

**Livestock Grazing Plan Amendment EIS
Preliminary Alternatives - Dec. 2014**

COMMENT CARD

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QUESTIONS ABOUT PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES

Thinking about your values and desires for the future of livestock grazing and the environment, are there one or more alternatives that you've heard about today that would best meet these? Which one(s)?

- Alternative A - No Action
- Alternative B - No Grazing on GSENM and Glen Canyon NRA
- Alternative C - Prioritize Native Species
- Alternative D - Increase Grazing and Improve Rangeland Health
- Alternative E - Emphasize Sustained Use and Achieve Rangeland Health Standards

How would you improve, change, or add to the alternatives to be studied? Do you have any other suggestions? Attach additional pages as necessary.



The BLM and NPS must consider a range of factors when making decisions about future livestock grazing on the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM), Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (NRA), and surrounding areas. People who care about these decisions have widely different views about which direction to take. The factors below are based on the issues people told us that they were concerned about during the public scoping process last year. These factors vary among the alternatives proposed for study in the EIS.



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

It would be very helpful in finalizing and selecting alternatives if you would please take a few minutes to tell us how you feel about these factors. Check the column that best matches your opinion.

Factor or Objective	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important
Use of specific type(s) of grazing management practices, generally:			
Season of use (time of year when livestock are present)			
How long livestock are present (duration)			
Where livestock are located (distribution)			
How often areas are used by livestock (grazing systems such as rest-rotation, deferred rotation)			
Use of range improvements (fences, pipelines, troughs, seedings)			
Allocating AUMs based on amount and locations of available forage			
Grazing contributions to local income and tourist economy (economics)			
Maintaining grazing as a cornerstone of local culture			
Protecting biological soil crust and managing erosion			
Compatibility of recreational experiences with grazing activities			
Conducting ecosystem monitoring and adaptive management			
Understanding the relationship between grazing and healthy vegetation			
Effects of grazing on biological / ecological resources			
Protecting the quality and availability of natural water sources			
Protecting riparian areas			
Controlling noxious weeds and non-native invasive plants			
Ability to manage grazing and forage under climate changes & drought conditions			
Livestock damages to archaeological resources			
Protecting the objects and values of the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument (geology, cultural resources, vegetation, soils, unique ecosystems)			
Maintaining wildlife access to water sources and habitat			
Preserving the values and purposes of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area			
Respecting tribal interests and Native American religious concerns			
Reducing erosion and dust from destabilized soils			
Protecting scenic views, especially the views near Bryce Canyon National Park			

Please submit your comments by January 20, 2015.

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