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BLM seeks nominations for eight positions on the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Advisory Council

Grand Junction, Colo.—The Bureau of Land Management is seeking nominations to fill eight vacancies on its Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Advisory Council.

The 10-member citizen advisory council was formed in December 2010 to help the BLM develop a management plan for the 210,172-acre Dominguez-Escalante NCA in western Colorado.

According to interim NCA Manager Collin Ewing, the Dominguez-Escalante Advisory Council is crucial to the BLM's planning process.

"To date, the advisory council has met 35 times, every meeting has been open to the public, and the recommendations of the council have been extremely valuable in the development of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA Resource Management Plan." Ewing said. "I hope that the new council members can carry on that legacy and help the BLM and the community finalize a plan that will protect the NCA resources for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations."

The vacancies include one member representing Montrose County, one member representing Mesa County, one member representing grazing permittees and five members with backgrounds that reflect the purposes for which the D-E NCA was established and the interests of the stakeholders affected by the NCA's management. One member representing Delta County and one member representing wildlife interests were replaced in 2015. Those two appointments are not expiring this year.

Members serve without monetary compensation, but are reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses. The council meets several times per year. Nominees can expect to commit 15-40 hours or more annually for meetings, field trips, document reviews and other involvement. Nominations are open to new and currently seated members.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Grand Junction and Uncompahgre Field Offices or at the following website: www.blm.gov/co/st/en/nca/denca/denca_rmp/DENCA_Resource_Advisory_Council.html.

Nominees should reside in or within close proximity to Mesa, Delta or Montrose counties. Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Letters of reference must accompany nomination forms. Letters of reference can be from an organization or anyone who is familiar with the nominee's ability to speak as an expert on the topic of interest. Final selections will be made by the Secretary of the Interior.

Nominations need to be received by July 11, 2016.

For additional information, please contact Katie A. Stevens, Field Manager, Grand Junction Field Office, at (970) 244-3000, kasteven@blm.gov.

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