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BLM, Fremont County and the Cañon City Area Metropolitan Recreation and Park District seek public comment on draft plan for trails in South Cañon City

CANON CITY, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management, in partnership with Fremont County and the Cañon City Area Metropolitan Recreation and Park District, is seeking public comments on the draft Environmental Assessment for the proposal to develop trails and a trailhead south of Cañon City. The document and associated maps can be found on the BLM’s website at: <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo/planning.html>. The public comment period ends Nov. 1, 2015.

“The public lands in this area serve as an important recreation area for local residents who use a combination of designated trails, social trails and old roads for hiking, biking and riding horses,” said Kalem Lenard, BLM Recreation Planner. “These lands provide great ‘backyard’ recreation opportunities that potentially connect with neighborhoods, other trail systems, and destinations.”

Earlier this year, more than 100 people attended an initial public meeting on the proposal to add trails near Ecology Park and New York Avenue. Based on feedback from the initial comment period, in the BLM conducted additional research, updated the original proposal and determined a range of alternatives. The draft EA documents these findings and identifies the range of alternatives being considered and the associated environmental impacts.

The public comment period gives the public a chance to tell the BLM and their partners how they did in addressing comments provided through the original scoping process. For additional information or to submit a comment, please contact Kalem Lenard at 719-269-8538 or email comments to rgfo_comments@blm.gov. Please put South Cañon Trails in the subject line.

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