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## BLM Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Grazing Permit Renewals

**Moab, Utah**—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Utah Moab Field Office is seeking public input on three separate grazing permit renewal projects, each including one or more grazing allotments. The three permit renewals being considered are: 1) Scharf Mesa, Hotel Mesa, Sand Flats allotments (77,671 acres), located in the Dolores Triangle area near the Utah-Colorado border; 2) Big Flat-Ten Mile and Spring Canyon Bottom allotments (131,535 acres), located in the Big Flat area northwest of Moab; and 3) Monument Wash allotment (76,289 acres), which lies between I-70 and Arches National Park.

Following the public scoping period, the BLM will prepare environmental assessments (EAs) to analyze potential impacts associated with the projects and inform decisions regarding range improvements, seasons of use, and other permit conditions. The public is encouraged to provide comments to help the BLM identify relevant issues that will influence the scope of the analysis and guide the development process for the EAs. The BLM will provide another opportunity for public review and comment on each EA, once they have been prepared.

General information about the proposed grazing permit renewals and location maps can be accessed using the ePlanning website which can be accessed at: [https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa\\_register.do](https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do). Navigate to the website and click on "text search," then "advanced search," and enter the project names, exactly as shown below, in the "Project Name" field.

- 1) "Sand Flats, Scharf Mesa, and Hotel Mesa Grazing Allotments Permit Renewal"
- 2) "Big Flat and Spring Canyon Allotments Permit Renewal"
- 3) "Monument Wash Grazing Permit Renewal"

Comments may be submitted electronically through the ePlanning website or submitted by mail to the BLM office. To submit comments electronically, open the project webpage and click on "Documents" in the left hand menu. Select the "Comment on Document" button to provide a comment. Written comments may be mailed to the address below (*please include the project name*):

Bureau of Land Management  
Moab Field Office  
Attn: Grazing permit renewal (*project name*)  
82 East Dogwood  
Moab, Utah 84532

Comments will be accepted throughout the public scoping period, which closes Feb. 15, 2016. Please note that the most useful comments are those that identify issues relevant to the proposed action. Comments which contain only opinions or preferences will not receive a formal response but may be considered in the BLM planning process.

Before including an address, phone number, email address or other personal identifying information in any comments, be aware that the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. Requests to withhold personal identifying information from public review can be submitted, but the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

In addition to accepting public input into the proposed project's NEPA process, the BLM is also inviting interested parties to participate in the proposed project's National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process outlined at 36 CFR 800. More information about this process can be found in [The Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review](#) available from the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation. To become a consulting party in the Section 106 process, please submit your request to the Moab BLM Office explaining your interest in the project and/or concerns with potential effects related to historic properties from the project.

For additional information, please contact Lisa Bryant at (435) 259-2100. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question with the above individual. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

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