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Dear Reader:

The draft supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Colorado River Valley Field Office (CRVFO) and Grand Junction Field Office (GJFO) Resource Management Plans (RMP)/Final EISs is available for your review and comment. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) prepared this supplemental EIS to comply with the settlement agreements in litigation of the CRVFO RMP (*Wilderness Workshop v. BLM*, 16-cv-01822) and subsequent oil and gas leasing in both field offices (*Wilderness Workshop v. BLM*, 18-cv-00987) as well as to revisit the GJFO RMP, as described in the BLM's motion for voluntary remand in litigation associated with the GJFO RMP (*Center for Biological Diversity v. BLM*, 19-cv-02869).

The planning area is identical to the combined planning areas for the CRVFO RMP/EIS and the GJFO RMP/EIS. Within the CRVFO portion of the supplemental EIS planning area, approximately 494,160 acres of BLM-administered surface lands and approximately 695,210 acres of BLM-administered federal fluid mineral estate are in Eagle, Garfield, Mesa, Pitkin, and Routt Counties in Colorado. Within the GJFO portion of the planning area, approximately 1,060,900 acres of BLM-administered surface lands and approximately 1,226,450 acres of BLM-administered federal fluid mineral estate are in Garfield, Mesa, Montrose, and Rio Blanco Counties in Colorado. The decision area is BLM-administered surface lands (BLM-administered lands) and the federal fluid mineral estate below BLM-administered lands, split-estate lands, and other federal lands (but not National Forest System lands).

The BLM encourages the public to provide information and comments pertaining to the analysis presented in this draft supplemental EIS. The BLM is particularly interested in feedback concerning the adequacy and accuracy of the new management alternatives and the analysis of environmental consequences.

The BLM will accept comments for 90 calendar days following the Environmental Protection Agency's publication of its Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register*. The BLM can best use your comments and resource information submissions if it receives them within the review period. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined online at <https://go.usa.gov/xtrgf>.

You may submit comments electronically on the project website: <https://go.usa.gov/xtrgf>; or you can mail or hand deliver comments to BLM Upper Colorado River District, Attn: Supplemental EIS, 2518 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506. To facilitate analysis of comments and information submitted, the BLM strongly encourages you to submit comments in an electronic format.

Your review and comments on the content of this document are critical to the success of this planning effort. If you wish to submit comments, the BLM requests that you make them as specific as possible. Comments will be more helpful if you include suggested changes, sources, or methods and reference a section or page number. The BLM will consider comments containing only opinions or preferences and will include them as part of the decision-making process; however, the BLM will not respond formally to those comments.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Public meetings to provide an overview of the document and to respond to questions will be announced by local media and the project website at least 15 days in advance.

Thank you for your continued interest in the draft supplemental EIS. The BLM appreciates the information and suggestions you contribute to the planning process. For additional information or clarification of this document or planning process, please contact Stacey Colon at 970-244-3097 or email ucrd-seis@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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