

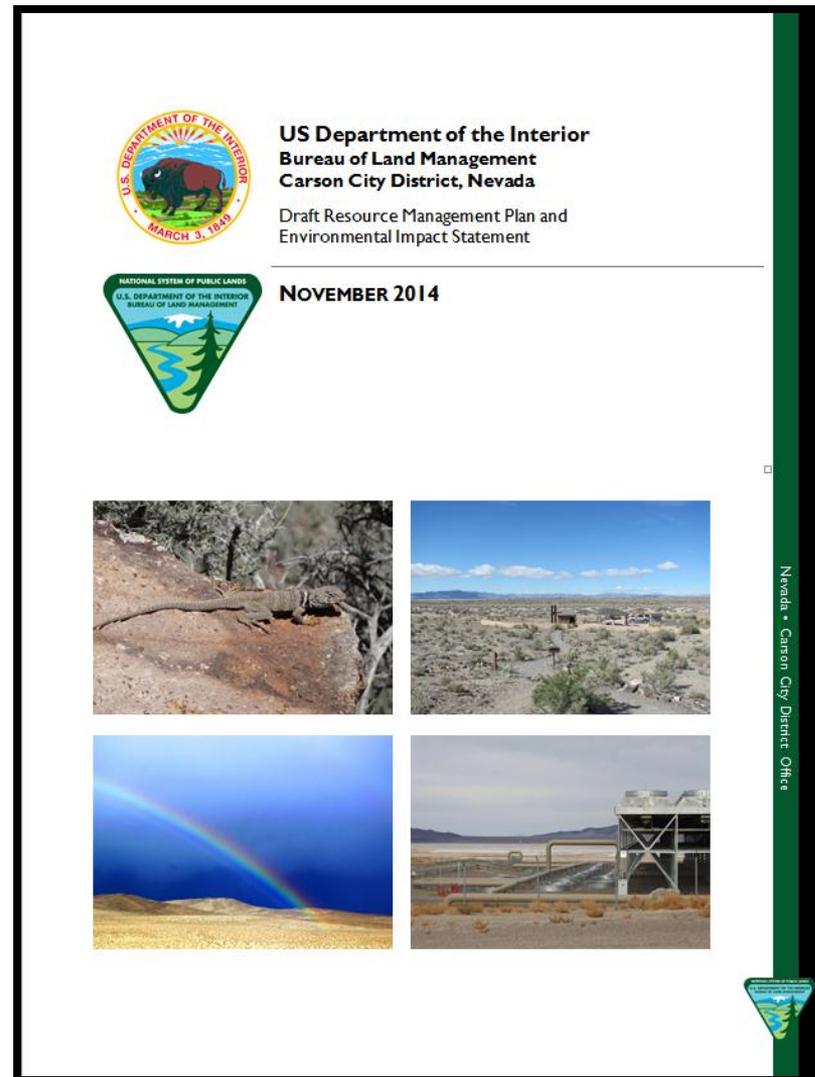
**BLM Carson City District  
Draft Resource Management Plan  
and  
Environmental Impact Statement**

**Public Meeting - January 2015**



# Resource Management Plan

- Primary tool guiding BLM management activities in support of the dual mandate of multiple use and sustained yield.
- Guides management actions on public lands for the next 15-20 years.



 US Department of the Interior  
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Carson City District, Nevada

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 NATIONAL SYSTEM OF PUBLIC LANDS  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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# Background

2001 Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan plus 5 amendments

- \*Decisions that need clarification
- \*Develop decisions to address new issues – sage-grouse, renewable energy, growing urban interface, increased recreational use

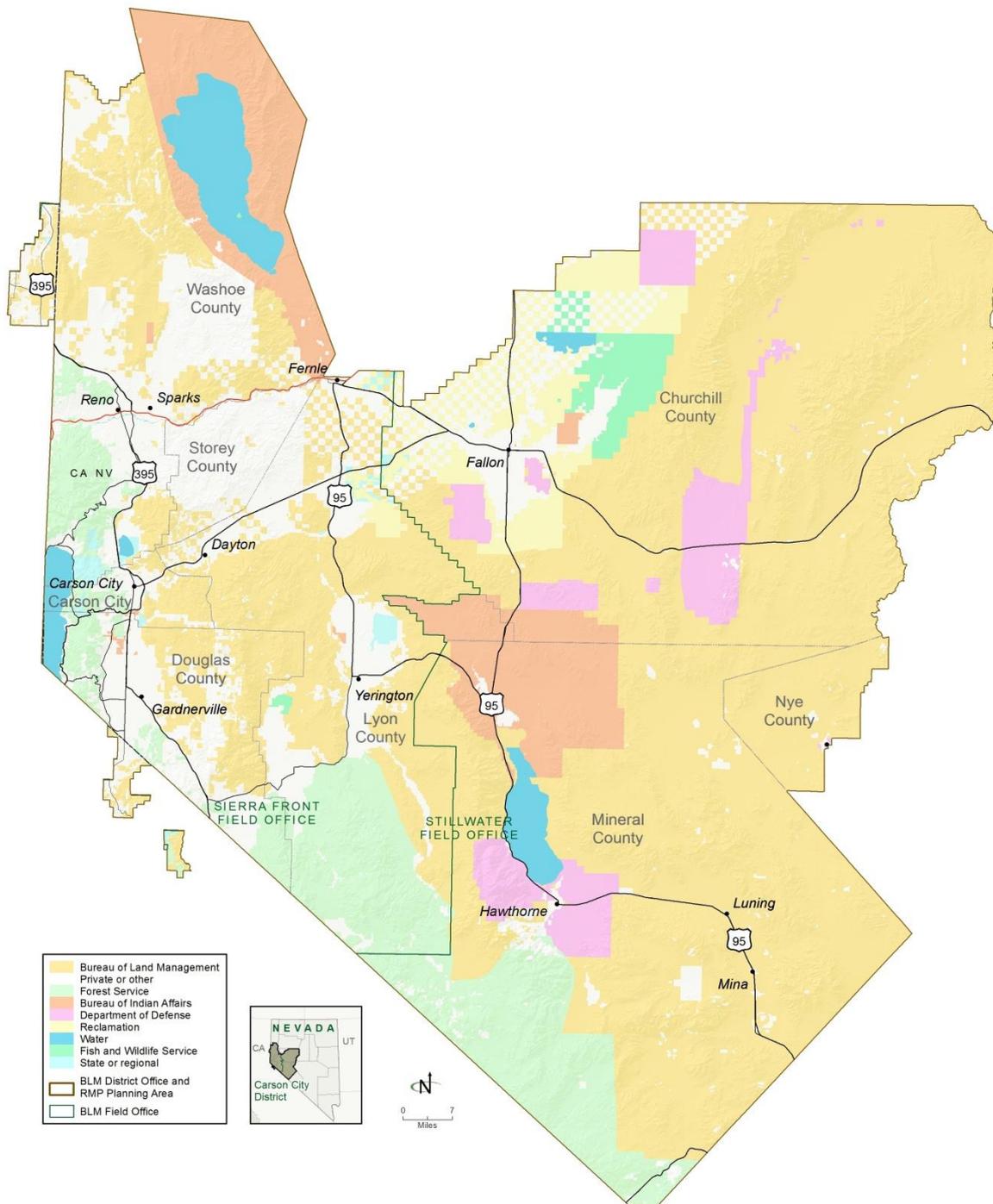


# National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NEPA is a procedural law: it opens federal decision-making to public involvement and scrutiny.

NEPA's purpose is informed decision-making.





**Planning Area –  
8.9 million acres**

**Decision Area –  
4.8 million acres**

# Public Scoping

- February 24, 2012 – April 29, 2012
- 6 public scoping meeting conducted
- Presentations to 10 County Commissions/Boards of Supervisors
- 291 submissions received with 1,692 unique comments (3,543 form letters)
- Most comments on wild horse & burro, special designations, special status species, mineral resources and travel management

# Who is Helping the BLM with the RMP Revision?

- Public/Stakeholder Groups
- Resource Advisory Council
- Cooperating Agencies
  - Federal Agencies
  - Native American Tribal Organizations
  - State Agencies
- Contractors

# Purpose of this Public Meeting

- Share the Draft RMP
- Show how best to offer input for improving it

## YOUR input is again needed

- Review the Draft RMP
- Suggest how can we make it better

# Draft RMP/EIS Organization

- Chapter 1 - Introduction
- Chapter 2 - Alternatives
- Chapter 3 - Affected Environment
- Chapter 4 - Environmental Consequences
- Chapter 5 - Consultation and Coordination
- Chapter 6 - References
- Chapter 7 - Glossary
- Appendices

# Chapter 2 Alternatives

2. Alternatives

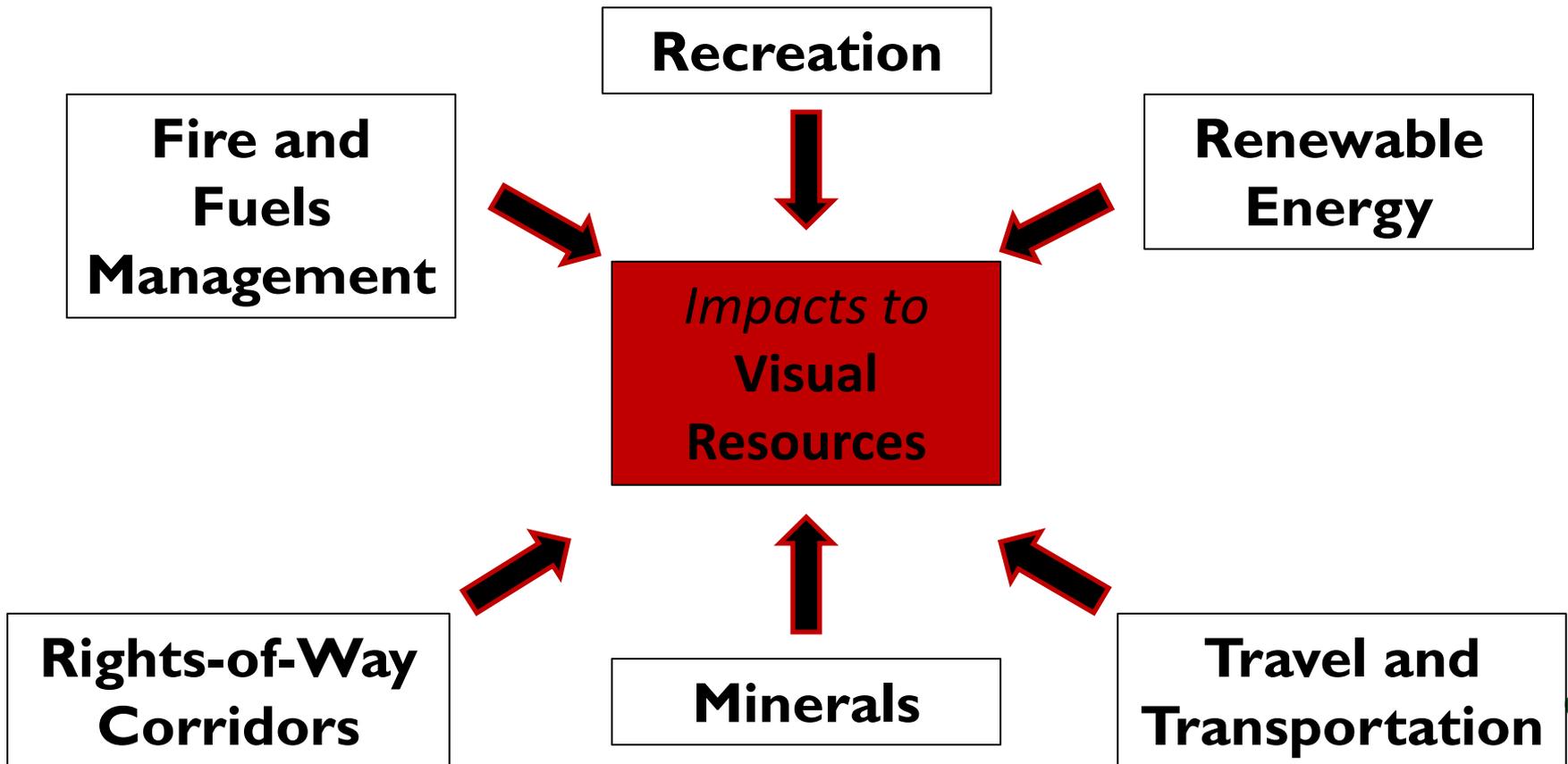
Table 2-2  
Description of Alternatives A, B, C, D, and E

Row #	Alternative A	Alternative B	Alternative C	Alternative D	Alternative E
	on BLM-administered land.				
258.	<b>Action:</b> Provide recreational opportunities to the public for hobby and scientific collection without reducing the significance or interest of the resource.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.			
259.	<b>Visual Resources</b>				
260.	<b>GOAL:</b> Manage BLM-administered land actions and activities to provide protection of the visual values and scenic quality of existing landscapes consistent with the Visual Resource Management (VRM) class objectives.				
261.	<b>Objective:</b> Protect the visual resource values of Bureau managed BLM-administered lands against unnecessary and undue degradation.	<b>Objective:</b> Identify and manage areas in the VRM class listed, according to the visual guidelines for each class.			
262.	<b>Summary:</b> Manage visual resources according to the following VRM class objectives (Figure 2-14): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class I: 564,100 acres</li> <li>Class II: 38,300 acres</li> <li>Class III: 320,600 acres</li> <li>Class IV: 385,700 acres</li> </ul>	<b>Summary:</b> Manage visual resources according to the following VRM class objectives (Figure 2-15): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class I: 564,100 acres</li> <li>Class II: 56,800 acres</li> <li>Class III: 1,379,400 acres</li> <li>Class IV: 2,803,000 acres</li> </ul>	<b>Summary:</b> Manage visual resources according to the following VRM class objectives (Figure 2-16): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class I: 981,900 acres</li> <li>Class II: 733,900 acres</li> <li>Class III: 213,400 acres</li> <li>Class IV: 2,874,100 acres</li> </ul>	<b>Summary:</b> Manage visual resources according to the following VRM class objectives (Figure 2-17): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class I: 564,100 acres</li> <li>Class II: 66,400 acres</li> <li>Class III: 185,900 acres</li> <li>Class IV: 3,986,900 acres</li> </ul>	<b>Summary:</b> Manage visual resources according to the following VRM class objectives (Figure 2-18): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class I: 564,100 acres</li> <li>Class II: 513,600 acres</li> <li>Class III: 1,383,900 acres</li> <li>Class IV: 2,341,700 acres</li> </ul>
263.	<b>Action:</b> Manage 564,100 acres according to VRM Class I objectives, including the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WSAs (see <i>Wilderness Study Areas</i>)</li> </ul>		<b>Action:</b> Manage 981,900 acres according to VRM Class I objectives, including the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WSAs (see <i>Wilderness Study Areas</i>)</li> </ul>	<b>Action:</b> Manage 564,100 acres according to VRM Class I objectives, including the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WSAs (see <i>Wilderness Study Areas</i>)</li> <li>East Fork Carson River Segment I (within 0.25 mile of either side of the ordinary high water mark; see <i>Wild and Scenic Rivers</i>)</li> </ul>	



# Effects Analysis Orientation

Chapter 4 describes impacts TO a resource or resource use FROM other resource programs.



**Step 1**  
**Identify Topics of Interest**

Start by **IDENTIFYING** the topics that are most important to you

**Step 2**  
**Read Executive Summary**

Read the **Executive Summary** to obtain an overview of the RMP and a summary of the alternatives and effects of each alternative

**Step 3**  
**Focus on One Topic of Interest at a Time**

**Focus on one topic at a time**, exploring each topic in more detail. Use the Table of Contents as a guide.

**Step 4**  
**Locate Maps**

Locate the **MAPS** for your topic and refer to them as you conduct your review

**Step 5**  
**Review Topic Background in Chapter 3**

Read about the **CURRENT MANAGEMENT** and condition of your resource in Chapter 3.

**Step 6**  
**Review Management Action in Chapter 2**

Look at the **PROPOSED MANAGEMENT** actions and **ALTERNATIVES** in Chapter 2

**Step 7**  
**Review Impact Analysis in Chapter 4**

Read the **IMPACT ANALYSIS** on your topic in Chapter 4

Repeat Steps 3-7  
For each topic  
of interest



# What is an Effective Comment?

- Questions, with reasonable basis, the accuracy of information in the RMP and EIS
- Questions, with reasonable basis, the adequacy of, methodology for, or assumptions used for the environmental analysis
- Presents new information relevant to the analysis
- Presents reasonable alternatives other than those analyzed in the EIS
- Causes changes or revisions in one or more of the alternatives



# How to make Effective Comments

## Suggested

- ❖ Suggest specific changes in the document, and provide the page number and section of the document in your comment.
- ❖ Clearly identify:
  - Where the issue or error is located.
  - Why you believe there is an error.
  - Alternative ideas about how to address issues or errors.
- ❖ Provide constructive solutions with documentation or resources to support your recommendations.
- ❖ If applicable, include experience as it relates to your observations and comments.

## Not Suggested

- ❖ Avoid vague statements or concerns. Vague statements do not suggest a specific change or give the BLM direction on which to act.
- ❖ Understand that a comment is not a vote for or against one of the alternatives. The BLM must rely on supporting information, not on the number of comments received. Numerous comments expressing the same concern or issue is considered to be one comment.
- ❖ Avoid using form letters to convey your point. Your unique way of writing or phrasing a comment is important for understanding your point of view.

# Ways to Provide Comments

**Submit comments** *(November 28, 2014 – March 27, 2015)*

E-mail: [BLM\\_NV\\_CCDO\\_RMP@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_CCDO_RMP@blm.gov)

Mail to: CCD RMP

BLM, Carson City District

5665 Morgan Mill Road

Carson City, NV 89701

Project Web site: <http://on.doi.gov/IuYBNGT>



# Open House

- Plan information is available around the room.
- Please take a look, ask questions, review maps and displays of the comparisons of key resource decisions.
- Staff are available to assist and direct you to the sections of the Draft RMP that are of interest to you.



# Planning Process Steps – Estimated Timeline and Schedule

