



# Bears Ears National Monument

## Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement



### HOW TO COMMENT EFFECTIVELY

#### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Public comment opportunities allow you to be involved in the decision-making process and to ensure your voice is heard. People often have valuable information about places and resources they consider important and information the BLM and USDA Forest Service may not have readily available.

The most effective comments will relate directly to the BLM's and USDA Forest Service's draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) proposal. Comments that provide relevant and/or new information with sufficient detail are most useful and are referred to as substantive comments. Substantive comments are used to prepare and revise the analysis documents.

#### Substantive comments will:

Provide information that the BLM and USDA Forest Service should consider, such as:

- Identifying factual errors
- Presenting new information relevant to the analysis
- Questioning, with reasonable basis, the accuracy of information

Identify different ways to meet the Purpose and Need for Action, such as:

- Providing solution-oriented or specific examples
- Describing alternatives
- Describing methods to mitigate or reduce potentially harmful effects

Present information relevant to the analysis of environmental effects, such as:

- Suggesting methodologies for analyzing environmental impacts
- Questioning, with reasonable basis, the adequacy of methodology for or assumptions used in the analysis (i.e., describe an alternate methodology commenter prefers and why)
- Identifying credible sources of information that will aid in analyzing environmental effects
- Describing reasons you agree or disagree with the proposal
- Describing changes you would like to see and why you believe the changes are important

#### Comments that are not helpful include:

- Votes for or against an alternative
- Agreements or disagreements with the proposed RMP/EIS without reasons
- Agreements or disagreements with laws, regulations, or BLM and USDA Forest Service policies



#### HOW TO COMMENT ON EPLANNING:

#### HOW TO PROVIDE INPUT

You can submit your comments via the ePlanning webpage or by mail. **Please submit your comments by June 11, 2024.**

**ePlanning webpage:** <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2020347/570>

**Mail:** Bureau of Land Management, Monticello Field Office, Attention: BENM Monument Management Plan  
365 North Main Street, P.O. Box 7  
Monticello, Utah 84535

**For more information, please visit the BENM RMP/EIS webpage:**



Examples of Substantive Comments	Example of Non-substantive Comments
I disagree with closing Road 245. I need this road to access my private land.	Stop closing our roads!
Grazing should not be allowed along Dry Creek because they are removing all the vegetation and making the stream muddy.	No grazing should be allowed.
Please move the Blue Trailhead to the 1717 Road junction because it would be closer to the overlook, and it would be easier to turn around.	The Blue Trailhead is in a stupid location.
I would like to express my concern regarding the potential impacts on wildlife habitats within the proposed right-of-way (ROW) corridor. Specifically, I urge the project proponents to consider alternative routing options that minimize disturbances to critical wildlife habitats located in the proposed ROW.	More should be done to address wild-life habitat.
Cows should not be allowed to graze along the Bird Trail. This area used to be one of my favorite hiking trails and is an outstanding natural area. Cows eat all the plants and leave manure. This area does not look very natural after the cows leave.	Cows should be excluded from hiking areas.