

Cedar City Field Office RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN



Dear Neighbor,

November 2010

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Cedar City Field Office, Utah is preparing a new Resource Management Plan (RMP) and an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The RMP will replace the existing Cedar-Beaver-Garfield-Antimony RMP of 1986 and the Pinyon Management Framework Plan of 1983. We are seeking your input to help identify issues and concerns that should be addressed in the RMP.

What is an RMP?

An RMP is a land use plan that provides a framework for managing BLM-administered lands over the next 15 to 20 years. The purpose of the RMP will be to establish goals and objectives for resource management; identify lands that are open or available for certain uses, including any restrictions, and lands that are closed to certain uses; provide comprehensive management direction for all resources and uses; and contain broad scale decisions guiding future site-specific implementation decisions.

The RMP is being prepared to provide future direction for managing public land in the Cedar City Field Office planning area. The planning area is located in southwest Utah in the Great Basin region and encompasses approximately 2.1 million acres of public land in Beaver, Iron, and a small portion of Washington County, Utah. The area supports a variety of resources and resource uses including habitat for wildlife and wild horses as well as rangeland for livestock grazing. Public lands in the planning area provide opportunities for recreation and energy development.

How Can I Get Involved?

Public involvement is an integral part of preparing the Cedar City Field Office RMP/EIS and it begins with public scoping. Public scoping is a process that gives the public and interested agencies the opportunity to provide comments on the nature and extent of issues and impacts to be addressed in the RMP/EIS and the methods by which they will be examined. The official scoping period began with the publication of the Notice of Intent to prepare the RMP/EIS in the *Federal Register* on September 10, 2010.

During the scoping period, the BLM will host three public scoping meetings (see back page for times and locations). These meetings will provide an opportunity for you to comment on the development of the Cedar City Field Office RMP/EIS. While the formal public scoping period will end on December 27, 2010, your comments and questions are always welcome.

Thank you for your interest in the Cedar City Field Office RMP/EIS. I invite you to remain involved throughout the planning process.

Sincerely,

Todd S. Christensen
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PRELIMINARY PLANNING ISSUES

Planning issues are topics of interest or concern about existing and potential land and resource allocations, levels of resource use, production, and related management practices. The BLM along with federal, state, and local agencies and other stakeholders have identified preliminary issues to be addressed in the RMP. Although by no means comprehensive, these preliminary issue topics represent important considerations in the development of the Draft RMP/EIS. You may wish to consider these issues when submitting comments but you do not need to limit your comments to these issues.

- *Renewable energy development for geothermal, wind, and solar power*
- *Management of rights-of-way for renewable energy and utility corridors*
- *Fluid and solid minerals management, including stipulations to protect sensitive resources*
- *Visual resource management*
- *Cultural resources and Native American concerns*
- *Urban interface issues*
- *Travel and transportation management*
- *Recreation opportunities*
- *Evaluation of potential new Areas of Critical Environmental Concern*
- *Consideration of non-Wilderness Study Area lands with wilderness characteristics*
- *Wild and Scenic River recommendations*
- *Rangeland health and vegetation*
- *Wild horse management*
- *Management of special status species*



Mark Your Calendar!

Upcoming Public Meetings

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Cedar City, Utah

Festival Hall Convention Center
Room 7
96 North Main
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Beaver, Utah

Beaver Public Library
55 West Center Street
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Salt Lake City, Utah

Salt Lake City Library
210 East 400 South, Room 4
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**How to Get Involved in the Cedar City
Field Office RMP Process:**

- Attend a public scoping meeting (see schedule at left)
- Submit comments via phone, mail, or email (contact information below)
- Visit the BLM Cedar City Field Office website for more information (see below)

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