

## Public Open House Meetings – We need your input!

A series of local public open house meetings will be held during the 60-day scoping period to gather initial public input on the project.

Open house meetings will take place from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at all locations. BLM and contractor staff will be available to answer questions, discuss issues, and assist in documenting comments.

Public comments must be provided to BLM by April 11, 2011 in order to be formally analyzed and included in the Scoping Report. Comments submitted after this date will be informally considered.

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Meeting	Date	Location
Searchlight	March 1 4:30-7:30 p.m.	Searchlight Community Center 200 Michael Wendell Way Searchlight, NV
Mesquite	March 2 4:30-7:30 p.m.	Mesquite Community and Senior Center 102 W. Old Mill Rd. Mesquite, NV
Las Vegas	March 3 4:30-7:30 p.m.	BLM Las Vegas Field Office 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr. Las Vegas, NV
Goodsprings	March 9 4:30-7:30 p.m.	Goodsprings Community Center 375 West San Pedro Ave. Goodsprings, NV
Overton	March 10 4:30-7:30 p.m.	Overton Community Center 320 N. Moapa Valley Blvd. Overton, NV

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## Las Vegas Travel and Recreation Implementation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement



The Bureau of Land Management's Las Vegas Field Office is developing a travel and recreation implementation plan, consisting of Recreation Area Management Plans (RAMPs) and Comprehensive Transportation and Travel Management plans (CTTM) to identify the actions that are necessary to manage a variety of recreational activities and implement recreation programs throughout the field office. The plans will address transportation and travel issues, including actions related to route evaluation, permits and use restrictions, fees, and facilities and services in the planning area. The planning area is located in Clark County, Nevada and encompasses approximately 3.4 million acres of public land. Along with the travel and recreation implementation plan, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be developed to understand the effects of land management actions on public land users and natural resources.

### What is a RAMP?

A RAMP is a document that identifies goals and actions for recreation in a specific area. While the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan provides the overall guidance for recreation, the RAMPs will identify the actions that are necessary to manage a variety of recreational activities and implement recreation programs for each recreation area.

The travel and recreation implementation plan process will identify specific recreation actions and decisions, including:

- Route evaluation for individual motorized and non-motorized routes in Travel Management Areas
- Visitor services and facilities to be provided
- Locations for competitive races and events
- Updates to the Special Recreation Permit process
- Enforcement and monitoring of recreation activities
- Development of educational and interpretive information and materials
- Use restrictions and fees
- Potential partnerships

### What is CTTM?

BLM uses CTTM to address transportation and travel management by:

- Proactively managing public access and natural resources on BLM lands;
- Evaluating the effects that all forms of motorized and non-motorized travel have on public lands, natural resources, and recreational users;
- Considering various aspects of road and trail system planning and management, including route designation.

CTTM will address all uses of routes, including recreational, traditional, casual, agricultural, commercial, and educational uses.

In addition to motor vehicle use, the CTTM also encompasses non-motorized travel (foot, horseback and other livestock), mechanized vehicles (such as bicycles), and motorized and non-motorized boats.

## How to Participate in Scoping

The travel and recreation implementation plan process includes a 60-day public scoping period. The purpose of scoping is to gather public input on issues and management concerns that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, alternatives, and the planning process. There are many ways to participate in the scoping process:

- Attend an open house meeting
- Submit written comments at a meeting
- Submit verbal comments to a court reporter at a meeting
- Fill out a comment form
- Mail or fax a letter to BLM (contact information on the back of this newsletter)
- Submit comments through email to: [LVFO\\_RAMPS@blm.gov](mailto:LVFO_RAMPS@blm.gov)



## The Planning Process

The travel and recreation implementation plan process started with the publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register on January 28, 2011. The NOI initiated the 60-day scoping period, which ends on April 11, 2011.



BLM will identify management issues and opportunities in close coordination with cooperating agencies, stakeholders, and the public through a 60-day **scoping** period.

Next, BLM will **develop reasonable alternatives** that address the issues identified during scoping and offer a distinct choice among potential management strategies. The 'No Action' alternative is always included, which is the continuation of current management practices.

After a series of Alternatives Workshops, BLM will prepare the **Draft EIS** and gather comments during the 60-day public comment period. Changes will be made as needed, and BLM will prepare the **Final EIS**, which will be followed by a 30-day public review period. After the review period, BLM will sign the **Record of Decision**.

The NOI, Scoping Report, and other documents developed throughout the planning process will be available to the public on the project website at: [www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo.html)

## How does this process fit in with the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan Revision?

The RAMPs will be developed in conjunction with the current Resource Management Plan (RMP) Revision for the Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices, which started in January 2010. The RMP Revision will identify broad recreation guidance and objectives for BLM lands within the Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices, including:

- Designation of recreation management areas;
- Establishment of recreation and visitor service objectives for each recreation area;
- Identification of allowable uses for each recreation area; and
- Overall route designations (open, closed, designated).

Close coordination between the development of the RAMPs and the RMP Revision will ensure that the recommendations in the RAMPs do not conflict with the management objectives and land use decisions in the RMP Revision.



## Las Vegas Travel and Recreation Implementation Plan Process

An integral component of the planning process is public involvement. Throughout the project, stakeholders will have multiple opportunities to participate and share their insights and comments.

