
Chapter 5

Consultation and Coordination

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Full Phrase

ACEC	area of critical environmental concern
ATV	all-terrain vehicle
AUM	animal unit month
BLM	United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
BMP	best management practice
BOR	United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation
CARMMS	Colorado Air Resources Management Modeling Study
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CNHP	Colorado Natural Heritage Program
CPW	Colorado Parks and Wildlife
CSU	controlled surface use
decision area	public lands and federal mineral estate managed by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
DOE	United States Department of Energy
DOI	United States Department of the Interior
EIS	environmental impact statement
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
ERMA	extensive recreation management area
ESA	Endangered Species Act of 1973
federal mineral estate	subsurface mineral estate administered by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
FLPMA	Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
FMP	fire management plan
Forest Service	United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
FWFMP	Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
IMPLAN	impact analysis for planning (model)
IMPROVE	Interagency Monitoring of Protected Visual Environments
ISA	instant study area
NCA	National Conservation Area
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
NGD	no ground disturbance
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
NL	no leasing
North Fork area	North Fork Alternative Plan area (63,390 acres of BLM-administered surface estate and 159,820 acres of federal mineral estate) (Figure 2-1)
NPS	United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
NSO	no surface occupancy
NWSRS	National Wild and Scenic Rivers System

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS *(continued)*

Full Phrase

OHV		off-highway vehicle
ORV		outstandingly remarkable value
PFC		proper functioning condition
PFYC		Potential Fossil Yield Classification
PILT		payment in lieu of taxes
planning area	Uncompahgre Field Office boundary, including all lands, regardless of land ownership, except the Gunnison Gorge NCA Planning Area and the Dominguez-Escalante NCA	
PM _{2.5}		particulate matter smaller than 2.5 microns in effective diameter
PM ₁₀		particulate matter smaller than 10 microns in effective diameter
RMA		recreation management area
RMP		resource management plan
ROD		record of decision
ROW		right-of-way
SRMA		special recreation management area
SRP		special recreation permit
SSR		site-specific relocation
TL		timing limitation
UFO		Uncompahgre Field Office
US		United States
USC		United States Code
USDA		United States Department of Agriculture
USFWS		United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service
VRI		visual resource inventory
VRM		visual resource management
WSA		wilderness study area
WSR		wild and scenic river
WUI		wildland urban interface

CHAPTER 5

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

This chapter describes the public outreach and participation opportunities made available through the development of this resource management plan (RMP)/environmental impact statement (EIS) and consultation and coordination efforts with tribes, government agencies, and other stakeholders. This chapter also lists the tribal and local governments and agencies that received a copy of the draft RMP and associated EIS.

The BLM land use planning activities are conducted in accordance with requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Council on Environmental Quality regulations, United States (US) Department of the Interior NEPA regulations (43 CFR 46), and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) policies and procedures for implementing the NEPA. The NEPA and associated regulations and policies require the BLM to seek public involvement early in, and throughout, the planning process to develop a reasonable range of alternatives to proposed actions and to prepare environmental documents that disclose the potential impacts of proposed actions and alternatives. Public involvement and agency consultation and coordination, which have been at the heart of the planning process leading to this draft RMP/EIS, were achieved through *Federal Register* notices, public and informal meetings, individual contacts, media releases, planning bulletins, and the Uncompahgre RMP revision Web site (http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/ufo/uncompahgre_rmp.html).

5.1 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public involvement is a vital and legally required component of both the RMP and EIS processes. Public involvement vests the public in the decision-making process and allows for full environmental disclosure. Guidance for implementing public involvement under NEPA is codified in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 1506.6. Section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish procedures for public involvement during land use planning actions on BLM-administered lands. These procedures can be found in the BLM's Land Use Planning Handbook (H-1601-1) (BLM 2005a). Public involvement for the Uncompahgre RMP/EIS includes the following four phases:

1. Public scoping before beginning NEPA analysis to determine the scope of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the RMP/EIS
2. Public outreach via newsletters and news releases
3. Collaboration with federal, state, local, and tribal governments, the BLM Colorado Southwest Resource Advisory Council, and cooperating agencies
4. Public review of and comment on the draft RMP/EIS, which analyzes likely environmental effects and identifies the BLM's preferred alternative

The public scoping phase (phase I) of the process has been completed and is described in **Section 5.1.1** (Scoping Process). The public outreach and collaboration phases (2 and 3) are ongoing throughout the RMP/EIS process and are described in **Section 5.2** (Consultation and Coordination) and **Section 5.3** (Cooperating Agencies). Phase 4 started with the 90-day public comment period on the draft RMP/EIS. This phase is discussed under **Section 5.4** (Distribution and Availability of the Draft RMP/EIS).

5.1.1 Scoping Process

The formal public scoping process for the Uncompahgre RMP/EIS began on February 25, 2010, with the publication of the Notice of Intent in the *Federal Register* (75 *Federal Register* 8739-8740, February 25, 2010). The Notice of Intent notified the public of the BLM's intent to develop an RMP for the Uncompahgre Field Office (UFO); it also initiated the formal public scoping period, which closed on March 29, 2010.

Newsletter and Mailing List

In December 2009, the BLM mailed a newsletter announcing the start of the public scoping period for the Uncompahgre RMP/EIS to more than 350 individuals from the public, agencies, and organizations who had participated in past UFO activities and had been included on past UFO distribution lists. The newsletter provided the dates and venues for the original six scoping open houses (Hotchkiss, Delta, Montrose, Ridgway, Norwood, and Naturita) (see **Scoping Open Houses**, below), included an insert with a comment form for submitting scoping comments, and described the various methods for submitting comments, including dedicated email and postal addresses. The BLM will publish future newsletters at major project milestones and will announce them to individuals and organizations that have requested to remain on or be added to the project mailing list. All newsletters are and will be posted on the project Web site (http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/ufo/uncompahgre_rmp.html).

Press Release and Newspaper Advertisements

A press release was posted on the Uncompahgre RMP revision Web site on January 5, 2010, announcing the scoping period for the Uncompahgre RMP/EIS process. It also provided information on the original six scoping open houses held in Hotchkiss, Delta, Montrose, Ridgway, Norwood, and Naturita (see **Scoping Open Houses**, below) and described the various methods for submitting comments.

A second press release was posted on the project Web site on March 2, 2010, announcing the extension of the public scoping period to March 29, 2010.

A newspaper advertisement was published in six local newspapers in December 2009 and January 2010 prior to the scoping meetings. **Table 5-1** (Newspaper Advertisement Publication Dates and Location) displays the date each newspaper published the advertisement. This newspaper advertisement announced the original six scoping open houses (see **Scoping Open Houses**, below). The newspaper article and press releases are included in the Uncompahgre RMP Revision and EIS Scoping Summary Report (BLM 2010b), available on the project Web site (http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/ufo/uncompahgre_rmp.html).

Table 5-1
Newspaper Advertisement Publication Dates and Location

Newspaper	Location (Colorado)	Date(s) Advertisement Appeared
Delta County Independent	Delta	December 23, 2009 January 6, 2010
Montrose Daily Press	Montrose	December 30, 2009 December 31, 2009 January 6, 2010 January 10, 2010
Norwood Post	Norwood	December 30, 2009 January 20, 2010
Ouray Plaindealer	Ouray	January 8, 2010
Ridgway Sun	Ridgway	January 6, 2010 January 13, 2010
Telluride Daily Planet	Telluride	January 20, 2010 February 2, 2010

Newspaper Articles

Six local newspapers are known to have published their own articles covering the RMP revision and scoping period. **Table 5-2** (Newspaper Articles) displays each newspaper's publication date of the articles.

Table 5-2
Newspaper Articles

Newspaper	Date(s) Article(s) Appeared
Delta County Independent	January 20 and 27, 2010
Montrose Daily Press	January 15 and February 3, 2010
Norwood Post	January 23, 2010
Ridgway Sun	January 13, 2010
San Miguel Basin Forum	January 21 and 28, 2010
Telluride Daily Planet	January 17 and February 2, 2010

Flyer

A flyer announcing the dates and locations of the original six scoping open houses (see **Scoping Open Houses**, below) was posted in various public locations in Delta, Hotchkiss, Montrose, Naturita, Norwood, Nucla, Paonia, and Redvale, Colorado, on January 8 and 12, 2010. The flyer is included in the Uncompahgre RMP Revision and EIS Scoping Summary Report (BLM 2010a), available on the project Web site (http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/ufo/uncompahgre_rmp.html).

Project Web Site

A public Web site was launched when the scoping process began and is regularly updated to provide the public with the latest information about the RMP/EIS process. The Web site, available on the Internet at http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/ufo/uncompahgre_rmp.html, provides background information about the project, a public involvement timeline and calendar, maps and photos of the planning area, and copies of public information documents such as the newsletter and Notice of Intent. The site also provides a link to the scoping comment form for submitting comments about the RMP process. The dates and locations of all seven scoping open houses were announced on the Web site.

Scoping Open Houses

The BLM hosted seven open houses to provide the public with opportunities to become involved, learn about the project and the planning process, meet the Uncompahgre RMP team members, and offer comments. The six originally scheduled open houses were advertised via press release, newspaper advertisements, the project newsletter, the project Web site, and a flyer posted in various towns throughout the planning area. The seventh open house in Telluride was added in response to a special request from the San Miguel County Commissioners. The locations of the open houses are provided in **Table 5-3** (Scoping Open Houses).

Scoping meetings were held in an open house format to encourage participants to discuss concerns and questions with BLM staff representatives. Copies of the first issue of the project newsletter, as well as blank scoping comment forms and a guide to providing substantive comments, were available at the sign-in station. A Microsoft PowerPoint presentation that provided an overview of the RMP process and presented information about public involvement opportunities was played continuously on a large screen. Eight resource stations displayed resource maps and information to illustrate the current situation and management techniques practiced among different resources and land areas. At those stations, 16 fact sheets for various resources provided an overview of current management practices and issues. At the recreation station, information regarding the recreation public focus group meetings to be held in February 2010, including a sign-up sheet for those meetings, was provided. As shown in **Table 5-3**, 369 people attended the open houses.

Table 5-3
Scoping Open Houses

Location (Colorado)	Venue	Date	Number of Attendees	Number of Completed Comment Forms Received
Hotchkiss	Memorial Hall	January 12, 2010	99	11
Delta	Bill Heddles Recreation Center	January 13, 2010	42	0
Montrose	Montrose Pavilion	January 14, 2010	84	1
Ridgway	Town Hall	January 19, 2010	41	3
Norwood	Town Hall	January 20, 2010	26	0
Naturita	Community Building	January 21, 2010	60	2
Telluride	Miramonte Building	February 3, 2010	17	0
Total			369	17

Note: Meetings were from 4:30 to 7:30 pm, except in Delta and Montrose where meetings were from 4:30 to 8:00 pm, and Telluride where the meeting was from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Scoping Comments Received

The BLM received 214 unique written submissions containing 2,496 separate comments during the public scoping period. Detailed information about the comments received and about the public outreach process can be found in the Uncompahgre RMP Revision and EIS Scoping Summary Report, finalized in July 2010 (BLM 2010a). The issues identified during public scoping and outreach helped refine the list of planning issues, included in **Section 1.4.2** (Issue Identification) which guided the development of alternative management strategies for the RMP.

5.2 CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

Federal laws require the BLM to consult with certain federal and state agencies and entities and Native American tribes (40 CFR 1502.25) during the NEPA decision-making process. The BLM is also directed to integrate NEPA requirements with other environmental review and consultation requirements to reduce paperwork and delays (40 CFR 1500.4-5).

In addition to formal scoping (**Section 5.1.1**), as summarized below, the BLM has implemented an extensive collaborative outreach and public involvement process that has included conducting a community assessment (BLM 2009f), coordinating with cooperating agencies, and working closely with the Colorado Southwest Resource Advisory Council and a specially created and sanctioned subgroup of the resource advisory council. The BLM will continue to meet with interested agencies and organizations throughout the planning process, as appropriate, and will continue coordinating closely with cooperating agencies and the resource advisory council subgroup.

5.2.1 Tribes

The UFO initiated consultation with tribes that are identified as having interests or Traditional Cultural Properties in the Uncompahgre RMP planning area. Consultation is that required by the National Historic Preservation Act and the American Indian Religious Freedom Act. The identified tribes are the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uinta and Ouray Reservation, Southern Ute Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and the Navajo Nation.

No written comments were received from tribal agencies during the scoping period; tribal concerns or issues have been typically presented in oral format. Government-to-government consultation will continue throughout the RMP process to ensure that the concerns of tribal groups are considered in development of the RMP.

Uncompahgre Draft RMP/EIS was provided to the four tribes concurrently with its release to the public.

5.2.2 Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer Consultation

The draft RMP/EIS was provided to the State Historic Preservation Officer concurrently with its release to the public.

5.2.3 US Fish and Wildlife Service Consultation

To comply with Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the BLM coordinated with the US Fish and Wildlife Service early in the planning process as a cooperating agency. The US Fish and Wildlife Service provided input on planning issues, data collection and review, and alternatives development. The BLM will consult with US Fish and Wildlife Service to develop the draft Biological Assessment, which will be prepared after public comments are received on the draft RMP/EIS.

5.2.4 Resource Advisory Council Collaboration

A resource advisory council is a committee established by the Secretary of the Interior to provide advice or recommendations to BLM management (BLM Land Use Planning Handbook H-1601-1; BLM 2005a). A resource advisory council is generally composed of 15 members of the public representing different areas of expertise. The Colorado Southwest Resource Advisory Council includes members appointed to represent constituent BLM-administered land users and provides input on public management issues to the BLM's Southwest Resource Advisory Council Designated Federal Officers. Recommendations are based on consensus-building and collaboration.

The Colorado Southwest Resource Advisory Council was involved in developing the preliminary planning issues for the Uncompahgre RMP. In addition, a resource advisory council subgroup was established to participate in the planning process, and in particular to assist the BLM with creating a range of reasonable alternatives for the EIS. To date, 11 meetings of the resource advisory council subgroup have been held for the Uncompahgre RMP. On June 22, 2012, the resource advisory council subgroup approved the range of alternatives as a reasonable range. Recommendations developed by the subgroup were presented formally for discussion to the Southwest Resource Advisory Council at the October 26, 2012, public meeting of the full Southwest Resource Advisory Council. A resolution approving the reasonable range of alternatives was passed by the Southwest Resource Advisory Council on October 26, 2013. Meeting minutes from resource advisory council subgroup meetings are available on the project Web site (http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/ufo/uncompahgre_rmp.html). Future resource advisory council subgroup meeting dates will also be posted on the project Web site.

In addition to these 11 meetings, the resource advisory council subgroup facilitated nine public meetings in late 2010 and early 2011 to discuss wild and scenic river suitability within the Dolores River Basin. These were educational and public input meetings to increase the public understanding of the wild and scenic river process and eligibility, and to solicit comments regarding segments within the Dolores and San Miguel River watersheds; these were held in Norwood, Naturita, Placerville, and Telluride, Colorado, in November 2010, December 2010, and January 2011.

5.2.5 Cooperating Agencies

The BLM invites agency cooperation early in the RMP process using the process outlined in 43 CFR 1501.6. A cooperating agency is any federal, state, or local government agency or Indian tribe that enters into a formal agreement with the lead federal agency to help develop an environmental analysis. More specifically, cooperating agencies "work with the BLM, sharing knowledge and resources, to achieve desired outcomes for public lands and communities within statutory and regulatory frameworks" (BLM Land Use Planning Handbook H-1601-1; BLM 2005a). The primary role of cooperating agencies during the planning process is to provide input on issues for which they have a special expertise or jurisdiction.

On January 23, 2009, the BLM invited 40 local, state, federal, and tribal representatives to participate as cooperating agencies for the Uncompahgre RMP revision. The BLM invited one additional agency in March 2013. Eighteen agencies are participating in the RMP as designated cooperating agencies, all of which have signed memoranda of understanding with the UFO (**Table 5-4** [Cooperating Agency Participation]).

**Table 5-4
Cooperating Agency Participation**

Agencies and Tribes Invited to be Cooperators	Agencies that Signed MOUs
US Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service	✓
US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation	✓
US Department of the Interior, National Park Service – Black Canyon National Park	
US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service – Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests	✓
US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service – San Juan National Forest	
US Department of Agriculture, National Resource Conservation Service – Colorado State Office	
US Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	
US Department of Energy	
Western Area Power Administration	
Colorado Department of Natural Resources (Division of Parks and Wildlife, Natural Heritage Program, State Forest Service, Reclamation Division, Mining and Safety)	✓
Colorado Department of Transportation	
Colorado State Historical Preservation Office	
Delta Soil Conservation District	✓
Delta County	✓
Gunnison County	✓
Mesa County	
Montrose County	✓
Ouray County	✓
San Miguel County	✓
City of Delta	
City of Montrose	✓
City of Ouray	
Town of Cedaredge	✓
Town of Crawford	
Town of Hotchkiss*	✓
Town of Mountain Village*	✓
Town of Naturita	
Town of Norwood	✓
Town of Nucla	✓
Town of Olathe	✓
Town of Orchard City	✓
Town of Paonia	✓
Town of Ridgway	✓
Town of Sawpit	
Town of Telluride	
Navajo Nation	
Northern Ute Indian Tribe	
Southern Ute Indian Tribe	
Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe	

*Town signed MOU to be a cooperating agency. MOU was subsequently terminated.

Starting on May 27, 2010, the BLM has conducted 11 meetings to date with cooperating agencies. Cooperating agencies were also encouraged to attend the scoping open houses and provide comments during the scoping period (**Section 5.1.1**). These agencies have been engaged throughout the planning process, including during alternatives development.

5.2.6 North Fork Advocacy Group

On February 26, 2013, the BLM received a letter from an advocacy group with preliminary documents depicting the “North Fork Alternative Plan for Oil and Gas Leasing/Development.” The group provided the BLM a more-refined concept on April 2, 2013. The BLM and group representatives met on April 25, 2013, to discuss the proposal in more detail. The group provided the BLM a final concept in December 2013. The concept is Alternative B.1 (see **Chapter 2**, Alternatives).

5.2.7 Shooting Sports Roundtable

The 40 private organizations that are participating in the “Federal Lands Hunting, Fishing, and Shooting Sports Roundtable Memorandum of Understanding” (BLM Instruction Memorandum 2007-041; BLM 2007h) have been notified of the availability of the Draft RMP and the comment opportunity.

Staff from BLM UFO met with representatives of the local Rod and Gun Club and other interested firearm shooters on March 13 and April 10, 2013. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss potential management alternatives in the RMP, including areas with limits on or closure to target shooting. As a result of the meetings, the alternatives were further developed and refined. The attendees of the meetings indicated that they are generally agreeable with the actions that are carried forward in the preferred alternative.

5.3 DISTRIBUTION AND AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT RMP/EIS

Members of the public have the opportunity to comment on this draft RMP/EIS during the 90-day public comment period. A newsletter announcing the availability of the draft RMP/EIS was posted on the Uncompahgre RMP Web site; a postcard directing recipients to the Web site’s newsletter was mailed to those on the Uncompahgre RMP mailing list. A press release was posted on the Uncompahgre RMP revision Web site, announcing the availability of the draft RMP/EIS.

The draft RMP/EIS has been made available through the RMP revision Web site and at the BLM State Office (Denver/Lakewood) and the BLM UFO (Montrose). Notification of the draft RMP/EIS has also been provided to cooperating agencies and tribal representatives.

Six public meetings (open houses) will be held during a two-week period during the public comment period on the DEIS. One meeting will be held in each of the following locations: Montrose, Delta, Hotchkiss, Ridgway, Naturita, and Telluride. These public meetings will be structured in an open house format with BLM specialists available to provide information on the draft RMP/EIS, including the range of alternatives, impact analysis, and specific resources of concern, or on the planning process.

The proposed RMP/final EIS will respond to all substantive comments on the draft RMP/EIS received during the 90-day comment period. The record of decision will then be issued by the

BLM after the release of the proposed RMP/final EIS, the Governor's Consistency Review, and any resolution of protests received on the proposed RMP/final EIS.

5.3.1 Distribution of the Draft RMP/EIS

The BLM provided a copy (paper or CD) of the Draft RMP/EIS to tribal and local governments and agencies (**Table 5-5** [Draft RMP/EIS Distribution]). A limited number of copies were printed. Individuals and organizations may download the documents from the RMP Web site, review a paper copy at the BLM State Office or BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, or request a CD.

5.4 LIST OF PREPARERS

This Draft RMP/EIS was prepared by an interdisciplinary team of staff from the BLM and Environmental Management and Planning Solutions, Inc. (EMPSi), with their local supporting subcontractors Alpine Archaeology, Anchorpoint, BIO-Logic, Carter Lake Consulting, DOWL HKM (formerly Buckhorn Geotech), Ramboll-Environ, and Uinta Paleo. **Table 5-6** (RMP/EIS Preparers) is a list of people that prepared or contributed to the development of the Draft RMP and EIS. As discussed in **Section 5.2**, staff from numerous federal, state, and local agencies, industry, and nonprofit organizations also contributed to developing the Draft RMP.

**Table 5-5
Draft RMP/EIS Distribution**

Tribal Governments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navajo Nation • Southern Ute Tribe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ute Indian Tribe of the Uinta and Ouray Reservation • Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
Local Governments (Counties, Cities, Towns)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delta County • Gunnison County • Mesa County • Montrose County • Ouray County • San Miguel County • City of Delta • City of Montrose • City of Ouray • Town of Cedaredge • Town of Crawford 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Hotchkiss • Town of Mountain Village • Town of Naturita • Town of Norwood • Town of Nucla • Town of Olathe • Town of Orchard City • Town of Paonia • Town of Ridgway • Town of Sawpit • Town of Telluride
Colorado State Agencies, Boards, and Commissions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Natural Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Colorado Parks and Wildlife <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Headquarters, Denver ▫ Montrose, CO ▫ Crawford State Park ▫ Paonia State Park ▫ Ridgway State Park ○ Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety ○ Oil and Gas Conservation Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Public Health and the Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Air Pollution Control Division ○ Water Quality Control Division • State Historic Preservation Officer
US Department of the Interior	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BLM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Colorado State Office ○ Southwest District ○ Washington, DC ○ Grand Junction Field Office ○ Gunnison Field Office ○ Moab Field Office ○ Monticello Field Office ○ Tres Rios Field Office • US Bureau of Reclamation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Western Colorado Area Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Park Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Denver, CO ○ Washington, DC ○ Black Canyon National Park ○ Curecanti National Recreation Area • Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance • Office of Surface Mining • USFWS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Denver, CO ○ Western Colorado Field Office
Other Federal Agencies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOE, Western Area Power Administration • EPA, Region VIII • Natural Resources Conservation Service • US Army Corps of Engineers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests ○ San Juan National Forest

**Table 5-6
RMP/EIS Preparers**

Name	Role/Responsibility
BLM UFO	
Bruce Krickbaum (BLM Colorado State Office)	RMP Lead, ACECs, Public Health and Safety
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Debbie Burch-Hawkes	Livestock Grazing
Joe Cain*	GIS
Amanda Clements	Vegetation (Uplands, Riparian and Wetlands)
Forrest Cook (BLM Colorado State Office)	Air Quality, Climate
Desty Dyer	Energy and Minerals (Coal)
David Epstein* (BLM Colorado State Office)	Socioeconomics, Environmental Justice
Rob Ernst	Energy and Minerals (Locatable Minerals, Mineral Materials, and Nonenergy Leasables), Renewable Energy
Edd Franz	Lands with Wilderness Characteristics, Wilderness and WSAs
Glade Hadden	Cultural Resources, Native American Tribal Uses
Ken Holsinger	Special Status Species (Plants, Aquatic Wildlife), Forestry and Woodland Products
Melissa Hovey* (BLM Colorado State Office)	Air Quality, Climate
Dan Huisjen	Wildland Fire Ecology and Management
Julie Jackson	Visual Resources, Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management, Recreation and Visitor Services, National Trails and Byways
Gina Jones (BLM Southwest District)	Planner and NEPA Coordinator
Dave Kauffman*	Associate Field Manager, Wild Horses
Jeff Litteral*	Soils and Geology, Water Resources, Wild and Scenic Rivers
Chad Meister (BLM Colorado State Office)	Air Quality, Climate
Amanda Moore*	GIS
Dennis Murphy*	Wild and Scenic Rivers
Teresa Pfifer	Lands and Minerals Supervisor
Linda Reed*	Lands and Realty
Lynae Rogers	Vegetation (Weeds), Livestock Grazing
Charlie Sharp*	Fish and Wildlife, Special Status Species
Barb Sharrow	Field Manager
Melissa Siders	Biological Resources Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife, Special Status Species (Terrestrial Wildlife), Watchable Wildlife Viewing Sites
David Sinton	GIS
Jedd Sondergard	Soils and Geology, Water Resources, Wild and Scenic Rivers
Thane Stranathan	Energy and Minerals (Fluid Minerals)
Karen Tucker*	Recreation Supervisor
Aaron Worstell* (BLM Colorado State Office)	Air Quality, Climate

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RMP/EIS Preparers**

Name	Role/Responsibility
Angela Zahniser* (BLM Colorado State Office)	Air Quality, Climate
EMPSi: Environmental Management and Planning Solutions, Inc.	
Angie Adams	Project Manager
Kate Krebs	Deputy Project Manager, Special Designations Lead, Wild Horses, Lands with Wilderness Characteristics, ACECs, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Watchable Wildlife Viewing Sites
Andrew Gentile*	Physical Resources Lead, Soils and Geology, Water Resources, Renewable Energy
Zoe Ghali	Wildland Fire Ecology and Management, Forestry and Woodland Products, Livestock Grazing, Wilderness and WSAs, Public Health and Safety, Socioeconomics, Environmental Justice
Derek Holmgren	Visual Resources, Lands and Realty, Wild and Scenic Rivers
Julia Howe*	Visual Resources, Public Health and Safety
Carol-Anne Murray	Paleontological Resources
Katie Patterson	Energy and Minerals, ACECs
Holly Prohaska	Resource Uses Lead, Wild Horses, Livestock Grazing
Marcia Rickey	GIS
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