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## BLM seeks public comment on right-of-way amendment in Duchesne County

**VERNAL, Utah** — The Bureau of Land Management Vernal Field Office invites the public to provide comments during a 30-day scoping period on an application for a right-of-way amendment to reconstruct a portion of the Gate Canyon section of Wells Draw Road (County Road #32). Applicant Duchesne County Special Services District 2 proposes to bring this section of the Wells Draw Road into conformance with American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) design standards.

"We have the responsibility to assess the potential effects of the proposal on the environment, cultural resources and the many people who use these lands and resources," said **BLM Green River District Manager Lance Porter**. "Public input helps BLM to understand potential issues and impacts from the proposed road reconstruction."

Of the approximately 5.2 miles of roadway proposed to be reconstructed, 2.7 miles are on land managed by the BLM and 2.5 miles are on land managed by Utah's School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA).

The scoping document, as well as other documents, including maps, will be made available on the publicly accessible BLM National NEPA Register on Jan. 9, 2023 (see ePlanning link below). Written comments will be accepted by letter, email or ePlanning submission online until Feb. 8, 2023. The BLM notes the most useful comments are specific and contain technical or scientific information relevant to the proposed action and/or project area. Please reference "Wells Draw Road Amendment: Gate Canyon" when submitting comments.

Mail: BLM Vernal Field Office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078 Email: <u>blm\_ut\_vernal\_comments@blm.gov</u> ePlanning: <u>https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2022551/510</u>

Before including an address, phone number, email address or other personally identifiable information in any comments, be aware the entire comment—including personally 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 it will be able to do so.

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