

April 17, 2009

PUBLIC NOTICE

BLM PINEDALE FIELD OFFICE

BOULDER LANDSCAPE PLAN

Dear Reader:

With completion of the Pinedale Resource Management Plan (RMP) revision in November 2008, the BLM Pinedale Field Office (PFO) is focusing on implementation of the objectives and commitments made in the RMP, and the need to direct proactive management to areas outside the intensively developed gas fields, which have received the bulk of our attention in recent years.

With this in mind, we invite you to participate in the public process for the development of the Boulder Landscape Plan (see enclosed map). The PFO intends to develop about 12 landscape plans across the Pinedale planning area over the next several years. The Boulder Landscape Plan will complete the transportation mapping and planning we committed to in the RMP, as well as completing all requirements for rangeland health and renewal of grazing permits on 21 allotments in the area. Other preliminary objectives include managing lands and projects in cooperation with JIO, WGFD, and NRCS efforts already underway in the area, establishing guidelines for mineral material sales (sand and gravel) in the area, and providing areas for pick and take boulder availability. Based on the availability of baseline and inventory data, existing focus on the area with mitigation projects, and important issues regarding national historic trails and sage-grouse and antelope habitat, we have identified the Boulder landscape as a logical place to begin this process.

We would like to hear from you regarding important issues to be considered in managing the Boulder area, such as how you use the area for recreation, work, or other pursuits, and potential management actions or projects that could be implemented in the Boulder landscape. We are most interested in hearing about roads and trails in the area that you use or that need to be kept open, restricted, or closed. We would also like your input on erosion or other road problems that need repair or maintenance.

The BLM will host a public meeting at the PFO at 1625 W. Pine in Pinedale on Monday, April 27, from 4 to 7 PM. We will also accept written comments on the Boulder Landscape Plan process at the meeting or through regular mail or email. Your comments will be most useful if we receive them by Wednesday, May 20, but we will make every attempt to utilize all submissions we receive.

Written comments can be mailed or hand delivered directly to the BLM at:

Pinedale RMP/EIS
BLM Pinedale Field Office
1625 W Pine St.
P.O. Box 768
Pinedale, WY, 82941

Alternately, comments can be submitted directly via email to [Boulder Landscape WYMail@blm.gov](mailto:Boulder_Landscape_WYMail@blm.gov). Please reference Boulder Landscape Plan in the subject line.

We will be using the input from the public meeting and any written comments received to put together alternatives for an EA to be completed for the Boulder Landscape Plan. Input from BLM staff and cooperating agencies will also be used in this process.

The written comments received during the public scoping process may be published as part of the environmental analysis process. After May 8, all comment letters received, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Pinedale Field Office during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays). Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals representing organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

We welcome your participation in this process. Please call Kellie Roadifer, BLM Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at 307-367-5309 to request additional information regarding the Boulder Landscape Plan.

Sincerely,

Chuck Otto
Field Manager