

# APPENDIX B

## Public and Agency Scoping Announcements

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# *Las Vegas Travel and Recreation Implementation Plan*

## **Legal Notice – Scoping Period and Meetings**

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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) 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 Las Vegas Field Office. The plan will address transportation and travel issues, including motorized recreation and 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.

Public input is essential to this process. Public scoping open house meetings will be held in the following locations:

- March 1 – Searchlight  
Searchlight Community Center – 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight, NV
- March 2 – Mesquite  
Mesquite Community and Senior Center – 102 West Old Mill Road, Mesquite, NV
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The open house meetings will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at all locations. The open houses will have several interactive stations that will present information on recreation areas, travel management, key issues, and the planning process. A court reporter will be available to document verbal comments, if individuals wish to comment in that manner. BLM is interested in your comments regarding this plan. At this point, the following information would be the most useful:

- Are there additional issues, concerns, or opportunities (not already identified) that BLM should consider?
- Are there recreation programs, services, or facilities you would like to be developed?
- Which hiking, mountain biking, equestrian, or OHV routes are most important to your recreation experience?

The public scoping period for the travel and recreation implementation plan began with the publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register on January 28, 2011 and will

last until April 11, 2011. Public comments must be provided to the BLM by April 11 in order to be formally analyzed and included in the Scoping Report. If you wish to comment, request additional information, or request to be put on the mailing list, you may do so by notifying the Las Vegas Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89130, Attn: Marilyn Peterson, or by submitting information by email to [LVFO\\_RAMPS@blm.gov](mailto:LVFO_RAMPS@blm.gov) or by fax to (702) 515-5023.

**Local papers for distribution:**

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Moapa Valley Progress

# ***BLM Nevada News***

Southern Nevada District Office

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## **BLM Las Vegas Field Office to Hold Public Scoping Open House Meetings on Travel and Recreation Implementation Plan**

Las Vegas – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold public scoping open house meetings in five locations to encourage public participation in the development of a travel and recreation implementation plan for the Las Vegas Field Office. This plan will consist 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 Las Vegas Field Office. The plan will address transportation and travel issues, including motorized recreation and 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.

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The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis and guide the planning process. BLM is interested in public comments regarding this plan. At this point, the following information would be the most useful:

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The public may submit comments, request additional information, or request to be put on the mailing list by sending such information to the Las Vegas Field Office, Attn: Marilyn Peterson, Bureau of Land Management, 4701 Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130, by submitting information by email to [LVFO\\_RAMPS@blm.gov](mailto:LVFO_RAMPS@blm.gov) or by fax to (702) 515-5023, or by visiting the RAMPs website at: <http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo.html>.

## 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.

### Contact Information

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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.





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Dear Agency Representative:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) 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 Las Vegas Field Office. Additional information on this planning process is available at: <https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&currentPageId=20053>.

The planning area is located in Southern Nevada and encompasses approximately 3.1 million acres of public land. The RAMPs will be developed for recreation areas within the Las Vegas Field Office area in Clark County, Nevada, including Gold Butte, Logandale, Las Vegas Valley, Muddy Mountains, Jean Lake/Roach Lake, Clark County North, Clark County West, and Clark County South. The planning area surrounds, but does not include:

- Spring Mountains National Recreation Area
- Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
- Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area
- Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge

This plan will incorporate other planning efforts started or completed prior to the start of this planning process, such as Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and Wilderness Plans, and can provide additional guidance for those plans if scoping identifies major recreation issues that need to be addressed within the ACECs or Wilderness Areas.

There will be no transportation and travel planning for routes on land not administered by BLM, for National Conservation Areas, Wilderness Areas, or for ACECs in which route designation has already occurred.

The BLM will coordinate with other Federal, state, and local agencies and Indian Tribes who administer adjacent lands, with the goal of providing consistency among the various agency plans and programs.

We invite you to be a cooperating agency as described in the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations at 40 CFR 1501.6 and 1508.5. The CEQ regulations mandate that Federal agencies responsible for preparing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and documentation do so “in cooperation with State and local governments” and other agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise.

The BLM will hold an informational meeting about the project for all potential cooperating agencies on Thursday, March 3, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Building, Rooms 296 and 268, located at 600 South Grand Central Parkway, Suite 350, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The BLM would also like to invite all interested agencies and individuals to attend the public open house meetings during the scoping period. These meetings will take place from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the following dates:

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Please respond in writing within 15 days of receipt of this letter to:

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Ms. Peterson can be reached at 702-515-5054 or [LVFO\\_RAMPS@blm.gov](mailto:LVFO_RAMPS@blm.gov) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert B. Ross, Jr.

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Field Manager