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BLM Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Permanent Restriction of Roped Activities at Corona Arch and Gemini Bridges

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Utah Moab Field Office is seeking public comment on the proposed permanent restriction of Corona Arch and Gemini Bridges to rope use, including ziplining, highlining, slacklining, climbing, rappelling and rope swinging.

Corona Arch and Gemini Bridges are iconic hiking destinations for many visitors to Moab. Corona Arch was acquired in 2014 by the BLM from the State of Utah and is within a Hiking Focus Area. A two-year temporary restriction on roped activities on the two arches was instituted in early 2015. The BLM seeks public input on the development of appropriate permanent recreation management strategies relating to roped activities for these two popular recreation destinations.

The project information, including maps of the proposed restrictions, can be accessed, and scoping comments submitted electronically, using the BLM ePlanning website:

https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do

Please navigate to the website identified above, choose the “Advanced Search” hyperlink under “Text Search,” and type “Corona Arch” in the “Project Name” field. Open the project webpage (located at the bottom of the page) and click on “Documents,” then select the “Comment on Document” button if you wish to provide a comment.

Written scoping comments will be accepted by letter or email through December 2, 2015. Please reference “Corona” when submitting comments. Please note that the most useful comments are those that identify issues relevant to the proposed action. Comments which contain only opinions or preferences will not receive a formal response but may be considered in the BLM decision-making process. Electronic comments can be posted on the ePlanning site above. Written comments may also be mailed to the following address:

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Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in any comments, be aware that the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. Requests to withhold personal identifying information from public review can be submitted, but the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so. The BLM will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

For additional information, contact Katie Stevens at (435)259-2100. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question with the above individual. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In fiscal year 2014, the BLM generated \$5.2 billion in receipts from public lands.

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