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BLM Seeks Public Input on GSENM Livestock Grazing Plan Amendment

Kanab, Utah—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is 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.

The announcement was published in the *Federal Register* on November 4, 2013 and initiates a public scoping period that will end 60 days from the notice date of publication, or 30 days after the last public scoping meeting, whichever is the latest date. During this public scoping period, the BLM is seeking input from the public to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EIS. To provide the public an opportunity to review the proposal and project information, the BLM will host public scoping meetings that will take place in Kanab, Utah on December 10; Escalante, Utah on December 11; and Salt Lake City, Utah on December 12. Locations of the meetings will be published at least 15 days in advance through local media outlets and on the BLM GSENM website at: www.ut.blm.gov/monument.

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
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- Email: BLM_UT_GS_EIS@blm.gov
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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.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. In Fiscal Year 2012, activities on public lands generated \$4.6 billion in revenue, much of which was shared with the States where the activities occurred. In addition, public lands contributed more than \$112 billion to the U.S. economy and helped support more than 500,000 jobs.

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