



## United States Department of the Interior

### BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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### **OPTIONAL REPLY DUE: 4/22/13**

The Bureau of Land Management's Tres Rios Field Office (TRFO) is requesting comments on a proposal to continue cattle herding (trailing) on 23 miles of roads in Dolores and San Miguel Counties as a recreational business (guests assist in moving cattle by participating in a 'traditional cattle drive') and to authorize the grazing of cattle during this under a Trailing permit.

You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as a property owner within the project area or you may have an interest in the associated activities. The BLM is preparing an Environmental Assessment to analyze this proposal.

**What:** Issue a Special Recreation permit to authorize a 'traditional cattle drive' business not to exceed 7 days annually over 23 miles of roads and issue a Trailing permit to cross public lands for up to 150 cows. The trailing operation would be in conjunction with the cattle drive.

**Where:** Big Canyon Road (D.C. Rd. 10) and the Snaggletooth/Dolores River road from Dove Creek Pump Station to Slickrock in Dolores and San Miguel Counties, CO (see attached map).

**Action:** Livestock grazing and trailing is limited to the corridor on existing county and BLM roads. Any motorized or horse drawn equipment would be limited to the existing roads.

**When:** Livestock trailing would occur over a period not to exceed 7 days within a 10/30-12/1 period annually.

Purpose of and need for this action: Authorized trailing of livestock across BLM administered lands would be in accordance with 43 CFR 4130 and 4160, and would be consistent with the provision of the Taylor Grazing Act and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA). The proposed action would facilitate pasture rotation and effective resource management in order to maintain vegetative health in the East Pines Common and Slickrock allotments. The trailing operation would operate in conjunction with the cattle drive Special Recreation Permit explained above.

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Comments regarding the project should be submitted via email or hard copy by the due date:

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Please note that comments and information submitted regarding this project, including email addresses and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Connie Clementson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Connie Clementson  
Field Manager - Tres Rios Field Office

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