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KREMMLING AND GLENWOOD SPRINGS FIELD OFFICES' PLANNING PROCESS UNDERWAY

This is the first of several newsletters that you will receive from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding the revision process for the Kremmling Field Office (FO) and Glenwood Springs FO Resource Management Plans (RMPs). The two FOs are simultaneously revising their respective RMPs, which were completed in 1984 and have been periodically amended.

In conjunction with development of the RMP revisions, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared to assess possible environmental and social effects of

different management alternatives for BLM-managed lands. A preliminary list of key issues to be addressed in the RMPs includes wild and scenic river designation, energy development, riparian and water resources, range health (including habitat for sage grouse), cultural resources, recreation, and travel management.

For more information, please visit the project Web site at www.blm.gov/rmp/co/kfo-gsfo.com and look for other newsletters to come.

TRAILS/ROUTES DATA COLLECTION WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE

As part of the RMP revisions, BLM is developing a complementary travel management plan for all BLM-managed lands within the FOs. The revised RMPs will comprehensively plan for all types of travel (such as recreational, casual, agricultural, industrial, and administrative) and accompanying modes and conditions of travel, including motorized, mechanized, and nonmechanized (muscle-powered) uses. It is now Colorado BLM policy (CO-IM-2007-20) to restrict all off-highway vehicle use within limited areas to designated routes.

BLM has inventoried motorized, mechanized, and nonmechanized travel routes within the FOs over the past few years. In June 2007, BLM will host public workshops to 1) allow the public to review BLM's inventory for accuracy and completeness; 2) provide information on routes that are missing from BLM's inventory; and 3) offer

suggestions for reroutes or new trail sections that would complement the existing route system. To provide your input, you may either attend a workshop (see information box for dates and locations) or, if unable to attend, provide input by mailing or dropping off your comments.

Maps will be available that show the inventoried trails and routes. These maps will be at the workshops, at the Kremmling or Glenwood Springs FOs, and on the project Web site (www.blm.gov/rmp/co/kfo-gsfo.com). To provide trails and routes data to BLM, please complete the trails and routes comment form AND write any missing existing trails and routes on the accompanying map. Submit the form and map by any one of the methods listed in the information box on this page. BLM is asking the public to provide data on trails and routes by July 20, 2007.

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2007 TRAILS AND ROUTES DATA COLLECTION WORKSHOPS

All workshops are from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS FIELD OFFICE AREA	KREMMLING FIELD OFFICE AREA
June 12 —El Jebel El Jebel Community Ctr. 0020 Eagle County Dr.	June 26 —Granby Granby Recreation Ctr. 125 N. 3 rd
June 13 —Gypsum Gypsum Recreation Ctr. 52 Lundgren Blvd.	June 27 —Walden Wattenburg Ctr. 686 County Rd. 42
June 14 —Rifle Fire Protection Dist. St. 1 1850 Railroad Ave.	June 28 —Kremmling Chamber Bldg. 203 Park Ave.

SUBMIT INFORMATION AND COMMENTS By July 20, 2007

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BLM will follow up after the meetings and comment period by ground truthing any travel route inconsistencies. By fall 2007, BLM will have a complete inventory of existing trails and routes for planning purposes. This will be the starting point of developing travel management alternatives for the RMPs. In fall 2007, BLM will begin developing alternatives for the RMPs. BLM will first develop RMP alternatives for natural, biological, and cultural resources, resource uses, and special designations. Once these are developed, BLM will then develop travel management alternatives that will include appropriate travel route systems and designations for motorized, mechanized, and nonmechanized uses to meet the goals and objectives of the RMP alternatives. The EIS that will accompany the RMPs will analyze the impacts of designating each proposed travel network. The draft RMP/EIS is scheduled to be released in the latter half of 2008 and will include the RMP alternatives and the accompanying travel

management alternatives. The public will then have 90 days to comment.

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The project Web site is: www.blm.gov/rmp/co/kfo-gsfo.

NOTE TO OUR READERS

Additional project newsletters will be published periodically. If you were mailed a copy of this newsletter, then you are already on the project mailing list. If there is a problem with your mailing information, or you would like to be removed from the list, please contact Joe Stout (above). Similarly, if you know others who would like to be added to the mailing list, please pass this information on and have them write to Joe.

SCOPING MEETINGS IN APRIL 2007 KICKED OFF PROJECT

The public scoping comment period was the first major public involvement opportunity for the RMP revisions. Public comments are used to determine stakeholders' relevant issues of concern that influence the scope of the environmental analysis and the alternatives considered in the draft RMP/EIS. The scoping process began with the publication of a Notice of Intent to revise the RMPs in the *Federal Register* on March 2, 2007. Seven scoping meetings were held within the two FOs in April 2007, including Gypsum, Carbondale, Rifle, Granby, Kremmling, Walden, and Glendevy, Colorado. Over 160 people attended the seven meetings, which were advertised in local and regional papers.

The official scoping period ended on May 2, 2007. BLM has received approximately 100 written comments via mail and e-mail and at the scoping meetings. Most submitters commented on managing trails for motorized and nonmotorized use, mineral rights on BLM land, and special designations.

Although BLM accepts comments throughout the planning process, only those comments that were received by May 2, 2007, will be included in the Scoping Report currently being developed. The Scoping Report will be a summary of the comments and issues and will be published on the project Web site. Scoping comments will be used in drafting the RMP revisions.

March 2007 Notice of Intent to revise RMPs	March-May 2007 Public scoping	June 2007 Trails/route data collection workshops	Fall 2007 Formulate alternatives	2008 Draft RMPs/EIS (90-day public review)	2009 Proposed RMPs/Final EIS (30-day public review)	2009-2010 Approved RMPs/EIS and Record of Decision
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