



United States Department of the Interior  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Northwest Colorado District  
2815 H Road  
Grand Junction, Colorado 81506



In reply refer to:  
1610 (CON000)

Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Northwest, Southwest and Front Range District Offices are scoping for the Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA) for Colorado Parks & Wildlife's (CPW) potential Fish Reclamation Projects (DOI-BLM-CON-2015-0001-EA) and are seeking public input.

The Programmatic EA would streamline authorization for CPW to conduct fish reclamation projects on BLM-managed lands throughout the state of Colorado. CPW uses a chemical called Rotenone to eradicate non-native fish from suitable waters in order to reintroduce native fish primarily cutthroat trout. The chemical is specific to gill-breathing organisms. The projects are needed to bolster native fish populations and preserve genetically pure cutthroat trout populations for the future. The programmatic EA will analyze the environmental effects of CPW conducting fish restoration projects using Rotenone in streams under the agency's standard protocols. The BLM would decide under what terms and conditions these treatment projects could be conducted on BLM-managed lands in Colorado. Specific proposals that fall within the parameters analyzed in this programmatic EA could then be authorized on a project-specific basis.

The BLM would like to hear from you regarding any issues or concerns you feel should be considered in the development of the EA. For a complete description of the Proposed Action, please see the ePlanning project website: [https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa\\_register.do](https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do)

Please submit your scoping comments in writing by July 8, 2015:

- Email: [blm\\_co\\_nwdist\\_public\\_comments@blm.gov](mailto:blm_co_nwdist_public_comments@blm.gov)
- Fax: (970) 244-3083
- Mail: BLM Fish Treatment EA, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506

Please include "Fish Treatment EA" in the subject line of emailed and faxed comments.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Fresques, Northwest District Fish Biologist, (970) 876-9000, [tfresqu@blm.gov](mailto:tfresqu@blm.gov) or Erin Jones, Northwest District NEPA Coordinator, (970) 244-3000, [erjones@blm.gov](mailto:erjones@blm.gov).

Thank you for your interest in the management of the public lands.

Sincerely,

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