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GSENM Invites Public to Participate in Upcoming Socioeconomic Workshops

KANAB, Utah – The Bureau of Land Management’s Regional Socioeconomic Specialist, Julie Suhr Pierce, will hold three local workshops related to the socioeconomic analysis for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) Livestock Grazing Plan Amendment/Associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) currently under development.

Ranchers, community leaders, and other interested individuals are encouraged to participate in one of 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 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- 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

For information about these and other future workshops, or the Livestock Grazing Plan Amendment, please call Katherine Farrell at 435-644-1257.

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