

**Comparison of current and proposed BLM land tenure definitions for BLM administered public lands in South Park, Park County, Colorado**

<b>Current or No Action (Alternative B)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Action Alternatives (Alternatives A, C, D)<sup>2</sup></b>
<p><b>Category I - DISPOSAL:</b> These lands are suitable for disposal by any means, including but not limited to sale, exchange, Recreation and Public Purposes (R&amp;PP) patents, or jurisdictional transfer. Concerns of adjacent landowners, current users, and local governments will be considered prior to disposal. An environmental assessment will be prepared for all such disposals. BLM will not acquire private lands in the vicinity of disposal parcels.</p>	<p><b>Category I - DISPOSAL:</b> These lands are suitable for disposal by any means, including but not limited to sale, exchange, Recreation and Public Purposes (R&amp;PP) patents, or jurisdictional transfer. Concerns of adjacent landowners, current users, and local governments will be considered prior to disposal. An environmental assessment will be prepared for all such disposals. BLM will not acquire private lands in the vicinity of disposal parcels.</p>
<p><b>Category II - RETENTION:</b> These lands are identified for retention in Federal ownership, with limited exceptions. Lands in this zone have significant public values and disposal could only occur when in the public interest and to complement management. Retention lands include Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs). Proposals to purchase or exchange BLM lands in this category will generally be denied, however, BLM may purchase or exchange private lands in the vicinity of these lands. In very limited situations, retention lands may be disposed of to acquire higher value private lands in the vicinity of the lands to be disposed. Acquisition of non-Federal lands in the vicinity of these lands may be pursued through exchange, purchase or donation.</p>	<p><b>Category II - RETENTION:</b> These lands are identified for retention in Federal ownership because lands in this zone have significant public values. Retention lands include Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs). Acquisition of non-Federal lands in the vicinity of these lands may be pursued through exchange, purchase or donation.</p>
<p><b>Category III – EXCHANGE - RESTRICTED:</b> These lands are generally identified for retention due to their resource values, access and public interest. If there are situations that arise that allow other federal or state agencies, or private entities (i.e., land trusts) to manage public lands consistent with BLM objectives, consideration can be given to disposal (through a variety of means, including sale, exchange and R&amp;PP) of these lands to those agencies/entities. Where lands lie adjacent to those held by other resource/land management agencies, preference will be given to transfer to those agencies. Where lands lie adjacent to existing land conservation easements, transfer to private interests may be considered if the public lands are added to the conservation easements and resource values are enhanced or maintained. If there are important resource values associated with BLM lands, and the BLM prefers to preserve these values, the lands may be sold thru direct sale provided the buyer establishes conservation easements or other protective covenants on the lands. BLM will consider proposals to exchange these lands for private or state lands and may propose such actions to other land owners. Acquisition of non-Federal lands in the vicinity of these lands may be pursued through exchange, purchase or donation, where the acquisition will serve to enhance the BLM's objectives and special emphasis programs.</p>	<p><b>Category III – EXCHANGE - RESTRICTED:</b> These lands are generally identified for retention due to their resource values, access and public interest. If situations arise that allow other federal or state agencies, or private entities (i.e., land trusts) to manage public lands consistent with BLM objectives, consideration can be given to disposal (through a variety of means, including sale, exchange and R&amp;PP) of these lands to those agencies/entities. Where lands lie adjacent to those held by other resource/land management agencies, preference will be given to those agencies. Where lands lie adjacent to existing land conservation easements, transfer to private interests may be considered if the public lands are added to the conservation easements and resource values are enhanced or maintained. If there are important resource values associated with BLM lands, and the BLM prefers to preserve these values, the lands may be sold thru direct sale provided the buyer establishes conservation easements or other protective covenants on the lands. BLM will consider proposals to exchange these lands for private or state lands and may propose such actions to other land owners. Acquisition of non-Federal lands in the vicinity of these lands may be pursued through exchange, purchase or donation, where the acquisition will serve to enhance the BLM's objectives and special emphasis programs.</p>

<sup>1</sup> BLM Royal Gorge Field Office Resource Management Plan, 1996

<sup>2</sup> BLM South Park Land Tenure Adjustment Environmental Assessment (CO-200-2005-0025EA)