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SCOPING NOTICE

RIDGWAY COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Office (BLM), is seeking public comment regarding route-by-route designation for roads and trails located on BLM approximately one to two miles northeast of Ridgway, CO. One parcel is 1200 acres located directly adjacent to the Ridgway State Park and the other parcel is 20 acres located directly adjacent to the Uncompahgre River.

The citizens from the Town of Ridgway, surrounding communities, and local groups have expressed their interest in an inter-connecting trail system and increased recreational opportunities. These interested groups and individuals have expressed a need for accessible trails from the Town of Ridgway, trails adjacent and linked to Ridgway State Park, trails close to town for educational trips, interpretive programs and events, and access to backcountry trails located near communities. BLM stresses the use of education and interpretation to encourage visitors' knowledge, appreciation and safe enjoyment of public land resources.

The project area is located on BLM lands in Ouray County within the following approximate legal locations:

T45N, R8W, sec. 3, 4, and 9

T46N, R8W, sec. 22, 23, 26, 27, 34, 35

The BLM is preparing an environmental assessment to conduct a route by route analysis to designate all routes within the project area. The purpose of this notice is intended to provide information about the project and provide the first opportunity to gather public comments.

The BLM has determined that this proposed action must be evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to assess the potential impacts to human health and the environment. The BLM is soliciting your comments on this proposal to help identify issues, concerns or alternatives that should be addressed as part of the environmental analysis and decision making process.

Information and comment forms will be available on the Uncompahgre Field Office website (<http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/ufo.html>). For all comments, please use the provided comment

forms which will also be available on the website or at the Uncompahgre Field Office Front Desk (2505 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO). Public input is critical to the BLM planning process, and your detailed comments help us make informed decisions in managing your public lands. The Uncompahgre Field Office will accept public scoping comments through May 18, 2012. Send written comments to:

Uncompahgre Field Office
Ridgway Travel Management Plan
Attn: Julie Jackson
2465 South Townsend Ave.
Montrose, Colorado 81401

Email: cotmpufo@blm.gov
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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. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, e-mail address, or street address from public view or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,



Barbara Sharrow
Field Manager

Attachments:

Map
Comment Form
Scoping Comment Handout