

**Northwest Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse
Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment and
Final Environmental Impact Statement**

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1. Responsible Agencies: United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
2. Type of Action: Administrative Legislative
3. Document Status: Draft Final
4. Abstract: This proposed land use plan amendment and final environmental impact statement (Proposed LUPA/Final EIS) has been prepared by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (Forest Service) with assistance from 22 cooperating agencies. It describes and analyzes five alternatives for managing approximately 1.7 million acres of BLM-administered and National Forest System lands and approximately 2.8 million acres of BLM-administered subsurface federal mineral estate that may lie beneath other surface ownership. Surface estate and federal mineral estate is managed by five BLM field offices (Colorado River Valley, Grand Junction, Kremmling, Little Snake, and White River), which make up the BLM Colorado Northwest District, and one national forest (Routt). The analysis area spans portions of 10 northwest Colorado counties: Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Larimer, Mesa, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt, and Summit. Alternative A is a continuation of current management (no action alternative); use of public lands and resources would continue to be managed under the current BLM RMPs and Forest Service land and resource management plan, as amended. Alternative B describes management actions taken directly from the Sage-Grouse National Technical Team's *A Report on National Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Measures*. Alternative C describes management actions submitted by various citizen groups. Alternative D describes management actions developed by adapting the National Technical Team measures to Northwest Colorado and was the agencies' preferred alternative in the Draft LUPA. The Proposed LUPA consists of a combination of Alternatives A, B, C, and D. The Proposed LUPA is not a final agency decision but instead an indication of the agencies' preference that reflects the best combination of decisions to achieve BLM and Forest Service goals and policies, meets the purpose and need, addresses the key planning issues, and considers public comments and the recommendations of cooperating agencies and BLM and Forest Service specialists. The alternatives present a range of management actions to achieve the goal of Greater Sage-Grouse conservation for the BLM Colorado Northwest District and the Routt National Forest. Major planning issues addressed include realty actions, oil and gas, minerals, travel management, grazing, and fuels management.
5. Review Period: Protests about the Northwest Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse Proposed LUPA/Final EIS will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of the US Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.

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