

Providing Your Input

Public Scoping Process

The public scoping process officially started with the publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register on January 5, 2010. The objective of the scoping process is to “identify significant ... issues deserving of study” and to “[narrow] the scope of the environmental impact statement process” (40 CFR 1500.4). “Scope consists of the range of actions, alternatives, and impacts to be considered in an environmental impact statement” (1508.25). Therefore, early public input is crucial to help identify issues, provide input, and propose alternatives to be addressed in the EIS, as well as providing the public an opportunity to learn about the RMP Revision.

Ways to Submit Your Comments:

If you wish to comment, request additional information, or request to be put on the mailing list, you may do so in many ways during the scoping period. BLM encourages the public to ask questions and provide input on issues, planning criteria, potential alternatives, impacts, and information to improve the planning and analysis process. BLM accepts comments through the following methods:

Tonight: Oral comments at this meeting

You can provide oral comments to a certified court reporter who will transcribe your comments. All transcribed comments provided during the public meetings will be available for public review at the Las Vegas Field Office within 15 days after the last public meeting. Please be courteous and limit the time you speak with the court reporter so that others at the open house may also have time to comment.

Tonight: Written comments at this meeting

Fill out one of the comment forms provided and place it in the box or provide it to a BLM specialist.

Later: Mailed or delivered

Fill out one of the comment forms provided at the public meetings or any other paper and deliver it, in person or by mail, to:

Las Vegas Field Office, Bureau of Land Management,
Attn: Carolyn Ronning, RMP Project Lead
4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89130

Later: Email

Submit comments by email to the following address: SNDO_RMP_Revision@blm.gov

All public scoping comments are required to be submitted no later than **February 28, 2010** in order to be formally analyzed and included in the Scoping Report. The process for soliciting public input will be described and comments received during the scoping period will be summarized in a Scoping Report. The report will be made available to the public at the BLM’s Southern Nevada District Office and on the project’s website.

Comments including names and addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the BLM office listed above during regular business hours. If you wish to withhold your name and/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 comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law

