



# DOMINGUEZ-ESCALANTE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA PROPOSED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN & FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT



## ❖ RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN OVERVIEW ❖

### **What is the Dominguez-Escalante NCA Resource Management Plan (RMP)?**

The BLM's Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area (D-E NCA) released a Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP). The BLM is completing the RMP to comply with the 2009 Omnibus Public Lands Management Act, which designated the NCA and the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness and directed the BLM to create a plan to guide agency decisions. The objective of the RMP is to establish management goals and actions to maintain, develop, and protect the resource values for which the NCA was designated. These values include archaeological, cultural, educational, geologic, historic and prehistoric, scientific, educational, recreational, biologic and ecologic, and scenic resources. The Proposed RMP provides guidance for BLM's management of public lands to ensure healthy ecosystems, promote multiple uses such as livestock grazing and recreation, and sustain natural resources for present and future generations.

### **What does the proposed plan do?**

The Proposed RMP and associated Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) provide a framework for agency decisions pertaining to the use, conservation, and development of lands managed by the BLM. In accordance with our mission of sustaining multiple uses, and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, the plan takes into account current and foreseeable uses and demands from the public on their public lands, while also considering necessary measures to protect sensitive resources. The Proposed RMP provides a framework for future site specific activities, permits, and projects by providing landscape level guidance and designations.

### **What is the Proposed Plan Alternative?**

The BLM prepared a Proposed RMP/Final EIS which includes identification of a Proposed Plan Alternative based on substantive comments on the Draft RMP/EIS received from the public, the Dominguez-Escalante NCA Advisory Council, and other governmental and cooperating agencies. The Preferred Alternative (Alternative E in the Draft RMP/EIS) was revised as the result of evaluating comments received, and is now identified as the Proposed Plan Alternative. The Proposed RMP includes the other alternatives (Alternatives A, B, C, and D) analyzed in the Draft RMP/EIS. Editorial, technical, and factual changes have been made as appropriate.

### **Does this plan authorize any certain action?**

The Proposed RMP includes broad planning level decisions that provide guidance for management strategies across the NCA, instead of for specific activities. However, it is important to note that the document includes some implementation actions. Implementation actions are specific actions such as designation of specific travel routes. These decisions cannot be protested, but they may be appealed. For more information about protests and appeals, see the protests and appeals Fact Sheet.

