

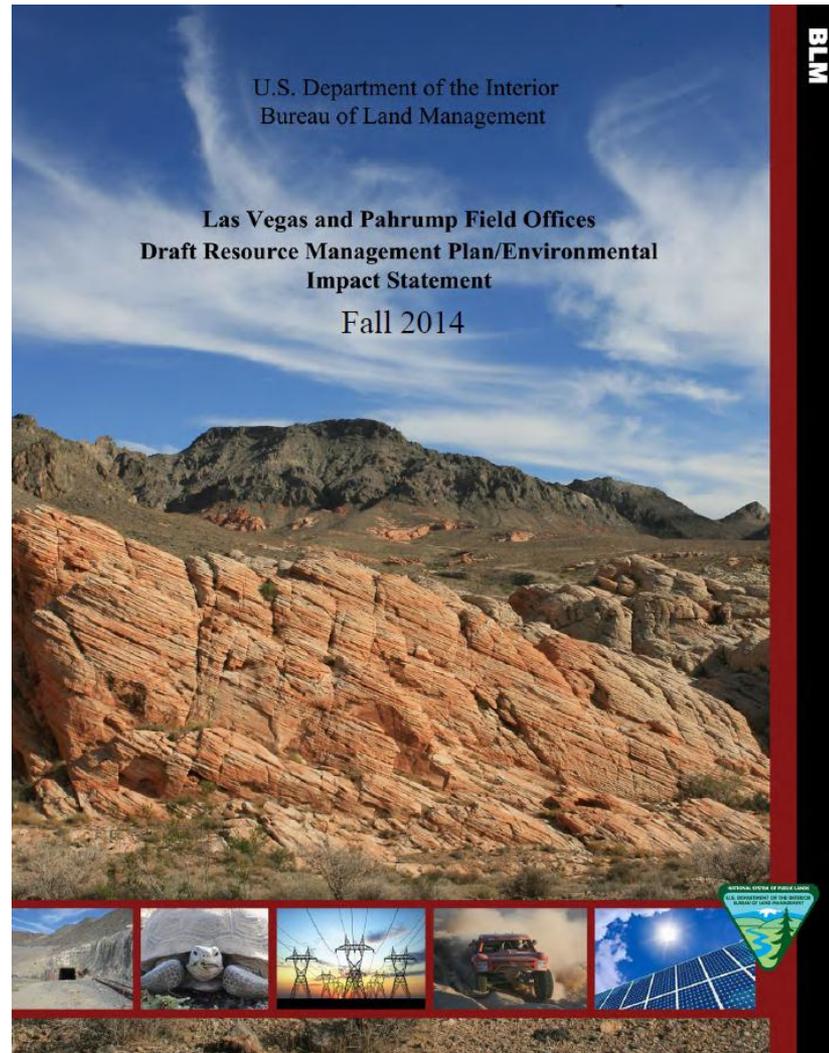
# Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices

## Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement Public Meeting November 2014



# Resource Management Plan

**Guides management actions on public lands for the next 15-20 years.**



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# Public Scoping

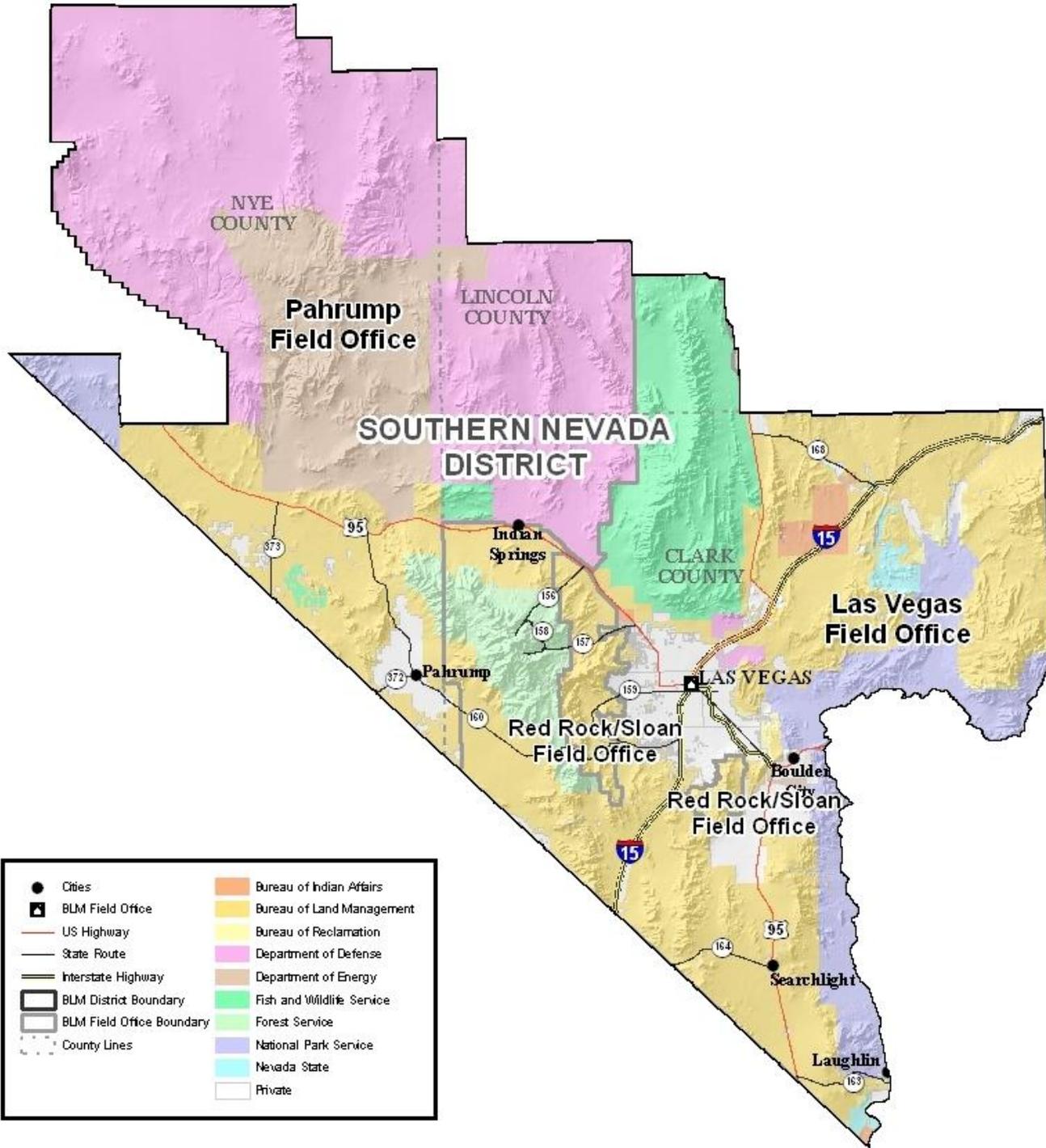
**In 2010, BLM invited the public to identify management issues that should be addressed in the planning process. 263 people provided more than 500 comments about management of public lands in Southern Nevada. This input was used to develop this Draft RMP.**



# **Public Input Needed Again**

**Now that a Draft RMP has been developed, YOUR input is again needed. We need YOU to review the Draft RMP and let us know how we can make it better. The purpose of this meeting is to share the Draft RMP, and show how best to offer input for improving it.**





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| ● | Cities                    | ■ | Bureau of Indian Affairs  |
| ■ | BLM Field Office          | ■ | Bureau of Land Management |
| — | US Highway                | ■ | Bureau of Reclamation     |
| — | State Route               | ■ | Department of Defense     |
| — | Interstate Highway        | ■ | Department of Energy      |
| — | BLM District Boundary     | ■ | Fish and Wildlife Service |
| — | BLM Field Office Boundary | ■ | Forest Service            |
| — | County Lines              | ■ | National Park Service     |
|   |                           | ■ | Nevada State              |
|   |                           | ■ | Private                   |



# Document Organization

Executive Summary

Chapter 1 – Purpose and Need

Chapter 2 – Resource Management Alternatives

Chapter 3 – Affected Environment

Chapter 4 – Environmental Consequences

Chapter 5 – Coordination and Consultations

Maps

Appendices – Supporting Documents



# Chapter 2 - Alternatives

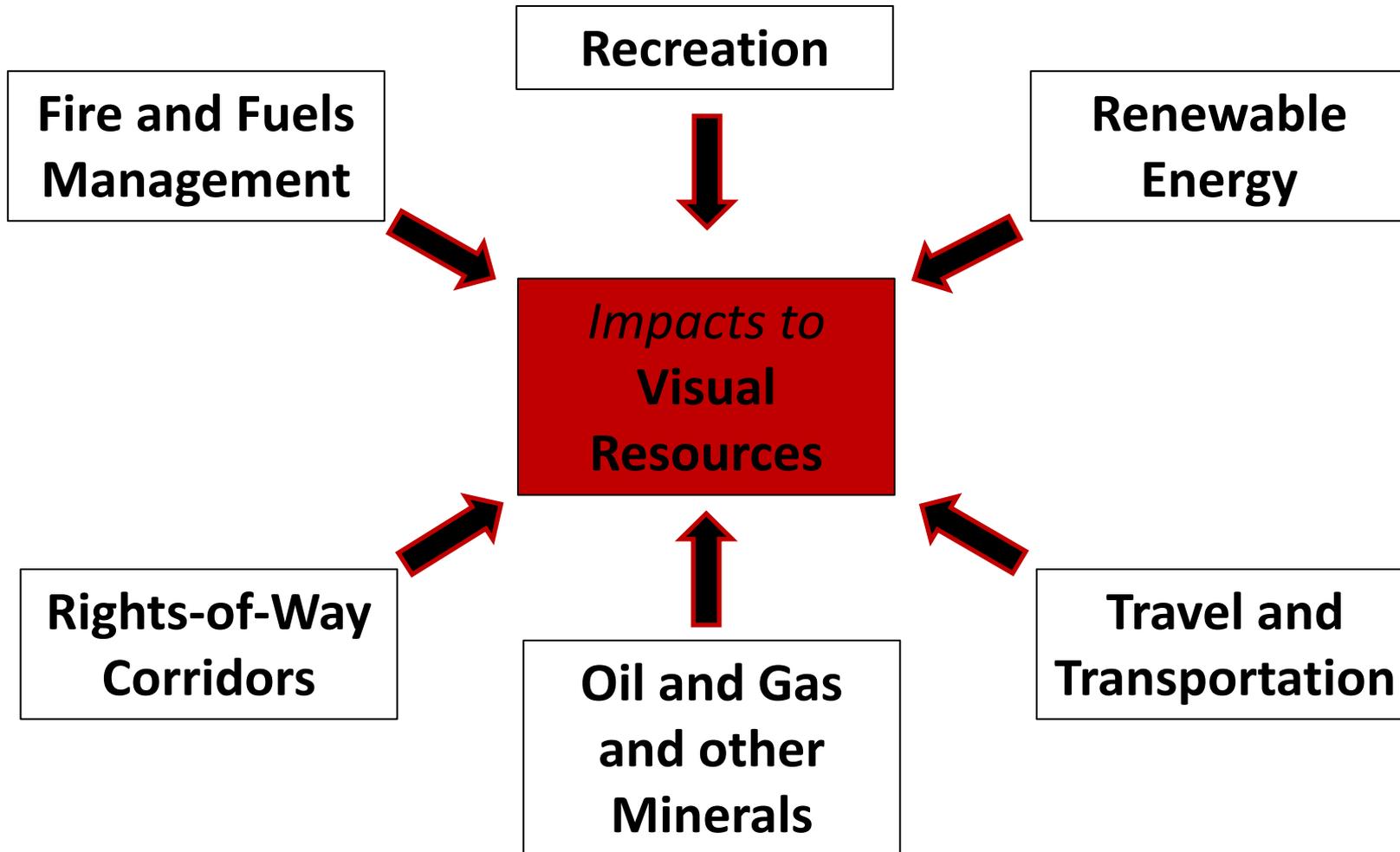
Table 2.14. Visual Resource Management Actions

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4
<b>Goal 1:</b> Manage the diversity of landscapes in the planning area for a desired level of change consistent with visual resource management (VRM) class designations.				
<b>Objective 1.1:</b> Limit future impacts on the visual and aesthetic character of public lands.				
<b>Objective 1.2:</b> Identify and manage the visual landscape by assigning areas as VRM Class I (preservation), Class II (retention of landscape character), Class III (partial retention of the landscape character), or Class IV (modification of the landscape character).				
VRM-01	Designate the following acreages for the objectives defined for each VRM class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class I: 47,562 acres</li> <li>• Class II: 917,200 acres</li> <li>• Class III: 1,622,226 acres</li> <li>• Class IV: 523,297 acres</li> </ul> <i>Alternative 1 map (p. 2139)</i>	Designate the following acreages for the objectives defined for each VRM class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class I: 472,574 acres</li> <li>• Class II: 948,521 acres</li> <li>• Class III: 834,364 acres</li> <li>• Class IV: 856,378 acres</li> </ul> <i>Alternative 2 map (p. 2139)</i>	Designate the following acreages for the objectives defined for each VRM class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class I: 230,372 acres</li> <li>• Class II: 1,149,827 acres</li> <li>• Class III: 848,909 acres</li> <li>• Class IV: 882,617 acres</li> </ul> <i>Alternative 3 map (p. 2139)</i>	Designate the following acreages for the objectives defined for each VRM class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class I: 230,372 acres</li> <li>• Class II: 897,796 acres</li> <li>• Class III: 836,152 acres</li> <li>• Class IV: 1,148,446 acres</li> </ul> <i>Alternative 4 map (p. 2139)</i>
<b>VRM Class I</b>				
VRM-02	Designate 47,562 acres of public lands as VRM Class I, specifically the following areas:  <b>Wilderness:<sup>a</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrow Canyon Wilderness</li> <li>• Eldorado Wilderness</li> <li>• Ireteba Peaks Wilderness</li> <li>• Jumbo Springs Wilderness</li> <li>• Lime Canyon Wilderness</li> <li>• Meadow Valley Range Wilderness</li> <li>• Mormon Mountains Wilderness</li> <li>• Mt. Charleston Wilderness</li> <li>• Muddy Mountains Wilderness</li> <li>• South McCullough Wilderness</li> <li>• Spirit Mountain Wilderness</li> <li>• Wee Thump Joshua Tree Wilderness</li> </ul> <b>Wilderness Study Areas:</b>	Designate 472,574 acres of public lands as VRM Class I, specifically the following areas:  <b>Wilderness:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrow Canyon Wilderness</li> <li>• Eldorado Wilderness</li> <li>• Ireteba Peaks Wilderness</li> <li>• Jumbo Springs Wilderness</li> <li>• Lime Canyon Wilderness</li> <li>• Meadow Valley Range Wilderness</li> <li>• Mormon Mountains Wilderness</li> <li>• Mt. Charleston Wilderness</li> <li>• Muddy Mountains Wilderness</li> <li>• South McCullough Wilderness</li> <li>• Spirit Mountain Wilderness</li> <li>• Wee Thump Joshua Tree Wilderness</li> </ul> <b>Wilderness Study Areas:</b>	Designate 230,372 acres of public lands as VRM Class I, specifically the following areas:  <b>Wilderness:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrow Canyon Wilderness</li> <li>• Eldorado Wilderness</li> <li>• Ireteba Peaks Wilderness</li> <li>• Jumbo Springs Wilderness</li> <li>• Lime Canyon Wilderness</li> <li>• Meadow Valley Range Wilderness</li> <li>• Mormon Mountains Wilderness</li> <li>• Mt. Charleston Wilderness</li> <li>• Muddy Mountains Wilderness</li> <li>• South McCullough Wilderness</li> <li>• Spirit Mountain Wilderness</li> <li>• Wee Thump Joshua Tree Wilderness</li> </ul> <b>Wilderness Study Areas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Million Hills Wilderness Study Area</li> <li>• Mount Stirling Wilderness Study Area</li> <li>• Resting Springs Wilderness Study Area (PFO)</li> </ul>	



# Effects Analysis Orientation

Chapter 4 describes the adverse and beneficial 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.



# 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.



# Ways to Provide Comments

- Comments due by January 7, 2015
- Use E-Planning Website – Absolute BEST way to comment
- Put Comments in Writing – mail, email, fax, comment forms

-Website: <http://tinyurl.com/qzvaht7>

-Email: [sndo\\_rmp\\_revision@blm.gov](mailto:sndo_rmp_revision@blm.gov)

-Fax: 702-515-5023

-Mail: BLM Southern Nevada District Office, Las Vegas/Pahrump Field Offices Draft RMP/Draft EIS, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130.