

## MOAB MASTER LEASING PLAN

## PRELIMINARY PLANNING ISSUES

Planning issues are topics of interest or concern about the potential effects resulting from leasing and development of oil, gas, and potash resources within the planning area. The following preliminary issues have been identified by the BLM through an interdisciplinary process:

- **Air quality** and global climate change
- **Cultural resources**, including historic trails and traditional cultural properties of importance to Native American tribes
- **Paleontological resources** of scientific importance
- **Wildlife and fisheries habitat**, including special status species and migration corridors
- **Visual resources**, including visual resource inventory and management classes
- **Fragile soils** and steep slopes
- **Water resources**, including aquifers
- **Vegetation**, including rare plants and riparian resources, and the ability to achieve interim and final reclamation standards (Gold Book, Chapter 6)
- **Recreation use**, including Special Recreation Management Areas and Recreation Focus Areas
- **Socioeconomics**
- **Special Designations**, which include ACECs and suitable Wild and Scenic Rivers
- **Wilderness characteristics** lands identified by BLM
- **National Parks and State lands** adjacent to and within the planning area

Federal, state, and local agencies; the public; and other stakeholders have the opportunity to identify additional issues to be addressed in the MLP process. You may wish to consider the preliminary issues identified when submitting comments but you do not need to limit your comments to these issues.

