

ERRATA SHEET

On March 15, 2019, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) noticed in the Federal Register (84 FR 10327) the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment (ARMPA). The BLM has identified the need for clarification related to the BLM's protest resolution process. These modifications do not substantially change the alternatives or the analysis of effects on the human environment, therefore there is no need to supplement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis or issue a new ROD.

Attached you will find two errata sheets that correct the Dear Reader Letter and Section 8.2 (page I-10) of the Northwest Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse ROD/ARMPA. The new text has been highlighted on the attached errata sheets. You should replace these pages in your copies of the ROD/ARMPA with the corrected sheets.

Dear Reader:

Enclosed is the Northwest Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment and Record of Decision (Approved RMPA and ROD). The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) prepared this plan amendment with valuable input from cooperating agencies and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, implementing regulations, the BLM's Land Use Planning Handbook (H-1601-1), and other applicable laws and policies.

The planning area includes the BLM Colorado Grand Junction, Kremmling, Little Snake, White River and Colorado River Valley field offices and encompasses approximately 4.2 million acres in ten counties. Within this area, approximately 1.7 million acres are mapped as containing Greater Sage-Grouse habitat administered by the BLM, along with approximately 2.8 million acres of BLM-administered subsurface federal mineral estate.

On October 11, 2017, following direction in Secretarial Order 3353, the BLM issued a Notice of Intent to amend the Resource Management Plans (as amended in 2015) pertaining to Greater Sage-Grouse habitat management to bring the plans into alignment with the State of Colorado's Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan and other Colorado conservation strategies. On May 4, 2018, the BLM released a Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement (Draft RMPA/EIS), which considered the potential impacts of the No Action Alternative and the Management Alignment Alternative (the Preferred Alternative). The Draft RMPA/EIS was available for a 90-day public comment period from May 4 to August 2, 2018. BLM Colorado received 34,650 unique comment letters, forms, and emails, resulting in 595 substantive comments.

On December 10, 2018 the BLM Colorado released the Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement (Proposed RMPA/Final EIS) for a 30- day Protest Period and 60-day Governor's Consistency Review. The BLM received 17 protest submissions, of which 12 were determined to have standing. Pursuant to the BLM's 2016 delegation manual (MS-1203), the BLM Assistant Director for Resources and Planning concluded that the BLM Colorado State Director had followed applicable laws, regulations, and policies and considered relevant information and public input during plan development, and resolved the protests without making significant changes to the Proposed RMPA/Final EIS.

Issuance of this ROD completes the process of finalizing the Approved RMPA, which will guide management of Greater Sage-Grouse habitat on BLM-administered public lands in Colorado. The 2019 Approved RMPA and ROD are available electronically on BLM's ePlanning website at:

<https://goo.gl/kmLtwT>

The BLM appreciates the involvement of groups, organizations, cooperating agencies, and federal, state, and local agencies who contributed to the development of this Approved RMPA. This participation informed and improved the process and outcome.

Thank you for your continued interest in managing habitat for the Greater Sage-Grouse. Your ongoing involvement is encouraged during plan implementation and monitoring, as we move forward in managing our public lands together.

Sincerely,

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Bureau of Land Management

8.2 Protest Resolution

The BLM's planning regulations at 43 CFR 1610.5-2 allow any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest that may be adversely affected by the BLM's planning decisions to protest proposed planning decisions within 30 days from the date the NOA for the Proposed RMPA/Final EIS was published in the Federal Register (December 10, 2018). The Office of the BLM Director received 17 timely protest submissions. Twelve of the protesting parties were determined to have standing, while five submissions were dismissed as they did not contain any valid protest points, pursuant to 43 CFR 1610.5- 2. Pursuant to the BLM's 2016 delegation manual (MS-1203), the BLM Assistant Director for Resources and Planning concluded that the BLM Colorado State Director had followed all applicable laws, regulations, and policies and had considered all relevant resource information and public input in developing the Proposed RMPA/Final EIS. Each protesting party has been notified in writing of the Assistant Director's findings and the disposition of their protest. The Assistant Director resolved the protests without making significant changes to the Proposed RMPA/Final EIS.

The Assistant Director's decisions on the protests, which are the final decision of the US Department of the Interior (43 CFR 1610.5-2(b)), are summarized in the Protest Resolution Reports, which are available on the BLM website at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/protest-resolution-reports>