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## **BLM seeks comment on preliminary environmental assessment for recreational placer activities at Cache Creek**

**CANON CITY, Colo.** – The Bureau of Land Management Royal Gorge Field Office is seeking public comments on a preliminary environmental assessment and business plan for recreational placer activities at Cache Creek.

The preliminary EA identifies an overall strategy for managing recreational placer activities at Cache Creek. The proposed alternative seeks to reduce impacts to sensitive resources and address health and human safety concerns through a permit system that would allow for a wider variety of placer activities while putting protection measures in place. The BLM is also considering a fee to aid in managing this resource. The preliminary environmental assessment can be found here:

[http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo/minerals/locatable\\_minerals/cache\\_creek.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo/minerals/locatable_minerals/cache_creek.html).

Over the past several years, recreational placer activities at Cache Creek have increased dramatically. Greater visitation has led to user conflicts and damage to the area's natural resources, prompting the BLM and stakeholders to take a look at recreation use on the parcel and develop a strategy for moving forward.

This comment period will run from Dec. 5, 2014, to Jan. 9, 2015. Comments concerning the proposed action, alternatives and identification of environmental issues are most helpful. For additional information or to submit a comment, please contact Kalem Lenard at 719-269-8538 or email comments to [rgfo\\_comments@blm.gov](mailto:rgfo_comments@blm.gov). Keep up with Royal Gorge Field Office planning efforts at <http://blm.gov/3zld>.

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