

Craters of the Moon
National Monument & Preserve
Draft Management Plan Amendment
& Environmental Impact Statement

Newsletter

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Paisley Cone and Devil's Orchard taken from Dewdrop Cave - Credit T. Askew, BLM

Draft Plan Amendment Update

The Shoshone Field Office Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is currently drafting the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve Plan Amendment to consider a range of alternatives for livestock grazing on BLM-managed lands within the Monument. With this amendment, the BLM seeks to address current science and the Agency's policies designed to protect greater sage-grouse habitat. We are also analyzing no livestock grazing and reduced livestock grazing alternatives.

The Analysis of the Management Situation and results of scoping have been posted online and can be viewed at http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa_register/Craters-plan-amdt_2013.html.

The Craters Planning Team drafted a Plan Amendment EIS and has been working through comments from personnel in the Idaho State and Washington D.C. BLM offices. Based on those discussions, we decided to develop and analyze an additional alternative.

The Idaho & Southwestern Montana Sub-regional Greater Sage-Grouse EIS release will also require additional editing to the current Craters Plan Amendment.

Once the Sage-grouse EIS is finalized, the Craters Planning Team will edit the draft Craters Plan Amendment and current analyses as well as draw up the new alternative and subsequent analysis.

Timeline

Edits for the Sage-Grouse EIS and the additional alternative will continue until December 2015. The draft Plan Amendment target release date for public review is now June 2016, followed by public meetings from July to September 2016.



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