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BLM seeks public comments on proposal to lease Salida East to Colorado Parks and Wildlife

CANON CITY, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management Royal Gorge Field Office is hosting a public meeting to provide information and an opportunity to comment on a proposal to lease the Salida East Recreation Site to Colorado Parks and Wildlife under the Recreation & Public Purposes Act.

The public is encouraged to attend the meeting, starting at 6:30 PM on Sept. 28 at the Salida SteamPlant Event Center, 220 E Sacket Ave. BLM and CPW representatives will discuss current user conflicts and natural resource concerns at the site, as well as the steps to move forward with a lease.

With an approved lease, the BLM and CPW would collaboratively manage the area by improving facilities, reducing user conflicts and ensuring natural resource protection. If the lease is approved, CPW could collect fees to fund maintenance, capital improvements and monitoring costs.

The BLM is analyzing the proposed R&PP lease in an environmental assessment and seeking public input to identify issues and concerns that should be addressed. Comments will be received until Oc. 28, 2016 and accepted via the BLM's ePlanning website or by mail to the BLM Royal Gorge Field Office, 3028 E. Main St., Canon City, CO 81212. For additional information, please contact Kalem Lenard at jlennard@blm.gov or 719-269-8538. Information on the alternatives can be found online at: <http://bit.ly/2cpES3I>

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware 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 your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Thank you for your interest in the management of your public lands within the Royal Gorge Field Office.

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 sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. In Fiscal Year 2015, the BLM generated \$4.1 billion in receipts from activities occurring on public lands.

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