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Collaboration and Communication Plan



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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Full Phrase

BLM	United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
CCD	Carson City District
EIS	environmental impact statement
EMPSi	Environmental Management and Planning Solutions, Inc.
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
NOA	Notice of availability
NOI	Notice of Intent
PDF	Portable Document Format
PICT	public input and comment tracking
RAC	Resource Advisory Council
RMP	resource management plan
ROD	Record of Decision
US	United States

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The United States (US) Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City District (CCD) is preparing a resource management plan (RMP) and associated environmental impact statement (EIS) to guide management of BLM-administered land (surface lands and federal minerals) within the district. The RMP/EIS will be prepared as a dynamic and flexible plan to allow management to reflect the changing needs of the planning area. The final RMP/EIS will revise and supersede the existing 2001 Carson City Field Office Consolidated RMP and subsequent amendments.

The planning area for this RMP/EIS includes public land administered by the CCD, private lands, state lands, Indian reservations, and federal lands not administered by BLM. The decision area encompasses only the BLM-administered lands and federal mineral estate on public and private land. In addition to public land, the BLM administers fluid mineral interests on other federal lands, including lands managed by the US Forest Service and US Bureau of Reclamation as well as Department of Defense military withdrawn lands. The BLM also administers federal mineral estate beneath private or state surface estates. The CCD planning area encompasses approximately five million acres of public land in 12 counties within two states (Washoe, Storey, Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, Churchill, Mineral, and Nye Counties within Nevada, and Sierra, Alpine, Plumas, and Lassen Counties within California).

Goals of the Public and Agency Collaboration and Communication Efforts

The policy of the BLM is to provide opportunities for the public, various groups, other federal agencies, Native American tribe members and government, and state and local governments to give comments to the BLM during the preparation of the EIS and to participate meaningfully and substantively throughout the RMP/EIS process. The BLM encourages various partners, cooperating agencies, and stakeholders to become involved in the process and provide information on local and regional factors unique to the planning area.

Local and regional factors include knowledge of area customs and culture, community values and traditions, and the social and economic makeup of the planning area. The BLM's goal is to consider these factors in a manner that is inclusive rather than exclusive, wherein key tribal, community, agency, and interest groups are provided with opportunities to participate in the process and are kept informed of the status of the project. The BLM must also ensure that participants are made aware of the effect their involvement will have on the final outcome; utilization of input from other groups is a key element in meeting the goal of collaborative planning. Consensus among the participants wherever possible is desirable; where no consensus can be reached, the plan must explore reasonable alternatives that have been discussed with the participants.

This collaboration plan outlines Environmental Management and Planning Solutions, Inc.'s (EMPSi) proposed approach to public outreach and cooperating agency and resource advisory council (RAC) coordination based on the BLM's original statement of work and estimated project schedule.

Strategies on coordinating with other federal, state, and local agencies and private groups include, but are not limited to, conducting public information meetings, workshops, small group presentations, and management briefings; hosting field trips; issuing news releases in coordination with the BLM; producing and distributing newsletters; publishing newspaper notices; making media announcements; printing and distributing brochures, booklets, and pamphlets; and initiating other informal contacts.

Target Audiences

This collaboration plan is designed to accommodate the needs of various groups for involvement in the RMP/EIS process, including the following:

- interested local, state, and federal officials and agencies;
- tribal governments;
- special interest, environmental, and conservation groups;
- local residents; and
- the general public.

CHAPTER 2

COOPERATING AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

EMPSi will assist the BLM in collaborating with appropriate federal, state, and county agencies and local governments in order to gather and validate data, identify issues, and vest these entities in the EIS process. EMPSi may contact these agencies to gather resource-specific data or to verify data sources. The BLM will conduct formal Section 7 consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service using the biological assessment prepared by EMPSi. The BLM will also conduct formal consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office and government to government consultation with Native American tribes.

2.1 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

EMPSi will facilitate cooperating agency meetings and will work with the BLM project manager to develop agendas and meeting materials. Cooperating agencies will be engaged throughout the development of the Draft RMP/Draft EIS to ensure that decisions are commensurate with other agency plans and programs as well as provide the BLM feedback to generate a reasonable range of alternatives. Some of the roles and responsibilities of cooperating agencies include:

- issue and concern identification (scoping);
- data collection;
- comment on technical and baseline reports;
- comment on the internal Draft EIS; and
- thorough review of the Draft EIS.

2.2 PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Potential cooperating agencies will be identified and invited to formally participate in the CCD RMP/EIS. Collaborating with other federal, state, local, and tribal agencies facilitates the development of viable alternatives to be

analyzed. The list of potential cooperating agencies will be developed by the BLM.

Prospective cooperating agencies include:

- US Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service;
- US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service;
- US Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation;
- US Environmental Protection Agency;
- Nevada Division of State Lands;
- Nevada Division of Minerals;
- Nevada Department of Wildlife;
- State Historic Preservation Office;
- Washoe, Storey, Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, Churchill, Mineral, and Nye counties within Nevada, and Sierra, Alpine, Plumas, and Lassen counties within California;
- Department of Defense – Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada Army National Guard, US Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center and Hawthorne Army Depot;
- Native American tribal governments;
- Cities of Sparks, Reno, Fernley, Fallon, Yerington;
- Towns of Gardnerville and Minden;
- Carson City.

CHAPTER 3

RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT

The Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin RAC will be kept informed of the RMP/EIS progress. EMPSi will assist the CCD in collaborating with the RAC, as appropriate, to engage in developing the RMP/EIS, particularly in issue identification, alternative development, and impact analysis processes.

A meeting between the RAC and the CCD Office district manager is anticipated during which the district manager will inform the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin RAC that the CCD is initiating the RMP/EIS and would like the RAC to appoint one member of the RAC to represent the RAC during the RMP/EIS process and one member of the RAC to serve as an alternate. The RAC appointee and alternate will be more intimately involved in the RMP process than the RAC and will be invited to participate in scoping, alternatives development, internal Proposed RMP/Draft EIS review, public comment review, and preparation of the final RMP/EIS. In addition to the involvement of the RMP appointee and alternate, presentations on the RMP status will be made at each of the RAC meetings and possibly at each Tri-RAC meeting.

The RAC meets three times per year, plus a fourth time in conjunction with the annual Tri-RAC meeting.

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CHAPTER 4

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

This section contains a description of the public involvement philosophy and techniques for the planning process.

4.1 PHILOSOPHY

Experience from other outreach efforts shows that without careful planning stakeholders can feel left out, misunderstand the process, or feel underappreciated. The overall philosophy for public involvement for the CCD RMP and EIS is to directly prevent these undesired outcomes by being proactive in connecting with potential stakeholders, educating stakeholders on the planning process and their opportunities for involvement, and extending gestures of appreciation to stakeholders for any input into the process that is provided.

Robust outreach will be achieved through identifying as many stakeholders as possible, as early in the process as possible. The project mailing list will be built by leveraging the BLM interdisciplinary team, the RAC, and the cooperating agencies. Multiple forms of outreach will be employed to connect with as many stakeholders as possible; newsletters (hard copy and electronic), website updates, press releases, public meetings, and notices published in the *Federal Register* and local newspapers will all be utilized.

Public education is critical in an abstract planning process. In many cases, the general public does not understand the BLM and its roles and responsibilities in land management, RMPs (why they exist and what they do), the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and EISs, and how to formulate and contribute substantive and germane comments throughout the process. Outreach materials will both educate directly on these topics and provide links, via the project Web site, to online references where further education can take place. Outreach materials will use clear language, understandable at the eighth grade reading level.

Appreciation will be extended to stakeholders through personalized attention. BLM and EMPSi staff will be available to take questions from the public and will personally refer inquiries to the BLM project manager throughout the process. BLM and EMPSi will also thank commenting parties for their comments and will emphasize how important their input is for the process.

4.2 PUBLIC MEETINGS

Public meetings will be used during both the scoping period and the public review period for the Proposed RMP/Draft EIS to help educate the public and obtain public input.

4.2.1 Scoping

Scoping is the term used in the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations implementing the NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations 1500 et. seq.) to define the early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed in the planning process. The scoping process serves a number of purposes. It provides an avenue to involve the public in identifying significant issues related to potential land use management actions and helps identify any issues that are not considered significant and can thereby be eliminated from detailed analysis. The list of stakeholders and other interested parties is also confirmed and augmented during the scoping process.

The Notice of Intent (NOI) is the legal document notifying the public of the BLM's intent to initiate the planning process and to prepare an EIS for a major federal action. The NOI invites the participation of the affected and interested agencies, organizations, and members of the general public in determining the scope and significant issues to be addressed in planning alternatives and analyzed in the EIS. The NOI for the CCD RMP/EIS was published in the *Federal Register* on February 24, 2012. The publication of the NOI initiated a 60-day scoping period.

Press releases including information on the CCD RMP/EIS scoping and planning process will be prepared and disseminated to local and regional newspapers throughout Nevada. The CCD existing list of media outlets will be utilized. Six (6) public scoping meetings for the CCD RMP/EIS will be held in Fallon, Fernley and Hawthorne on March 13th, 14th, and 15th, respectively, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm; and in Minden, Reno, and Carson City on March 27th, 28th, and 29th, respectively, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Press releases will be prepared announcing the official scoping meetings and inviting the public to provide input. The first newsletter will be prepared and mailed to federal, state, and local agencies, interest groups, and members of the general public after publication of the NOI and at least two weeks prior to the first scoping meeting.

The public scoping process provides sufficient opportunity for federal, state, and local agencies, interested organizations and industries, and members of the general public to express their comments and to provide meaningful input to the process.

Scoping Meetings Format

The format for the scoping meetings will be open house. At management's prerogative, there may be a brief presentation on the RMP process, and BLM and EMPSi staff will facilitate the process. Attendees will be invited to sign a registration sheet as they enter and will be encouraged to visit all stations set up around the room to provide detailed information about resource management and land use topics. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) inventory maps will highlight various resources along with fact sheet handouts on each resource. Attendees will be encouraged to fill out comment cards or to mail in written comments and questions. Scoping meetings are designed to meet the following objectives:

- Allow attendees to meet RMP/EIS representatives face-to-face;
- Educate the attendees about RMP/EIS process and provide a status update;
- Allow attendees to provide written comment; and
- Provide an opportunity for attendees to express concerns or provide input during discussions with members of the RMP/EIS team.

Scoping Report

All written comments received will be categorized by EMPSi into the ePlanning system and the EMPSi public input and comment tracking (PICT) database and sorted accordingly by analysis topic. EMPSi will then be able to query information and prepare a scoping report that includes key issues, data, and other information from the public.

Comments will be divided into:

- a. issues to be resolved in the plan;
- b. issues resolved through other policy or administrative action;
- c. issues beyond the scope of this plan; and
- d. issues that have already been addressed but should be better communicated to the issue holder.

The scoping report will provide rationale for each topic placed in categories b, c, and d. EMPSi, along with the BLM interdisciplinary team, will incorporate all issues in category a into the land use plan and use these issues to develop alternatives and analyze the potential impacts of the alternatives in the EIS.

Planning Issues

Planning issues are identified conflicts arising from existing and potential land and resource allocations, levels of resource use, production, and related management practices. Issues for consideration in the preparation of the

RMP/EIS include concerns; needs; and resource use, development, and protection opportunities. These issues may stem from new information, changed circumstances, or the need to reassess the appropriate mix of allowable uses. Planning issues are addressed in the development of alternatives.

Preliminary planning issues were developed internally by BLM personnel and other agencies at meetings, or brought forward by individuals and user groups. CCD has identified 23 preliminary issues to be addressed and included them in the Carson City RMP Preparation Plan. These issues will be presented as questions to be addressed through the RMP amendment process and will likely be modified through the public scoping process.

Preliminary Planning Criteria

Planning criteria guide the development of the RMP/EIS by helping to define the decision space; they are generally based on applicable laws, BLM Director and Nevada State Director guidance, and the results of public and governmental participation (43 Code of Federal Regulations 1610.4-2). The BLM developed preliminary planning criteria to set the sideboards for focused planning of the CCD RMP/EIS and to guide decision making by topic. These criteria will be introduced to the public during the scoping process and will be available for review at scoping meetings. The public will be encouraged to submit written comments on and suggest additions to these criteria. Comments on the preliminary planning criteria will be collected and incorporated, as appropriate, to form the proposed criteria. Proposed criteria may be added to or changed as the issues are addressed or new information is presented. The Carson City District Manager must approve the planning criteria and any changes to them.

The preliminary planning criteria were identified in the Carson City RMP Preparation Plan and will be considered during development of the RMP/EIS.

4.2.2 Draft RMP/Draft EIS Public Review Period

Written public comments on the Draft RMP/Draft EIS will be accepted during a 90-day public comment period following publication of the Draft RMP/Draft EIS. The 90-day comment period will begin with publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) in the *Federal Register*. The BLM will notify the public of the availability of the Draft RMP/Draft EIS and associated meetings via the project Web site, notices in local newspapers, press releases, and a newsletter.

A series of public meetings will take place during the 90-day review period. The locations of the meetings are likely to be the same as those six (6) locations used for the scoping meetings.

Comment Analysis

All written comments received on the Draft RMP/Draft EIS will be catalogued in ePlanning. EMPSi will prepare a content analysis report of all comments, and collaborating with the BLM, prepare responses to all comments. Comments resulting in changes will be incorporated into the Proposed RMP/Final EIS.

4.3 PROJECT WEB SITE

The purpose of the project Web site is to provide a one-stop ongoing resource for the public and other stakeholders to gather information about the RMP/EIS process and status, how to get involved, project-related documents, newsletters, fact sheets, meeting schedules, and maps. The Web site also provides educational resources on topics such as the BLM's role in land management, what an RMP is and why one is required, what NEPA is and why it requires the preparation of an EIS, and how to formulate germane, substantive comments during the scoping, draft, and final public review phases of the project. The BLM will develop and maintain the project Web site, and EMPSi will provide content updates. The public will be able to submit input concerning the RMP/EIS via the project e-mail address listed on the project Web site. The Web site was activated on February 24, 2012.

4.4 PUBLICATIONS

The BLM will distribute press releases to the newspapers, radio stations, and television stations to which the CCD typically sends announcements. The press releases will identify key public involvement opportunities and, when applicable, the dates, times, and locations of upcoming public meetings. Press releases will provide notice of the public scoping meeting, the availability of the Proposed RMP/Draft EIS and the corresponding public meetings, the availability of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS, and the availability of the RMP/Record of Decision (ROD). In addition, ads will be placed in the Reno Gazette and the Carson Appeal, and press releases will be posted at libraries in Douglas, Washoe, Storey, Alpine, Plumas, and Lassen Counties.

Fact sheets, maps, brochures, and other informational materials will be made available to the public at meetings. These media allow individuals or groups to take information away from meetings for further review or to share with their organizations and peers.

4.5 MAILING LIST

The BLM will provide EMPSi with the initial mailing list and EMPSi will put the information into an Excel spreadsheet in order to have better access and use of the information in initial correspondence with the public. EMPSi will add to and maintain the mailing list and use it to distribute information to interested parties and for notifying the public of upcoming meetings and other opportunities for involvement. Updates will be made at key intervals, such as after scoping, after publication of the Draft RMP/Draft EIS, and after publication of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS. Anyone requesting to be added to the mailing list at any time throughout the project will be added.

4.6 NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will be prepared and disseminated to individuals and organizations on the mailing list at key stages throughout the project. Each newsletter will provide an update of the project status, schedule, and upcoming opportunities

for public involvement, and will refer recipients to the project Web site for further background information. Each newsletter will also include the project e-mail address and the mailing address and telephone number of the BLM project manager.

Electronic newsletters will be sent via e-mail to all parties on the mailing list for whom e-mail addresses are available. Hard copy newsletters will be mailed to all parties on the mailing list for whom mailing addresses are available. Each electronic newsletter will be comprised of a full-color, Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) attachment, and the text will be reiterated in the body of the email. A PDF of each newsletter will also be added to the project Web site.

CHAPTER 5

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES AND TIMING

Public and agency involvement will occur throughout the RMP process, but will be of particular importance at six key steps in the process: 1) issue identification, 2) formulation of alternatives, 3) Draft RMP/Draft EIS release, 4) Proposed RMP/Final EIS release, 5) protest response period, and 6) final RMP/ROD release.

This section lists activities that will be completed throughout the EIS process and provides a current schedule in the table below. This schedule is subject to change as the project progresses. The master project schedule will be maintained in the EIS project management plan.

Preliminary Timeline for Implementing Public Involvement Activities

Activity	Description	Anticipated Dates
Project Kickoff		
Public Web site	EMPSi will provide project updates for public review on the BLM Web site. The initial update will advertise project initiation, explain major steps in the NEPA process and known opportunities for public involvement, provide contact information, and display project-related maps.	February 2012 ongoing
Mailing list	BLM will provide an initial mailing list that EMPSi will incorporate into an Excel database used for RMPs. EMPSi will updated as needed throughout project.	February 2012 ongoing
Public Participation and Communication Plan	EMPSi will develop the public collaboration plan, highlighting various options for involving the public and other agencies.	March 2012
RAC and Cooperating Agency meeting schedule	EMPSi will work with BLM to formalize RAC and cooperating agency groups and establish a meeting schedule to obtain input during scoping, alternative development, impact analysis, and development of	June 2012 ongoing

Preliminary Timeline for Implementing Public Involvement Activities

Activity	Description	Anticipated Dates
	draft and final RMP/EIS.	
Publish Notice of Intent (NOI)	BLM will publish the NOI in the <i>Federal Register</i>	February 2012
Scoping meetings		
Press Release and Scoping meeting outreach	BLM will prepare a news release for publication in local and statewide newspapers of record. EMPSi will prepare post cards announcing the scoping period, as needed, and send to all interested parties on the mailing list.	February 2012
Newsletter	EMPSi will prepare a newsletter announcing upcoming the project and opportunities for public involvement. EMPSi will send to the mailing list and provide a PDF for posting on the BLM's Web site.	February 2012
Informational displays/handouts	EMPSi and BLM will prepare informational displays and handouts for use at scoping meetings.	February 2012
Scoping meetings	BLM and EMPSi will hold six scoping meetings. EMPSi will organize materials for the scoping meetings and provide meeting attendance sheets.	March 2012
Scoping Report		
ePlanning and Comment Analysis Database	EMPSi will catalog and track all scoping comments as they are received in ePlanning and in EMPSi's PICT database.	March –May 2012
Scoping report	EMPSi will prepare a scoping report including a summary of all written comments and highlighting the key issues. The final report will be published on the BLM's Web site.	July-August 2012
Press release	BLM will prepare a press release announcing the availability and summary of the scoping report. A PDF will be posted on the BLM's Web site.	August 2012
E-mail Update	EMPSi will prepare an e-mail update announcing the availability and summary of the scoping report for the BLM to distribute.	August 2012
Web site update	EMPSi will facilitate a Web site update that announces the availability of the scoping report. A summary of findings will be included on the BLM's Web site.	August 2012
At Completion of Draft RMP/Draft EIS		
Postcard	EMPSi will prepare and mail a postcard asking interested parties in what form they would prefer to receive the Draft RMP/Draft EIS.	February 2014
Notice of Availability (NOA)	BLM will submit NOA of Draft RMP/Draft EIS for publication in <i>Federal Register</i> .	February 2014

Preliminary Timeline for Implementing Public Involvement Activities

Activity	Description	Anticipated Dates
Draft EIS mailing	BLM will mail Draft RMP/Draft EIS to interested parties.	February-March 2014
Update Web site	EMPSi will provide updates for the BLM's Web site, including a downloadable version of the Draft RMP/Draft EIS, related documents, process for submitting comments, and upcoming opportunities for public participation.	February 2014
Newsletter	EMPSi will prepare a newsletter announcing the availability of and summarizing the Draft RMP/Draft EIS and alternatives, announcing public meeting dates, and process for submitting comments. EMPSi will distribute the newsletter to the mailing list and provide a PDF for posting on the BLM's Web site.	February 2014
Press release	BLM will prepare a press release describing the Draft RMP/Draft EIS and PDF will be posted on the BLM's Web site	February 2014
E-mail update	EMPSi will prepare an e-mail update announcing the availability and summary of the Draft RMP/Draft EIS and alternatives, public meeting dates and the process for submitting comments for the BLM to send. A PDF of the newsletter will be attached.	February 2014
Information sheet	EMPSi will prepare a fact sheet for use at public meetings briefly describing the Draft RMP/Draft EIS and soliciting written comments.	February 2014
Informational displays	EMPSi and BLM will prepare informational displays for use at public meetings.	February 2014
Public meetings	EMPSi and BLM will hold 6 public meetings. BLM will accept written comments at meetings and during 90-day review period after Draft RMP/Draft EIS publication.	February-April 2014
After Public Comment Analysis of Comments Received on Draft RMP/Draft EIS		
Written comment input into ePlanning and comment database and content analysis report	EMPSi will receive, enter, and categorize by issue all written comments received on the Draft RMP/Draft EIS during the official 90-day review period into ePlanning and the PICT database. EMPSi will prepare a content analysis report and develop draft responses to all comments.	May-July 2014
Update Web site	EMPSi will prepare updates to the BLM's Web site with results of the analysis of public comments on the Draft RMP/Draft EIS and a schedule update.	July 2014
E-mail update	EMPSi will prepare an e-mail update that will focus on a statistical review of comments, revised project	July 2014

Preliminary Timeline for Implementing Public Involvement Activities

Activity	Description	Anticipated Dates
	schedule, and the date the Proposed RMP/Final EIS will be published for public review.	
At Completion of Proposed RMP/Final EIS		
Governor's Consistency Review Period	EMPSi will send the Proposed RMP/Final EIS to Nevada and California Governor's Offices for review.	February-April 2015
NOA	BLM will submit NOA of Proposed RMP/Final EIS for publication in <i>Federal Register</i> .	April 2015
Update Web site	EMPSi will provide updates for the BLM's Web site with a downloadable version of Proposed RMP/Final EIS, related documents, protest procedures, and opportunities for upcoming public participation.	April 2015
Press release	EMPSi will prepare a press release describing the Proposed RMP/Final EIS and protest procedures for BLM to issue. EMPSi will provide a PDF for posting on the BLM's Web site.	April 2015
E-mail update	EMPSi will prepare an e-mail update announcing the availability of Proposed RMP/Final EIS and providing protest procedures.	April 2015
Newsletter	EMPSi will prepare a newsletter announcing the availability of Proposed RMP/Final EIS and providing protest procedures. EMPSi will distribute the newsletter to the mailing list and provide a PDF for posting on the BLM's Web site.	April 2015
After Release of Proposed RMP/Final EIS		
Respond to Public Protests	EMPSi will assist BLM as directed with responding to and resolving protests received on the Plan. If any significant change is made to the RMP/EIS in response to a protest, EMPSi will help to draft a <i>Federal Register</i> notice that will be published requesting public comment on the change(s).	April-July 2015
At Completion of ROD/RMP		
NOA	BLM will submit the NOA of the ROD for publication in <i>Federal Register</i> .	November 2015
ROD Mailing	ROD will be mailed to interested parties.	November 2015
Press Release	EMPSi will prepare a press release announcing the availability of the approved RMP/ROD for the BLM to issue. EMPSi will provide a PDF for posting on the BLM's Web site.	November 2015
Update Web site	EMPSi will provide updates for the BLM's Web site by providing BLM with a downloadable version of the	November 2015

Preliminary Timeline for Implementing Public Involvement Activities

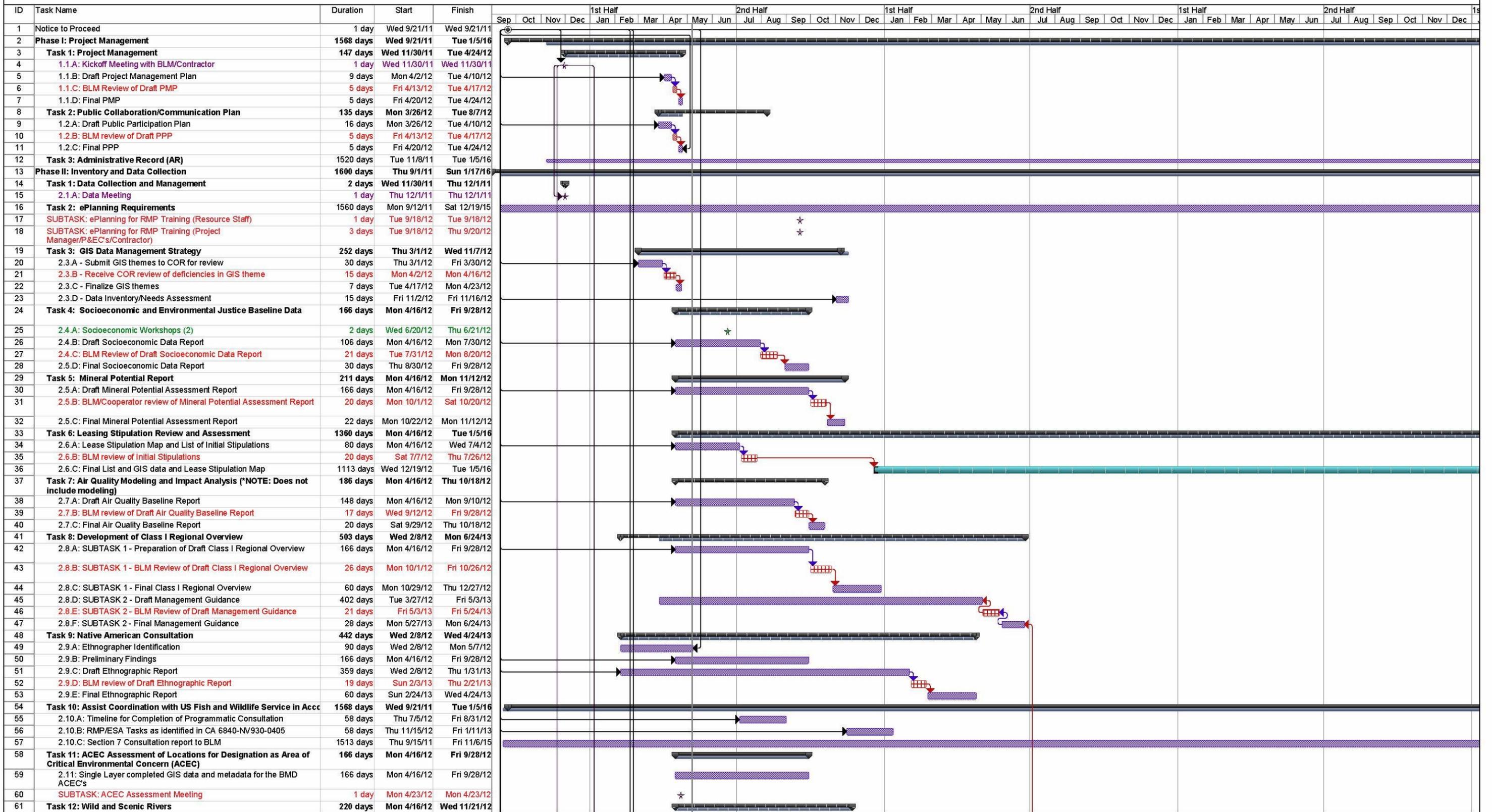
Activity	Description	Anticipated Dates
	Approved RMP/ROD and appeals procedures.	
E-mail update	EMPSi will prepare an e-mail update announcing the availability of the approved RMP/ROD for the BLM to distribute.	November 2015
Newsletter	EMPSi will prepare a newsletter announcing the release of the approved RMP/ROD and discuss appeal procedures. EMPSi will distribute the newsletter to the mailing list and provide PDF for posting on the BLM's Web site.	November 2015

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Appendix A

Estimated Project Schedule

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**US Bureau of Land Management
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RMP Revision & EIS**

Summary		Ongoing Task		Meeting		Inactive Milestone		Duration-only		Start-only
Milestone		BLM Review/Action		Public Involvement		Inactive Summary		Manual Summary Rollup		Finish-only
Task		EMPSi-BLM Collaborative Task		Inactive Task		Manual Task		Manual Summary		



