

Livestock Grazing Plan Amendment EIS

FACT SHEET: Comments

BLM is taking comments now

At this initial stage in the planning process termed "scoping", we would like to hear from you. Your comments will help us determine the scope of the planning process. In other words, your comments will help develop alternatives and identify issues for analysis. This comment opportunity allows you to be involved in and influence the decision-making process. You have valuable information about places and resources that are important to you; sharing this information will allow BLM to take it into account.

We welcome any and all comments and will read every letter, fax, and/or email. BLM does sort comments into substantive and non-substantive comments as part of our process. Substantive comments will be related to the proposal to amend the Monument Management Plan or will talk about resources and uses in the planning area.

We would like to hear from you about what issues you believe need to be addressed in the Livestock Grazing Plan Amendment. We have included a few questions that may help you formulate some comments. Even though we have included these questions, we welcome all of your comments and do not intend to limit your thoughts, ideas and/or suggestions.

Which areas should or should not be available for livestock grazing and why?

What management changes would help ensure the sustainability of grazing operations? Within allotments you are familiar with and the planning area in general? Management includes items such as timing (i.e. season of use), pasture rotations, and range improvements (e.g. fences, water developments, vegetation seedings).



Are more range improvements (fences, water, seedings, etc.) needed to manage livestock? What is needed? Where?

What kinds of vegetation treatments do you believe are acceptable within the Monument? Why?

Should vegetation treatments, such as seedings, be used to influence forage allocated for livestock?

How should BLM deal with past seedings that are no longer working well? What methods should be used? Are there particular areas that should be considered?

As you know, our area is susceptible to periods of drought. Do you have ideas or methods that would help BLM manage rangelands and reduce the fluctuation in your herds?

Should permitted allocations be higher or lower? Why?



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Comments *(continued)*



Are there locations where you feel that recreational use and livestock are compatible? If so, where are those areas and please share why?

Are there locations in the planning area where you feel that recreational use and livestock are not compatible? If so, where are those areas and why do you feel that way? Would you share recommendations with us regarding changes that could be made to improve the situation?

What does livestock grazing mean to you and your family?

Would you like more information?

There are several websites that contain information on commenting and involvement in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. You may find these websites helpful.

Council on Environmental Quality

CEQ Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508):
<http://energy.gov/nepa/downloads/regulations-implementing-procedural-provisions-nepa>

CEQ A Citizen's Guide to the NEPA: Having Your Voice Heard:
<http://energy.gov/nepa/downloads/citizens-guide-nepa-having-your-voice-heard>

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

BLM Washington Office NEPA Program:
<http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/planning/nepa.html>
This site includes links to the NEPA Handbook (H-1790-1 01/2008, see Chapters 6 and 9) and the NEPA Web Guide (see Chapter 6, Section 6.9). This site also includes a link to the Department of Interior NEPA regulations.

Planning Handbook:
http://www.blm.gov/style/medialib/blm/wo/Information_Resources_Management/policy/blm_handbook.Par.38665.File.dat/h1601-1.pdf

BLM Planning Regulations (43 CFR 1600):
http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_02/43cfr1600_02.html



For more information, please visit the GSENM Livestock Grazing Plan Amendment Webpage:
<http://blm.gov/pgld>

**Please submit your comments by
January 13, 2013.**

You can email, fax, or mail your comments.

Please reference "GSENM Livestock Grazing Plan Amendment" when submitting comments.

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