

information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Abstract:* Information is collected from visitors of public lands and residents of communities near public lands. Information gathered from visitors and local community residents is used to inform planning decisions in support of BLM's Planning for Recreation and Visitor Services Handbook H-8320-1. OMB approval for this information collection is currently due to expire on April 30, 2025. The BLM plans to request that OMB renew these surveys and focus groups for additional three (3) years.

*Title of Collection:* Surveys and Focus Groups to Support Outcomes-Focused Management (Recreation Survey and Focus Groups).

*OMB Control Number:* 1004-0217.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 5,330.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 7,230.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* Varies from 3 minutes to complete an on-site survey to 90 minutes to complete a focus group.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 2,046.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**Darrin A. King,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the ANCSA 17(d)(1) Withdrawals Final Environmental Impact Statement, Alaska

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance 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) announces the availability of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) 17(d)(1) Withdrawals Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The BLM held public meetings on the Draft EIS and subsistence-related hearings to receive comments on the Draft EIS and the project's potential to impact subsistence resources and activities. The Final EIS considers those comments.

**DATES:** The BLM will publish the Record of Decision for the project no earlier than 30 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability of the Final EIS in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** The Final EIS and documents pertinent to this proposal are available for review on the BLM ePlanning project website at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2018002/510>, and in-person at the BLM Anchorage Field Office, and at the BLM Alaska State Office, BLM Alaska Public Information Center.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Racheal Jones, BLM Project Manager, telephone (907) 290-0307; address ANCSA 17(d)(1) EIS, BLM Anchorage District Office, Attn: Racheal Jones, 4700 BLM Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507; email [rajones@blm.gov](mailto:rajones@blm.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Ms. Jones. 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 U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), BLM Alaska State Office, prepared this EIS to evaluate the effects of any Secretarial decision to revoke withdrawals established following enactment of ANCSA Section 17(d)(1) affecting the lands described in Public Land Order (PLO) Nos. 7899 through 7903. The potential revocation of these 17(d)(1) withdrawals is hereafter referred to as the 2021 Action. PLO Nos. 7900, 7901, 7902, and 7903, which would revoke withdrawals on lands in the Ring of Fire, Bay, Bering Sea-Western Interior, and East Alaska planning areas,

respectively, were signed on January 15 and 16, 2021; however, they were never published in the **Federal Register**. PLO No. 7899, which would revoke withdrawals on lands in the Kobuk-Seward Peninsula planning area, was signed on January 11, 2021, and published in the **Federal Register** on January 19, 2021 (86 FR 5236). Subsequently, the DOI identified certain procedural and legal defects in the decision-making process for these PLOs, as described in the April 16, 2021, **Federal Register** notice (86 FR 20193), including insufficient analysis under NEPA. The DOI extended the opening order for PLO No. 7899 until August 31, 2024, to provide an opportunity to review the decision and to ensure the orderly management of the public lands (88 FR 21207). The BLM used this time to address identified deficiencies and to update the NEPA analysis.

The 2021 Action under review is revocation of the ANCSA 17(d)(1) withdrawals as described in PLO No. 7899, 7900, 7901, 7902, and 7903, affecting approximately 28 million acres in total. This EIS evaluates the resource conditions on these lands and incorporates and describes additional coordination with other Federal agencies; State and local governments; Federally recognized Tribes; Alaska Native Corporations; and other stakeholders to ensure that the environmental analyses previously conducted are updated and expanded upon as appropriate. This additional analysis is necessary to ensure display of the impacts of revocation of the ANCSA 17(d)(1) withdrawals; to correct errors in the previous decision-making process regarding these withdrawals; and to ensure that opening these lands is consistent with the purposes of ANCSA 17(d)(1), which requires that "the public interest in these lands is properly protected," including factors such as subsistence hunting and fishing, habitat connectivity, protection of cultural resources, and protection of threatened and endangered species. This evaluation is needed to make an informed public interest determination to support revocation in full, revocation in part, or retention in full of the ANCSA 17(d)(1) withdrawals.

The BLM considered alternatives that represent retention or revocation of the 17(d)(1) withdrawals and different configurations of the areas affected in each of the five planning areas (Bay, Bering Sea-Western Interior, East Alaska, Kobuk-Seward, and Ring of Fire). Each of the alternatives identifies 17(d)(1) withdrawals in the five planning areas as retained or revoked. The alternatives range from retaining

the withdrawals on all lands (Alternative A) to revoking the withdrawals on all lands (Alternative D). Alternatives B and C include partial revocations based on natural resource factors. Full or partial revocation of the ANCSA 17(d)(1) withdrawals would result in changes to land use that could affect local residents, wildlife, vegetation, cultural resources, subsistence, and recreation. No development plans have been submitted, and no stipulations are attached to selected lands that would prevent any specific development from taking place. Therefore, the EIS provides a reasonably foreseeable development scenario that identifies and quantifies potential development activity in the decision area, including the extraction of leasable, locatable, and salable minerals, as well as the establishment of associated rights-of-way, assuming the land is not withdrawn from availability for such activities.

Section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) requires the BLM to evaluate the effects of the alternatives presented in the Final EIS on subsistence uses and needs and to hold public hearings if it finds that any alternative may significantly restrict subsistence uses.

The BLM found in the evaluation of subsistence impacts that Alternatives B, C, or D, in combination with the cumulative case as analyzed in the Draft EIS, may significantly restrict subsistence uses in many communities. Therefore, the BLM held public hearings on subsistence resources and activities in conjunction with the public meetings on the Draft EIS in the vicinity of potentially affected communities. In consideration of public comments received on the Draft EIS and at the public hearings, the BLM revised the ANILCA Section 810 evaluation, published as Appendix C of the Final EIS, but did not change its “may significantly restrict subsistence uses” findings for the identified communities.

The input of Alaska Native Tribes and Corporations is of critical importance to this EIS. Therefore, during the NEPA process, the BLM consulted with potentially affected Federally recognized Tribes on a government-to-government basis, and with affected Alaska Native Corporations in accordance with Executive Order 13175, as well as Public Law 108–199, Div. H, sec. 161, 118 Stat. 452, as amended by Public Law 108–447, Div. H, sec. 518, 118 Stat. 3267, and other Department and Bureau policies.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6(b))

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Gunnison Sage-Grouse (*Centrocercus minimus*), Colorado and Utah

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLMPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a proposed resource management plan (RMP) amendment and final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Gunnison Sage-Grouse (*Centrocercus minimus*) and by this notice is announcing the start of a 30-day protest period of the proposed RMP amendment.

**DATES:** This notice announces the beginning of a 30-day protest period to the BLM on the proposed RMP amendment. Protests must be postmarked or electronically submitted on the BLM’s ePlanning site within 30 days of the date that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its Notice of Availability (NOA) in the **Federal Register**. The EPA usually publishes its NOAs on Fridays.

**ADDRESSES:** The proposed RMP amendment and final EIS is available on the BLM ePlanning project website at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2019031/510>. Documents pertinent to this proposal may also be examined at the Grand Junction, Uncompahgre, Tres Rios, Gunnison, San Luis Valley, Moab, and Monticello Field Offices.

Instructions for filing a protest with the BLM for the Gunnison Sage-Grouse (*Centrocercus minimus*) RMP amendment can be found at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/filing-a-plan-protest> and at 43 CFR 1610.5–2. All protests must be submitted in writing by one of the following methods:

**Website:** <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2019031/510>.

**Regular mail and overnight mail:** BLM Director, Attention: Protest Coordinator (HQ210), Denver Federal Center, Building 40 (Door W–4), Lakewood, CO 80215.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gina Phillips, Project Manager, BLM Colorado, telephone 970–589–9852; BLM Southwest District Office, 2465 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401; email [BLM\\_CO\\_GUSG\\_RMPA@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_CO_GUSG_RMPA@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 Ms. Phillips. 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 RMP amendment would change the following existing plans.

#### Colorado

- Canyons of the Ancients National Monument RMP (2010)
- Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area RMP (2017)
- Grand Junction Field Office RMP (2015)
- Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area RMP (2004)
- Gunnison Resource Area RMP (1993)
- McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area RMP (2004)
- San Luis Resource Area RMP (1991)
- Tres Rios Field Office RMP (2015)
- Uncompahgre Field Office RMP (2020)

#### Utah

- Moab Field Office RMP (2008)
- Monticello Field Office RMP (2008)

The Gunnison Sage-Grouse RMP amendment updates management decisions and actions to promote Gunnison sage-grouse recovery and maintain and enhance habitat, as identified in the 2020 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Recovery Plan, across the eight currently recognized populations in southwest Colorado and southeast Utah. Gunnison sage-grouse is federally listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531–1544).

#### Planning Area

The planning area spans portions of 19 Colorado Counties: Alamosa, Archuleta, Conejos, Costilla, Delta, Dolores, Garfield, Gunnison, Hinsdale,