

## Public Involvement Opportunities

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### Rapid Ecoregional Assessments

REAs synthesize existing science about resource conditions and trends within an ecoregion. They do not make management decisions or allocate resource uses. Instead, REAs provide information and tools for land managers and stakeholders to consider in subsequent resource planning and decision-making processes. Because REAs are science assessments, they will undergo a science peer review process overseen by the U.S. Geological Survey. The REAs' interim memos and final reports will be available for public information and use, but not public comment.

### Opportunities for Public Input

Opportunities for public input are provided at the beginning of the REA process, when the management questions that guide the REA are being developed and available data for use in the REA is being collected.

- **The public can provide input on a REA's draft management questions.** Management questions focus and guide the REA. They are a critical step in the REA and provide a key opportunity for public involvement.
- **The public can offer data for consideration in a REA.** Note, however, that contributed data must meet specified criteria (regarding quality, scope, and standards) and generally must be in computerized form and of ecoregional extent

### Public Access to REA Documents

- **The interim memos prepared during a REA and the REA final reports are posted *here* for public information.**
- **The BLM will publish a Federal Register notice announcing publication of REA final reports.**

### The BLM's Proposed Landscape Approach

The *proposed landscape approach* is a management concept that is currently being developed and refined by the BLM, in consultation with public land stakeholders. Specific public involvement opportunities will be identified and provided as the proposal evolves.

The BLM, with the assistance of the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, has prepared a *Lessons Learned Report*, which examines prior landscape-level management efforts by the BLM and its land management partners. The report will be used to help shape a landscape approach that complements local management and fosters effective management actions on-the-ground. The Report's conclusions are summarized *here*.

- **The *Lessons Learned Report* is available for public review and we welcome your thoughts and comments on the document, which can be provided via this *email link*.**