

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
READINESS SESSION**

**MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2013, 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM
250 N. 5TH STREET**

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- 1. Bureau of Land Management Draft Resource Management Plan Recap:** The Bureau of Land Management has issued the draft Resource Management Plan and the Environmental Impact Statement for the BLM administered lands within the Grand Junction Field Office. Staff will present an overview of the document and discuss City comments to be provided by June 24, 2013. [Attach R-1](#)
- 2. Other Business**

COUNCIL STAFF REPORT READINESS

Topic: Bureau of Land Management Draft Resource Management Plan Recap

Staff: Greg Trainor, Public Works, Utilities, and Planning Director
Terry Franklin, Utility Manager, Public Works, Utilities and Planning
David Thornton, Principal Planner, Public Works, Utilities and Planning
Kathy Portner, Economic Development and Sustainability

Summary:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has issued the draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the BLM administered lands within the Grand Junction Field Office. Staff will present an overview of the document and discuss City comments to be provided by June 24, 2013.

Background, Analysis and Options:

The purpose of the BLM RMP revision is to ensure that public lands are managed in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), under the principles of multiple use and sustained yield. This is accomplished by establishing goals, objectives, allowable uses, and management actions to maintain, develop and protect the resource values for present and future generations.

The City of Grand Junction was invited to be a cooperating agency and staff attended all of the cooperating agency meetings since November 2008. The RMP/EIS comprises three volumes, 50 months of preparation and 2,000+ pages.

Staff will highlight the identified alternatives in the following areas:

- Travel Management
 - Mainly watershed area
- Energy Development
- Water, Soil and Riparian Areas
 - Watershed protections
- Recreation Management
 - Trails
- Lands and Realty/Community Growth and Expansion
 - Airport land withdrawal
- Vegetation Management
 - Grazing

- Fire mitigation
- Air Quality
- Staff Comments

Board or Committee Recommendation: N/A

Financial Impact/Budget: N/A

Legal issues: N/A

Other issues: N/A

Previously presented or discussed: N/A

Attachments:

Comment Letter from Citizen

March 25, 2013

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City of Grand Junction
250 N. 5th Street
Grand Junction, Colorado 81504

Attn. Rich Englehart, Manager

Re. Bureau of Land Management Draft Resource Management Plan (DRMP)

Dear Mr. Englehart:

Personal Note: My wife and I attended 90% of the Scoping meetings MC'd by Professor Tim Casey. We also attended the 'Advisory Council' meetings held more recently. In all these meetings, 'motorized' asked BLM for two (2) things: Keep the trails open that we already have, and, 'connect' two dead-end trails to make a 'loop'.

With every fiber of my being, I implore the City of Grand Junction to support 'Alternative A' of the DRMP and TMP (Travel Management Plan)

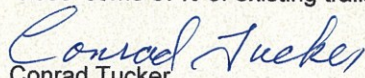
BLM will 'listen' to the City of Grand Junction more attentively than a letter that I can (and will) write.

Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO) did a study showing the economic impact of local and out-of-state motorized users have on our area. It is HUGE! Combined with 'hunters', motorized brings substantial money to our area businesses.

Therefore I implore you to write a letter to Katie Stevens, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Grand Junction specifically asking BLM to adopt 'Alternative A' that will guide BLM's trail management for the next 20 years.

Your letter will carry more 'Oomph' than any letter that I can write.

Thank You for your careful consideration of this matter. Also, be aware that this letter 'represents' some 500 other people's 'views' who don't take the time to write but nonetheless are deeply concerned over BLM's 'Preferred Alternative B' (which would 'close' some 67% of existing trails).


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