

**Moab Field Office Planning Area
Proposed Resource Management Plan and
Final Environmental Impact Statement**

Lead Agency: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

Type of Action: Draft () Final (X)
 Administrative (X) Legislative ()

Jurisdiction: All of Grand and the northern one-third of San Juan Counties, Utah.

Abstract: This Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) describes and analyzes the Proposed Plan and draft alternatives for the planning and management of public lands and resources administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Moab Field Office. The Moab planning area is located in southeastern Utah and includes approximately 2.5-million acres of land in Grand and San Juan Counties. Within the Moab planning area, the BLM manages approximately 1.8-million acres of BLM-administered public land surface as well as about 29,000 acres of federal mineral estate.

Alternatives A through D were presented in the Draft RMP and EIS. **Alternative A** is a continuation of the existing management (No Action Alternative). Under this alternative, use of the public lands and resources continue to be managed under the 1985 Grand Resource Area RMP as amended. **Alternative B** emphasizes the protection/preservation of natural resources and minimizes human activities, over commodity production and extraction and motorized recreation access. **Alternative C** provides for a balanced approach of protection/preservation of natural resources while providing for commodity production and extraction. **Alternative D** emphasizes commodity production and extraction as well as motorized recreation access over the protection/preservation of natural resources. After careful consideration of both public and internal comments received on the Draft RMP/EIS, adjustments and clarifications have been made to Alternative C. As modified, Alternative C is now presented as the Moab Proposed RMP in the Final EIS. The major issues addressed include: 1) travel management, 2) recreation, 3) mineral development, 4) special designations, and 5) non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics.

Protests: Protests on the Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement must be postmarked or received no later than 30 days after publication of the Notice of Availability by the Environmental Protection Action in the *Federal Register*. The 30-day protest period (identified above) will not be extended. The close of the protest and period will be announced in news releases, newsletters, and on the Moab RMP website at:
<http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/moab/planning.html>

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