

APPENDIX 1

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

SUMMARY OF PROJECT SCOPING

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared when a Federal agency considers implementing actions within its jurisdiction that may result in significant impacts to the environment. EISs aid Federal officials in making decisions by presenting the environmental facts on a proposed project and its alternatives. The first step in preparing an EIS is to determine the scope of the project and the range of actions, alternatives, and impacts to be included in the document.

The Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR, Parts 1500-1508) require an early scoping process to determine the significant issues related to the proposed action and alternatives which should be addressed in the EIS. The principal purpose of the scoping process is to identify important issues, concerns, and potential impacts that require detailed analysis in the EIS and to eliminate insignificant issues and alternatives from detailed analysis.

Method of Scoping

The scoping process for the Book Cliffs Resource Management Plan (RMP) consisted of Federal Register Notices, public meetings, agency meetings, mailouts for written comments, and informal conversations with interested parties within the affected area.

With the assistance of Federal and State agencies, local entities, and private individuals, the significant issues and concerns were identified for analysis in the EIS. Insignificant issues were also identified so that they could be eliminated from the scope of the EIS.

The dates and times for the Book Cliffs RMP public scoping meeting and the availability of background information were publicized within the affected area through the local media. Notification of the meetings was also sent to government organizations and other potentially interested groups within the area.

In the early stages of the project (1980), informative discussions were held with local residents and elected and appointed officials in the project area. As a result of these discussions, preliminary issues were identified, and attendance at the forthcoming public meetings was encouraged.

Representatives of the Vernal District then met with members of local governments to present the preliminary issues for their comments and suggestions.

A brochure requesting public comments on the planning guidelines for the Book Cliffs Resource Area was sent to government organizations, interested groups and concerned citizens in March 1981. Comments received aided the BLM in refining the issues.

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Meeting With Elected and Appointed Officials
of Uintah County
April 16, 1980

Attendees	Representing
Charles Henderson	Energy Director, Uintah Basin Association of Governments
Neil Domgaard	Uintah County Commissioner
Roland Merkley	Uintah County Commissioner
Merrill Mecham	Uintah County Commissioner
Lloyd Ferguson	Vernal District Manager, BLM
Dean Evans	Bookcliffs Area Manager, BLM
Dave Moore	Chief of Planning & Environmental Coordination, Vernal District, BLM
Ralph Brown	Planning Coordinator, Vernal District, BLM

Summary of Issues:

1. Need for county input, especially on energy, wildlife, and grazing.
2. Need for study on gravel pit sitings.
3. Need for road rights-of-way to be wide enough to handle multiple uses.
4. Need for input from ranchers/miners.
5. Concern with possible revocation of withdrawals.
6. Need for using topographic and ortho-photo quads in establishing Book Cliffs planning needs.

On February 4, 1983, a letter listing the issues and planning criteria was sent to all organizations, groups, and individuals that had aided in the planning process. The letter asked for additional comments and invited them to attend a scoping meeting to discuss possible management alternatives for the BCRA.

A formal public meeting was conducted in Vernal, Utah on April 5, 1983. Interested individuals, groups, and local agencies were given the opportunity to voice their concerns and raise issues which they felt merited consideration in the alternatives for the EIS. Results from this meeting and responses from requests for written comments were as follows:

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Public Scoping Meeting
 Book Cliffs RMP
 April 5, 1983

Name	Representing
Robert Fuller	BIA
Glen B. Wells	Utah Power & Light
Ken Parr	Ute Tribe
Jason Cuch	Ute Tribe
Val Sorenson	Self
J. Bowden	Self
Roland McCook	BIA
Neil Domgaard	Uintah County Commission
Laura Chew	Self
Dean Chew	Self
Katherine Smith	ERA-Ashley Valley Realtors
Jon Hill	Atchee Ridge/Book Cliffs Cattlemen
Anthony Rampton	Fabian & Clendenin
Robert Heistand	Paraho Development Corporation
Scott Patterson	Mountain Bell
Jeff Henderson	Moon Lake Electric Association
John Davis	Self
Tim Blackham	Mountain Fuel Supply Company
Reed Clayson	Synfuel Energy & Development Corporation
Carlin Cuch	Ute Tribe
Ken Harper	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Bob Shaffer	Desert G&T Co.
Leo Snow	Uintah County Commission
Robert Matthews	Moon Lake Electric Association
Byron Merrell	Uintah County Commission
Rex Headd	Mountain Fuel Resources
John Henderson	Mountain Fuel Supply
Rusty Lundberg	Geokinetics
Marvin Jackson	Self
Kevin Scott	Gulf Oil
Charles Cameron	Ute Tribe
Gregg Oaks	Moon Lake Electric Association
Meril Snow	Self
Berne Pulsipher	Mountain Bell

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Summary of Comments:

1. Concern that wildlife ranges/populations are unknown.
2. Concern with whether wildhorse herds should be expanded or merely maintained at present levels.
3. Concern about exclusion areas for utilities on private lands.
4. Concern that rights-of-way should be considered outside of designated corridors on case-by-case basis.
5. Concern with movement of elk onto Reservation lands.
6. Designation of areas where building stone may be removed.
7. Concern with future access to service areas by Utah Power and Light/Moon Lake Electric Association.
8. Designation of ORV/dirt bike areas and attendant regulations/controls.
9. Need for identifying location of the existing oil/gas leases in Hill Creek.
10. Concern with access for deer hunters.
11. Concern with utility corridor conflicts/overlaps/planning.
12. Concern with traffic controls/highway protection.
13. Concern with the effects of mineral development on livestock/wildlife.
14. Concern with future use of water/watershed.

After the alternative scoping meeting was held, the BLM mailed out new project descriptions describing the changes in the project and inviting more public comments regarding the project scope, issues, and concerns. This information was sent to all interested persons as well as all attendees of the public scoping meetings. The following responses were received from this mailout around May 20, 1983, and were included in determining the alternatives of the EIS.

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Comments on Draft Alternatives
Book Cliffs RMP

Name	Representing
Dorothy Harvey	Intermountain Water Alliance
Lorin Merkley	Self
Peter Hovingh	Self
Clinton Harrison	Self
Lawella Nielson	Self
Ken Husch	Local merchant
Frank Hackler	H&H Firewood Co.
Ron Hardlinger	T&J Yamaha
Mike Adams	Self
Meril Snow	Self
Ernest Chandler	Self
G. Merrell	Self

Summary of Comments:

1. Need for preserving scenic, wildlife, and recreation qualities, especially on the White River Corridor, Green River, Red Wash, and between U.S. 40 and Bonanza Highway.
2. Need for off-road vehicle designation and controls.
3. Need for protection of riparian habitat.
4. Need for firewood cutting/chaining controls.
5. Need for protection/improvement of Musketshot Springs.
6. Concern with control of wild horses.
7. Development of water sources.

Results of Scoping

The results of the scoping process along with further input from various Federal and State agencies identified the most significant issues associated with the project; these issues have been covered in detail in this EIS.

Issues identified by meeting participants and through written input have been used to determine the scope of the Book Cliffs Resource Area RMP EIS. The extent to which each resource is analyzed was partially determined by the concerns raised in the scoping meetings.

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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

In the course of preparing the draft EIS for the Book Cliffs Resource Management Plan, BLM communicated with many Federal, State, and local agencies; elected representatives; environmental and citizens groups; industries; and individuals. Many of these people participated in the public scoping meeting which was held in April, 1983. The following agencies have provided input and/or will receive copies of the EIS.

Federal Government Agencies

Department of the Interior
 Fish and Wildlife Service
 National Park Service
 Bureau of Indian Affairs
Department of Agriculture
 Forest Service
 Soil Conservation Service
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Department of Transportation
 Federal Highway Administration
Environmental Protection Agency
Department of Energy
Department of the Navy

State Governments and Agencies

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Utah State Clearinghouse

Indian Tribes

Ute Indian Tribe

Local Governments

Utah
 Uintah County Commission
 Grand County Commission
Colorado
 Moffat County Commission

(A detailed mailing list is available upon request from Curtis Tucker, BLM, Vernal District Office.)