

Lands and Realty



Background Information

The BLM lands and realty program includes several types of land use authorizations. Rights-of-way (ROWs) may be issued or granted for roads, pipelines, transmission lines, renewable and nonrenewable energy facilities, and such other systems or facilities that are in the public interest on BLM-administered public lands. Public land may be leased or conveyed under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act to States or their political subdivisions and to nonprofit corporations and associations for recreation and public purposes. The BLM may undertake land tenure adjustment actions through acquisition, exchange, or disposal (sale) of land when it is in the public interest, provides resource protection, improves land management through consolidation, or provides access to public land or waters.

Future oil, gas, and geothermal development in the planning area is expected to result in the need for additional ROWs for roads, power lines, and pipelines to support new infrastructure. Rapidly changing telecommunications technology may result in expansion of telephone and fiber optic systems and wireless communication sites in the planning area to provide infrastructure for coverage in many areas previously inaccessible to these types of technology.

Potential Decisions:

Lands and realty management as part of the Eastern Colorado RMP/EIS may:

- Designate utility corridors across the planning area that will coincide with corridors in adjoining BLM field offices
- Identify areas where ROW development may be prohibited or restricted in order to protect resources
- Identify lands that are appropriate for disposal through sale or exchange.
- Address and incorporate recommended criteria for land tenure within the planning area



Planning Issues:

- How should the BLM manage lands for retention, disposal, or acquisition in order to meet resource goals and objectives?
- How should ROWs be managed in the planning area in order to provide for infrastructure and protect resources?
- What BLM-administered lands in the planning area are appropriate for disposal?
- How should the BLM address the land tenure of new and existing Recreation and Public Purposes Act leases?
- How should the BLM address the need for ROWs and easements in relation to resource protection and use and to improve the efficiencies of management?

Tell Us What You Think!

If you have input on these topics, please share it with us in a scoping comment.

1. Are there additional lands and realty topics that should be covered in the RMP/EIS?
2. Are there BLM-administered lands in the planning area that should be disposed of or non-BLM-administered lands that should be acquired?
3. Can you recommend sources of information that should be used in the RMP/EIS?

Please submit your comments and other information via email to ECRMP.comments@blm.gov