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BLM releases Uncompahgre Field Office Resource Management Plan

MONTROSE, Colo. – Today, the Bureau of Land Management released its Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Uncompahgre Field Office.

The Proposed RMP updates and combines the 1985 San Juan/San Miguel RMP and the 1989 Uncompahgre Basin, guiding public land use on approximately 675,800 acres of BLM-managed surface lands and 971,220 acres of federal mineral estate in southwest Colorado. The plan includes elements of alternatives analyzed in the Draft RMP/EIS, balancing energy and mineral development, traditional uses such as livestock grazing and recreational opportunities that have made the area one of Colorado's premier recreation destinations.

"We listened and took the public's valuable input into account, which will help us move forward in a way that balances use, resources and conservation," said Uncompahgre Field Manager Greg Larson. "This plan will continue BLM's tradition of supporting the local economies while maintaining the quality of life and recreational opportunities we all enjoy."

The Proposed RMP/Final EIS was published today in the *Federal Register* with a 30-day protest period and a 60-day Governor's consistency review. During this time, the plan and its associated documents are available for review online at <https://go.usa.gov/xnpgD>.

The Proposed RMP is expected to contribute \$2.5 billion in total economic output to the region, supporting up to 950 jobs over the next 20 years.

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The agency's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. Diverse activities authorized on these lands generated \$75 billion in sales of goods and services throughout the American economy in fiscal year 2016—more than any other agency in the Department of the Interior. These activities supported more than 372,000 jobs.