

resources, or uses for which goals and objectives, administrative designations, allocations for allowable uses, and/or management direction may be updated:

- Cultural and historic resources
- Ecological resources
- Geologic resources
- Fish and wildlife and their habitat
- Recreation
- Motorized and mechanized vehicle use
- Lands and realty
- Livestock grazing
- Wilderness

Other existing goals, objectives, and other land use planning-level decisions from the 2012 Taos RMP will be modified under the Proposed Action if necessary to ensure that the protection, restoration, and/or increased resiliency of Monument objects. The BLM welcomes comments on the preliminary proposed action as well as suggestions for additional alternatives.

#### Planning Criteria

The planning criteria guide the planning effort and lay the groundwork for effects analysis by identifying the preliminary issues and their analytical frameworks. Preliminary issues for the planning area have been identified by BLM personnel and from early engagement conducted for this planning effort with Federal, State, and local agencies; Tribes; and other stakeholders. The BLM has identified multiple preliminary issues regarding various resources and uses for this planning effort's analysis. The planning criteria are available for public review and comment at the ePlanning website (see **ADDRESSES**).

#### Public Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping period and public review of the planning criteria, which guide the development and analysis of the RMP Amendment and Environmental Analysis.

The BLM will be holding two public scoping meetings in the following locations: Taos and Santa Fe, New Mexico. One virtual meeting will also be held. The specific date and location of these scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through media outlets, social media, and the project ePlanning website (see **ADDRESSES**).

Comments submitted during public scoping that provide pertinent information, express relevant concerns and issues, and identify reasonable management options, especially when submitted with sufficient detail, are most substantive and useful for

evaluating alternatives and conducting impact analysis.

#### Interdisciplinary Team

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in this planning effort: aquatic resources, archaeology, botany, ecology, environmental justice, forestry, geology, lands and realty, paleontology, outdoor recreation, rangeland management, soils, socioeconomics, visual resources, wild and scenic rivers, wilderness, wildlife and fisheries.

#### Additional Information

The BLM will identify, analyze, and consider mitigation to address the reasonably foreseeable impacts to resources from the proposed plan amendment and any analyzed reasonable alternatives and, in accordance with 40 CFR 1502.14(e), include appropriate mitigation measures not already included in the proposed plan amendment or alternatives. Mitigation may include avoidance, minimization, rectification, reduction or elimination over time, and compensation; and may be considered at multiple scales, including the landscape scale.

The BLM will utilize and coordinate the NEPA and land use planning processes for this planning effort to help support compliance with applicable procedural requirements under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1536) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3), including public involvement requirements of Section 106. The information about historic and cultural resources and threatened and endangered species within the area potentially affected by the proposed plan will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources.

The BLM will consult with Tribal Nations on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175, BLM MS 1780, and other Departmental policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Tribal trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with Tribal Nations and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed approval that the BLM is evaluating, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or

be requested by the BLM to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency.

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.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.9 and 43 CFR 1610.2.)

**Melanie G. Barnes,**  
*State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Public Land Order 7928; Permanent Withdrawal and Transfer of Jurisdiction, Wyoming**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public Land Order.

**SUMMARY:** This order permanently withdraws and transfers administrative jurisdiction of 869.08 acres of public lands and 3,454.39 acres of Federal mineral estate to the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) for its Split Rock Site in Wyoming pursuant to the authority under Title II of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (UMTRCA).

**DATES:** This Public Land Order takes effect on August 11, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Keesha Clay, Realty Specialist, BLM Wyoming State Office, (307) 775-6189, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Ms. Clay. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary of the Interior is permanently withdrawing and transferring the subject Federal lands and minerals under UMTRCA, as amended by the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Amendments Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 7916), for the purpose of facilitating long term maintenance and monitoring of the Split Rock Uranium Tailing Cell Site by DOE-LM under applicable provisions of UMTRCA.

### Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 7916 (2000)), as amended, it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands and reserved public minerals are hereby permanently withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, and entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, mineral and geothermal leasing laws, and disposal under the mineral materials laws, and jurisdiction over such lands and minerals is hereby permanently transferred to the United States DOE-LM to administer them in perpetuity as a hazardous material site under the authority of the UMTRCA of 1978, Public Law 95-604, 92 Stat. 3021, as amended, as the Split Rock Uranium Tailing Cell Site:

### Public Lands

#### Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

- T. 29 N., R. 91 W.,  
 sec. 6, lots 8 thru 13 and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 sec. 7, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 sec. 8, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
 T. 29 N., R. 92 W.,  
 sec. 1, lots 1 and 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 sec. 2, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 sec. 11, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 sec. 12, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate 869.08 acres of surface and Federal minerals.

#### Federal Mineral Interests Underlying Non-Federal Surface

- T. 29 N., R. 91 W.  
 sec. 5, S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 sec. 6, lot 5, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 sec. 7, lots 1 thru 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 sec. 8, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 sec. 18, lots 1 and 2 and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , those portions lying northerly of the northerly right-of-way boundary of U.S. Highway 287, as described on Document No. 2009-1328633, filed October 19, 2009, in the Fremont County Clerk's Office.  
 T. 29 N., R. 92 W.,  
 sec. 1, lot 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

- sec. 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 sec. 3, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 sec. 10, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , that portion lying northerly of the northerly boundary of the Home on the Range Estates Subdivision, Document No. 970395, filed March 8, 1978, in the Fremont County Clerk's Office;  
 sec. 11, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ , except that portion of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  within said Home on the Range Subdivision;  
 sec. 12, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 sec. 13, N $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 sec. 14, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate approximately 3,454.39 acres of Federal minerals underlying non-Federal surface.

2. DOE-LM has acknowledged that segments of four National Historic Trails are present within the project area. The transfer of administrative jurisdiction does not invalidate or revoke the congressionally designated alignments of the National Historic Trails across the property; the National Park Service continues to coordinate trail-wide administration.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7916.)

#### Shannon A. Estenoz,

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM or Monument), and by this notice is providing information announcing the opening of the comment period on the Draft RMP/EIS and the comment period on the BLM's proposed areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs) and proposed recreational target shooting closures.

**DATES:** This notice announces the opening of a 90-day comment period for the Draft RMP/EIS beginning with the date following the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) publication of its Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft RMP/EIS in the **Federal Register**. The EPA usually publishes its NOAs on Fridays.

To afford the BLM the opportunity to consider comments in the Proposed RMP/Final EIS, please ensure that the BLM receives your comments prior to the close of the 90-day public comment period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

In addition, this notice also announces the opening of a 90-day comment period for proposed target shooting closures and a 90-day comment period for proposed ACECs. The BLM must receive your comments by November 9, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The Draft RMP/EIS is available for review on the BLM ePlanning project website at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2020343/510>.

Written comments related to the GSENM Draft RMP/EIS may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2020343/510>.

- **Mail:** ATTN: GSENM RMP Project Manager, BLM Paria River District, 669 S Highway 89A, Kanab, UT 84741.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined online at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2020343/570> and at the BLM Paria River District Office, 669 US-89A, Kanab, Utah 84741.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott M. Whitesides, Project Manager, telephone (801) 539-4054; address Bureau of Land Management Utah, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101; email [swhitesides@blm.gov](mailto:swhitesides@blm.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Mr. Whitesides. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document provides notice that the BLM Utah State Director has prepared a Draft RMP/EIS, provides information announcing the opening of the comment period on the Draft RMP/EIS, and announces the comment period on the BLM's proposed ACEC and proposed