

Attachment B – Public Announcements

**United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

Notice of Availability of the Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Roan Plateau planning area, including the Roan Oil Shale Reserves (ROASRA) in Adams, Grand, and White River Counties, Colorado.

SUMMARY: The Draft RMP/EIS for the Roan Plateau planning area, which includes the former Naval Oil Shale Reserves 1 and 3, is available for 90 days for public review and comment. BLM has prepared the document in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and regulatory requirements.

The Roan Plateau planning area contains about 73,602 acres of federal lands managed by the BLM, including both surface and subsurface (mineral) estates. The planning area includes about 127,000 acres. Although the planning area boundary includes private lands, BLM's authority only apply to the land managed by BLM.

The five alternatives analyzed in the Draft RMP/EIS present different management approaches for the physical, biological, visual, recreational, cultural, and other resources within the planning area. These alternatives offer a range of combinations of special resource management designations, travel restrictions, mitigation of other protective measures, and leasing for oil and gas development. As required by BLM planning policy, BLM has selected a preferred alternative (Alternative 3). However, the alternative ultimately adopted by BLM may comprise components contained in any of the alternative presented in the Draft RMP/EIS and/or other components within the range of actions analyzed. The public is therefore encouraged to comment on the merits of those specific management actions being considered and the feasibility of any alternative. BLM will publish responses to the comments as part of the Proposed Final EIS.

DOCUMENT REVIEW AND AVAILABILITY: The Draft RMP/EIS may be reviewed (1) at the BLM Glenwood Springs Field Office, 50229 Highway 6 and 24, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601, (2) at the BLM White River Field Office, 73544 Highway 64, Meeker, CO 81641 or (3) by visiting one of the offices are open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except weekends and holidays. A copy of the document may be obtained in electronic, CD, or hard copy form by one of the following: (1) downloading from the project website (www.roanplateau.blm.gov), (2) requesting a copy via the project website, (3) writing to ROAN RMP/EIS REQUEST, BLM, Glenwood Springs Field Office at the address above or (4) calling the BLM at 970-647-2600.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: BLM will accept only written comments on the Draft RMP/EIS. The comment period shall extend for 30 days following publication of its availability by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the Federal Register. This period is approximately 28 days and on approximately February 26, 2004. The exact closing date of the comment period and other information will be posted on the project website cited above and will be available at BLM's Glenwood Springs Field Office. Comments may be submitted on the project website or sent in writing via the U.S. Postal Service or private delivery to BLM at the addresses above. Additional information on how to submit comments and public participation in the planning process is presented on the website and on the inside front cover of the document.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: Informational public meetings will be held as follows: December 10, 2004 - Battlement Mesa Activity Center, 10300 175th Drive, Battlement, CO 81636; December 17, 2004 - Garfield County Fairgrounds, Hwy 140, 1001 Railroad Avenue, Rifle, CO 81650; December 18, 2004 - Glenwood Springs Community Center, 100 Whitlock Road, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601. All three meetings are scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to have your name added to the mailing list, visit the project website cited above. For other questions, contact: Greg Goodenow - Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Steve Bennett - Associate Field Manager, or Jamie Conrad - Field Manager at the Glenwood Springs Field Office (970-647-2600) or by email (colorado.roanplateau@blm.gov).

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Published in the Glenwood Springs Post Independent on November 23, 2004

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2014 Grand Avenue Glenwood Springs, CO 81601



Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the County of _____ this 29 day of November

Barbara J. Higgins
Notary Public Signature

General Manager/Publisher
of November A.D. 20 04
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 29 day

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For Immediate Release, Apr. 11, 2005

Public comment period ends
for Draft Roan Plateau RMP/EIS

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO—The public comment period for the Draft Roan Plateau Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) ends today. Comments must be postmarked with today's date, or submitted online by midnight tonight, for inclusion in the public comment record. The Bureau of Land Management Glenwood Springs Field Office (GSFO) released the plan in late November 2004. The previous comment period deadline had been March 4.

"To date, nearly 74,000 comments have been received. The vast majority of the comment letters, thus far, are various form letters," GSFO Manager Jamie Connell said. "We expect the comment analysis process to be completed in the next several weeks." Of those comments received by BLM, 72,000 are form letters and 1,600 are unique comments.

BLM GSFO staff will work with a consultant in reviewing comments received; categorizing them by topic, format and origin; and then developing a Comment Analysis Report.

The towns of Rifle and Parachute, Garfield and Rio Blanco counties, and the State of Colorado, cooperators in this plan, will have the opportunity to review the Comment Analysis Report and work with BLM staff in a collaborative effort to resolve any issues. This information will be used in developing the proposed Final Roan Plateau RMP/EIS. Timing for release of the proposed final documents is contingent upon the total number of comments received, and the time it will take to address those comments. A late fall 2005 release date for the proposed Final Roan Plateau RMP/EIS is anticipated at this time.

Public comments should provide specific information about the plan to help inform the BLM's decision-making process. Comments should either be dropped off or mailed today to the Glenwood Springs Field Office, 50629 Hwy

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6 & 24, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, or submitted online by
midnight tonight at www.roanplateau.ene.com.

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EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT (RMPA) AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) FOR THE ROAN PLATEAU PLANNING AREA, including the former Naval Oil Shale Reserves (NOSRs) 1 & 3; Glenwood Springs and White River Field Offices in Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties, Colorado.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS: The public review and comment period for the Draft RMPA/Draft EIS for the Roan Plateau planning area, which includes the former Naval Oil Shale Reserves 1 and 3, has been extended from March 4, 2005 until April 11, 2005. All comments must be postmarked or received by the BLM Glenwood Springs Field Office, 50629 Highways 6 and 24, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601, not later than April 11, 2005. BLM will accept only written comments on the Draft RMPA/EIS.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Roan Plateau planning area contains about 73,602 acres of federal lands managed by the BLM, including both surface and subsurface (mineral) estates. The planning area totals about 127,000 acres. Although the planning area boundary includes private lands, BLM's decisions will apply only to the land managed by BLM.

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information on how to comment and public participation in the planning process is presented on the website and on the inside front cover of the document. BLM will publish responses to the comments as part of the Proposed RMPA/Final EIS.

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DATE: February 14, 2005