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BLM Uncompahgre Resource Management Plan Advisory Group to Meet

MONTROSE, Colo. — The subgroup of the Bureau of Land Management’s Southwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council is scheduled to meet to discuss recommendations for the Uncompahgre Field Office’s Resource Management Plan. Discussion topics include: renewable energy, communication sites, utility corridors, hunting permits for outfitters, organized group permits, target shooting, North Delta OHV Open Area and Ouray County’s gravel pit northeast of Ridgway.

The meeting is May 13 at the Holiday Inn, 1391 South Townsend Ave., in Montrose from 9 a.m. to noon. The meeting is open to the public, with a public comment period scheduled for 11 a.m.

The Southwest Colorado RAC subgroup is composed of area residents representing diverse interests within the Uncompahgre Field Office. The 11-member subgroup provides recommendations to the BLM Southwest Colorado RAC regarding development and implementation of the public lands within the field office.

The Southwest Colorado RAC is one of three advisory councils to BLM Colorado. Composed of 15 members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, individuals serving in each RAC represent a broad range of public land interests, ranging from environmental to local government to commercial activity. For more information on Colorado RACs, go to http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Resources/racs/swrac.html.

The BLM manages more land – over 245 million acres -- than any other federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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