

Livestock Grazing Plan Amendment EIS

WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS: JANUARY—MARCH, 2014

Community Socioeconomic Workshops, January 15-17, 2014

The Bureau of Land Management's Regional Socioeconomic Specialist, Julie Suhr Pierce, will hold a series of local workshops related to the socioeconomic analysis for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Livestock Grazing Plan Amendment.

Ranchers, community leaders, and other interested individuals are encouraged to participate in these workshops. Participants will work with agency natural resource specialists to develop representative scenarios describing typical ways in which the ranches of different sizes and types use public and private lands in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument region as part of their ranching operations. These scenarios will become the basis for an economic analysis that will be conducted later, in which the EIS alternatives will be evaluated for their social and economic impacts.

Ground-level, locally-generated data will be key to a successful socioeconomic analysis process. Participation by those who best know the Monument, local ranching operations, and the regional livestock industry is very important. It will not be necessary to disclose information that is specific to individual ranching operations, and all data will be generalized to protect the privacy of participants.

Please attend the workshop closest and most convenient to you! We need your input! The workshops will be held on these dates in the following locations:

- Escalante, Utah - Wednesday, January 15
Escalante Interagency Visitor Center, 755 West Main Street
- Kanab, Utah - Thursday, January 16
GSENM Headquarters, 669 South, HWY 89A
- Cannonville, Utah - Friday, January 17
Cannonville Visitor Center, 10 Center Street

Workshops will run from 4 pm—7 pm.



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Landscape Level Approaches to Management, January 22-23, 2014

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument will host two seminars on the BLM's landscape level approaches to management and the State of Utah's work with the BLM's Rapid Ecoregional Assessment study data. These seminars are open to the public; participants will have a chance to interact closely with Jason Vernon, State of Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Verlin Smith, Utah BLM Resources Branch Chief, and Karen Prentice, BLM's Healthy Land Initiative Coordinator. Both presentations will be held at 7 pm on these dates in the following locations:

- GSENM Headquarters, 669 South, HWY 89A, Kanab, Utah - January 22
- Escalante Interagency Visitor Center, 755 West Main Street, Escalante, Utah - January 23

Grazing Management for Riparian-Wetland Areas, March 5-6, 2014

The National Riparian Service Team will be teaching a riparian grazing workshop in Escalante, Utah, March 5 and 6, 2014. Participants in this 2-day course will work together to develop and implement grazing management strategies to foster sustainable conditions. This course is open to the public and will be valuable to livestock managers and stakeholders involved in helping develop the Monument's livestock grazing plan amendment. Classroom sessions will be at the Escalante Interagency Visitor Center, 755 West Main Street. There will be hands-on field sessions in the local area as well.

