

**National Landscape Conservation Implementation Strategy** – Marcia deChadenedes, BLM  
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- Thanks for all help from partners and comments to put together our implementation strategy.
- First NCA was in CA more than 30 years ago. We've been working on special lands for a long time.
- In 2000, the BLM was able to move forward to formally recognize these areas.
- In 2007, we created our strategy for how we manage NLCS lands in Colorado
- When the WO created their national strategy, we brought out representatives to the RACs in 2012 to workshop and discuss our potential strategy.
- We determined we would move forward with an implementation strategy since we already had a good management strategy.
- Had many calls to garner input from all field offices. We looked at our WSAs and eligible/suitable W&SR segments as a part of the strategy as well. Previous management was mainly focused on our other units in the state.
- Completed draft and seeking input from RACs before the end of February. Hope to get compiled information out to districts prior to a final release in March.
- Every office has a role in managing these special places and contributed to this implementation strategy.
- This strategy aims at building community and working with partners/organizations.
- What we want: could we clarify any language? All resources covered? Actions/priorities/emphasis dependent on local knowledge?
- Upcoming:
  - New websites out soon.
  - Leading the way in Colorado for several efforts.
  - Wilderness 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014.
  - MOU with agencies re: the anniversary.
  - Meeting with other agencies March 7 to discuss wilderness management.
  - Old Spanish National Historic Trail has a lot of things going on with heritage tourism.
  - Working on Rivers Management with various partners.
- **Comments:**
  - Looks like a very thorough strategy. Would like to see us emphasize what is unique/special in Colorado. Headwaters at middle elevation are very important. Ecosystems are important and unique. Cultural resources are big. Executive summary inclusion?
  - A lot of difference of opinions re: wilderness created by legislation without local grassroots support. Can we track down and send a report that says wilderness is good for forest health?
- Please share report with partners and filter their feedback up by the end of February.