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## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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### OPTIONAL REPLY: July 17, 2015

The Bureau of Land Management's Tres Rios Field Office has received a request from Silverton Guides (Special-Recreation Permit holder) to modify their permit to include more diverse terrain for their guided helicopter skiing on BLM lands. The ski terrain is currently entirely above tree-line and the proposal would include utilizing terrain below tree-line (no tree cutting required). You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as having an interest in the associated activities.

The Tres Rios Field Office is updating the Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the effects of implementing the proposed action and alternatives to that action:

**What:** Modify existing Special Recreation Permit (SRP) to authorize a diversity of skiing terrain (pods) for guided helicopter skiing  
**Where:** T41 & 42 N, R 6 & 7 W -- Alpine Triangle Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), Silverton, CO (see attached map)  
**When:** Implement beginning 2015/2016 ski season

The purpose and need for the action is to provide an increased opportunity for a high quality, diverse and challenging recreational experience. Site specific, written comments\* should be submitted via email or hard copy to:

BLM Tres Rios Field Office  
Attn: Jeff Christenson, Recreation Planner  
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In addition we would also like your comments, if any, on the potential effects to historic properties is made to satisfy consultation requirements with local governments pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Sincerely,

Connie Clementson  
Field Manager

Enclosure – map

*\*Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment –including your personal identifying information –may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.*