

Wyoming Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Land Use Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I comment on the Wyoming Sage-Grouse Draft Land Use Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement?

During the 90-day comment period (December 27, 2013 through March 27, 2014), comments may be submitted via the following:

- At any one of the six public meetings scheduled in February 2014
- Fax: 307-775-6129
- Email: Sagegrouse_Amendment_WY@blm.gov
- Mail: BLM Wyoming State Office
Attn: Sage-Grouse Nine Plan
5353 Yellowstone Road
Cheyenne, WY 82009

Why are the BLM and Forest Service seeking public comment?

The BLM and Forest Service have relied heavily on public participation in developing the Draft Land Use Plan (LUP) Amendment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Public participation is a vital component of the planning process. This current 90-day public comment period offers the public an opportunity to review and comment on all the alternatives and associated information detailed in the Draft LUP Amendment/Draft EIS.

What is the most effective type of comment?

The most effective comments are those that address specific details of the Draft LUP Amendment/Draft EIS, including methodologies, data and information, analysis, and components of the alternatives.

Where can I obtain a copy of the Wyoming Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Land Use Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement?

Document copies are available at the following locations:

- Project website: www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/amendments/sage-grouse.html
- BLM Field Offices in Cheyenne, Rawlins, Rock Springs, Kemmerer, Pinedale, Casper and Newcastle, Wyo.
- Forest Service District Offices in Douglas, Laramie, Jackson, Big Piney and Pinedale, Wyo.



What is a land use plan?

LUPs provide the overall management framework for the BLM and Forest Service. This LUP amendment will guide the management of 16 million acres of surface land and 23 million acres of federal mineral estate in Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Crook, Fremont, Goshen, Laramie, Lincoln, Natrona, Niobrara, Platte, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, Uinta, and Weston counties administered by the BLM and National Forest System.

What is the Preferred Alternative?

The draft EIS analyzes a wide range of possible management alternatives for the LUP amendment. The BLM is required to identify an “Agency Preferred Alternative” in the Draft LUP Amendment/Draft EIS that outlines what the BLM currently proposes. The Proposed LUP Amendment will fall within the range of alternatives analyzed, but could include components of other alternatives presented in the Draft LUP Amendment/Draft EIS.

When will the Proposed LUP Amendment/Final EIS be released?

The agencies currently anticipate a summer 2014 release. The Proposed LUP Amendment/Final EIS will be released for a 30-day public protest period, and the Governor has 60 days to review the document for consistency with state law. A record of decision (ROD) will follow resolution of public protests.

Will my comments be made public?

Following the close of the public comment period, all comments received will be available for public review at the BLM Wyoming State Office and Forest Service District Offices in Douglas, Laramie, Jackson, Big Piney and Pinedale, Wyo. Individuals may request confidentiality with respect to their name, address, and phone number by clearly stating in the first line of their comments: “CONFIDENTIALITY REQUESTED.” However, personal identifying information may be made publicly available at any time. While confidentiality may be requested, the BLM cannot guarantee they will be able to withhold personal identifying information from public review. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public review in their entirety.