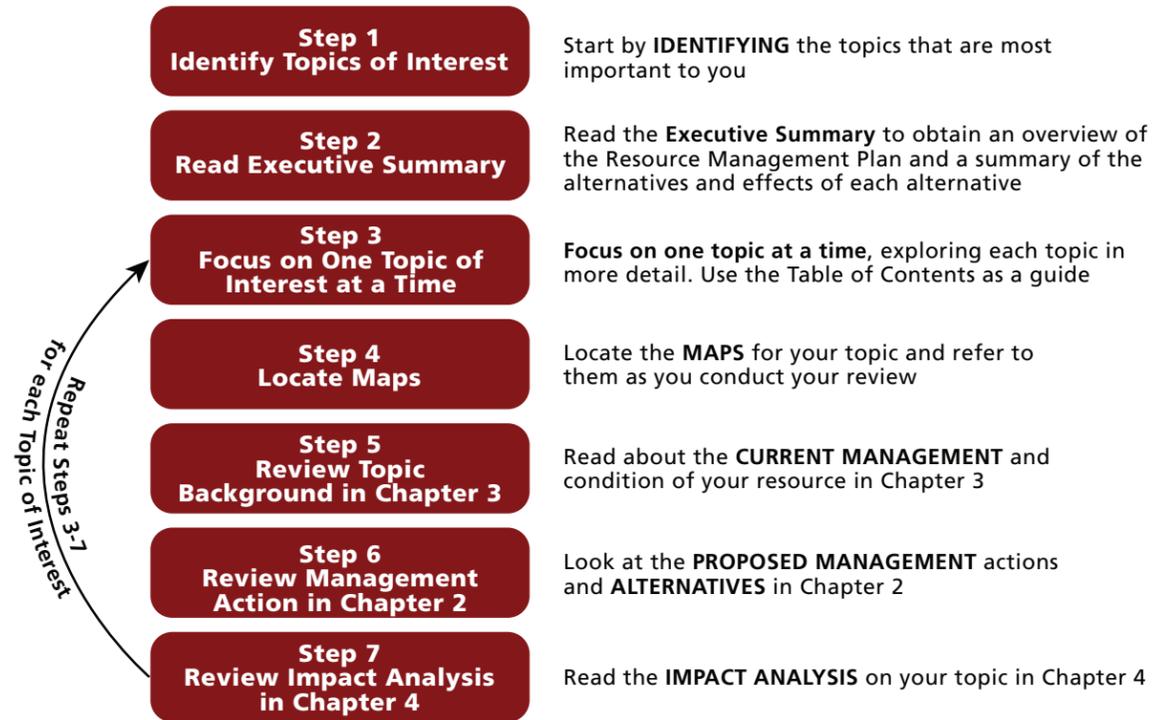


# How to Comment on Resource Management Plan

Review the Resource Management Plan for the topics that are of most interest to you. In your review, direct your comments to specific sections of the plan. Go into ePlanning website and submit your comments, linking your comments to the appropriate section of the plan.



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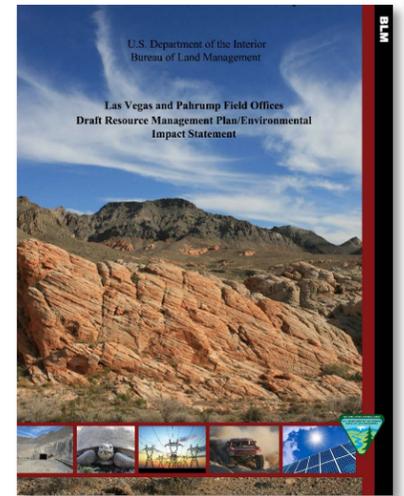
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November 2014

## What is the Resource Management Plan?

The purpose of the Resource Management Plan is to provide guidance for managing the use of BLM managed public lands and to provide a framework for future land management actions within the planning area. Land-use plan decisions cover a broad scale and guide subsequent site-specific implementation decisions. The Resource Management Plan will make the following types of decisions:

- Establish resource goals, objectives, and desired future condition
- Describe actions to achieve goals, objectives, and desired future conditions
- Make land-use allocations and designations
- Make land-use adjustments



## Description of Alternatives

This plan describes and analyzes four alternatives. Alternative 1 is the “no action” alternative; Alternatives 2, 3, and 4 propose varying levels of resource use and conservation.

**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.



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# KEY ISSUES IN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) requires that BLM “develop, maintain, and when appropriate, revise land use plans.” The following have been identified as key issues that need to be addressed in the Resource Management Plan.



- **Areas of Critical Environmental Concern** – Analyze nominations, drop or adjust existing designations and clarify management including establishment of thresholds for disturbance and incorporation of acquired lands.
- **Lands and Realty** – Add, remove, or adjust areas identified for disposal; identify and adjust utility corridors; and identify areas that can be developed, avoided, or excluded for solar and wind energy.
- **Recreation** – Adjust, remove, or designate new recreation management areas.
- **Lands with Wilderness Characteristics** – Determine what areas should be managed to maintain their wilderness characteristics based on the BLM inventory conducted to identify areas meeting wilderness characteristics.
- **Travel Management** – Re-evaluate and adjust off-highway vehicle designations as necessary.
- **Areas of Ecological Importance** – Analyze nominations and clarify management, including establishment of thresholds for disturbance.
- **Minerals** – Refine fluid leasable minerals to clarify surface management restrictions and direction for management of split estate.
- **Wild and Scenic Rivers** – Analyze the suitability of eligible rivers for designation as components of the National Wild and Scenic River System.
- **Visual Resource Management** – Adjust visual resource management classes based on recently completed inventory.



## HOW TO MAKE EFFECTIVE COMMENTS

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggest specific changes in the document, and provide the page number and section of the document in your comment.</li> <li>• Clearly identify:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Where the issue or error is located.</li> <li>» Why you believe there is an error.</li> <li>» Alternative ideas about how to address issues or errors.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Provide constructive solutions with documentation or resources to support your recommendations.</li> <li>• If applicable, include your experience as it relates to your observations and comments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid vague statements or concerns. Vague statements do not suggest a specific change or give the BLM direction on which to act.</li> <li>• 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 are considered to be one comment.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Helpful Comment</b></p> <p><i>“I disagree with the visual resource management class II designation for the area between Low Valley and Dry River. This area contains radio towers, power lines and fences which detract from the view already. This area also contains valuable mineral deposits which are currently being developed and that development is expected to continue. The classification should be changed to class III.”</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Not So Helpful Comment</b></p> <p><i>“The preferred Alternative has too much Visual Resource Management Class II.”</i></p> <p>Why is this comment not helpful? This comment is not specific enough for the BLM to consider in balance with other resource issues. It does not contain supporting information or rationale.</p>

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