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BLM Hosts Public Meetings for the Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement Available for BLM Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices

Las Vegas –As part of the draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices, the Bureau of Land Management will host five public meetings the first two weeks of November.

- November 3 – Laughlin Library, 2840 South Needles Hwy, Laughlin
- November 5 – James I. Gibson Library, 100 W. Lake Mead Parkway, Henderson
- November 6 – Amargosa Valley Community Center, 821 E. Farm Road, Amargosa Valley
- November 12 – Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Blvd North, Las Vegas
- November 13 – Bob Rudd Community Center, 150 N State Route (Highway) 160, Pahrump

All meetings will have same format. The public meetings will be held from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. and will be an open house format where participants can ask questions and visit various resource stations, with formal presentations at 3:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., and 6:15 p.m. Court reporters and comment forms will be available for submission of public comments.

Four alternatives were analyzed in the draft RMP/EIS:

- Alternative 1 is defined as a continuation of the current management direction contained in the 1998 Las Vegas Resource Management Plan and its amendments and changes since incorporation. This alternative describes the current goals and actions for management of resources and land uses in the planning area. The management direction could also be modified by current laws, regulations, and policies.
- Alternative 2 emphasizes the protection of the planning area's resource values while allowing commodity uses as consistent with current laws, regulations, and policies. Management actions would emphasize resource values such as habitats for wildlife and plant species (including special status species), protection of riparian areas and water quality, preservation of ecologically important areas, maintenance of wilderness characteristics, and protection of scientifically important cultural and paleontological sites. Access to and development of resources within the planning area could occur with intensive management and mitigation of surface-disturbing and disruptive activities.
- Alternative 3 provides opportunities to use and develop resources within the planning area while ensuring resource protection. Alternative 3 would provide continued access to and development of resources with stipulations and mitigation to protect natural and cultural resources. Alternative 3 represents the mix and variety of actions that the BLM believes best resolves the issues and management concerns in consideration of all values and programs, and is thus considered BLM's preferred alternative.
- Alternative 4 emphasizes opportunities to use and develop resources within the planning area. It would provide for motorized access and commodity production with minimal restrictions while providing protection of natural and cultural resources to the extent required by law, regulation, and policy. This alternative would largely rely on existing laws, regulations, and policies, rather than special management or special designations, to protect sensitive resources.

DRMP/DEIS for the Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices is available at:

- Online – <http://tinyurl.com/qzvaht7>
- BLM Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines, Las Vegas
- James I. Gibson Library, 100 W. Lake Mead Parkway, Henderson
- Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Blvd North, Las Vegas
- Laughlin Library, 2840 South Needles Hwy, Laughlin
- Mesquite Library, 121 West First North St., Mesquite
- Moapa Town Library, 1340 East Highway 168, Moapa
- Moapa Valley Library, 350 N. Moapa Valley Blvd., Overton
- Pahrump Community Library, 701 East St, Pahrump

Public comment on the DRMP/EIS began on October 10 and will close January 7, 2015.

In addition to public meetings, written comments may be provided online at <http://tinyurl.com/qzvaht7>, emailed to sndo_rmp_revision@blm.gov addressed by mail or delivered to RMP Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130, or fax to 702-515-5023.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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