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BLM extends public comment period for HAMET proposal and announces additional public meeting

CANON CITY, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management Royal Gorge Field Office wants your input on Fort Carson’s proposal to use public lands for helicopter training.

Based on public input, the BLM and Fort Carson are hosting a second public meeting on Dec. 4 at the Cripple Creek Heritage and Information Center, 9283 State Highway 67, Cripple Creek, CO 80813. The meeting will run from 4:30-7 p.m., with a presentation scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Fort Carson has been using public lands in the Royal Gorge Field Office for High Altitude Mountain Environment Training since 2010. In 2013, Fort Carson requested a longer term agreement with BLM for HAMET activities. The HAMET program is designed to provide pilots experience flying and landing helicopters in high elevation, mountainous terrain.

Fort Carson has submitted a Plan of Development to the BLM. The BLM is analyzing this plan through an open public process, and would like your help to identify what issues and concerns should be addressed in the environmental assessment and alternatives before the BLM begins drafting the document.

For more information about the use of BLM lands for HAMET activities, please visit the Royal Gorge Field Office website at: <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo/planning/hamet.html>

This scoping period will run from Nov. 19 to Dec. 19, 2014. Comments concerning the proposed action, alternatives and identification of environmental issues are most helpful. For additional information or to submit a comment, please contact Nancy Keohane at 719-269-8531 or email comments to rgfo_comments@blm.gov. Keep up with Royal Gorge Field Office planning efforts at <http://blm.gov/3zld>.

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