The draft Emerald Mountain Little Snake Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment (EA) are submitted for your review and comment. The proposed action would result in approximately 4400 acres of land managed by the Colorado State Land Board just west of Steamboat Springs, Colorado to become public property managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in exchange for approximately 15,500 acres of scattered public land located primarily in Routt County, Colorado.

The draft plan amendment/EA describes four management alternatives for the long-range management of the Emerald Mountain parcel and provides a detailed analysis of the potential environmental impacts of each of the management alternatives. The plan amendment/EA was developed through a collaborative effort between the BLM and the Emerald Mountain Partnership, a citizen-based working group that represents a wide variety of interested public.

Public comments received through a public scoping process were considered in development of the plan amendment/EA. The scoping process included three public meetings in Routt County and public notifications soliciting public input to the planning process for management of Emerald Mountain and impacts resulting in the exchange of public lands for state lands.

To receive a copy of the EA, visit the Little Snake Field Office planning website at [http://www.co.blm.gov/ltra/emerald\\_mtn/em.htm](http://www.co.blm.gov/ltra/emerald_mtn/em.htm) or contact Duane Johnson, BLM Little Snake Field Office, at 970-826-5001. Written comments may be submitted to Duane Johnson, the Planning Team Leader, Little Snake Field Office, 455 Emerson Street, Craig, Colorado 81625. Comments may also be submitted by fax to (970) 826-5002 or electronically by accessing the above website (please reference Emerald Mountain plan amendment/EA in your comments). Comments will be accepted through May 1, 2006. In order to be considered, submissions should include legible full name and return address on the envelope, letter, postcard, or e-mail and should be transmitted no later than May 1, 2006. To maximize the efficacy of your comments to the BLM, please be as specific as possible, citing suggested changes, sources, or methodologies.

*Freedom of Information Act Considerations:* Public comments submitted for this planning effort, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review in

their entirety, after the comment period closes, during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays, at the Little Snake Field Office. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals or officials representing organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,

/s/ John e. Husband

John E. Husband  
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