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BLM Hosting Public Scoping Meetings on the GSENM Livestock Grazing Plan Amendment

Kanab, Utah—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) is holding public scoping meetings on December 10, 11, and 12 seeking public input on a Livestock Grazing Monument Management Plan Amendment and Associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will replace existing grazing management decisions and amend the Monument Management Plan.

All meetings will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The December 10 meeting takes place in Kanab, Utah, at the BLM administrative complex located at 669 S. Highway 89A. The December 11 meeting is being held at the Interagency Visitor Center at 755 West Main Street in Escalante, Utah; and the December 12 meeting is at the Salt Lake City Main Library, 210 South 400 North.

The meetings will begin with a presentation about the project, followed by an open house. During the open house, the public will have the opportunity to ask BLM and National Park Service (NPS) specialists in attendance about the project.

The affected planning area includes all public lands within GSENM and public lands for which GSENM has livestock grazing management responsibility. This includes BLM lands within GSENM and additional lands within portions of the BLM's Kanab Field Office and the Arizona Strip Field Office as well as lands managed by the National Park Service (NPS) in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. Small areas of additional state, municipal, and private lands also border or are contained within the planning area, but are not included in the decision area.

The public scoping period for the project began November 4, 2013 and will end January 13, 2014. During this time, the BLM is seeking input to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EIS.

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or by any of the following methods:

- Mail: Bureau of Land Management
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

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Kanab, Utah 84741

- Email: BLM_UT_GS_EIS@blm.gov
- Fax: (435)644-1250

Please reference “GSENM Livestock Grazing Plan Amendment” when submitting comments.

To be most helpful, please submit comments before the close of the scoping period. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. BLM will not consider anonymous comments. The minutes and list of attendees for each scoping meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days after the meeting to any participant who wished to clarify the views he or she expressed.

For further information, please contact Matt Betenson, Planning and Support Services Division Chief at (435) 644-1205. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

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