

BLM Land Use Plans Status Update

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The BLM Planning Initiative

- Begun in 2001 as an effort to revise or amend 162 existing land use plans and prepare new plans for 27 NLCS units
- From an historic low of \$6.6 million in 2000, the BLM's planning budget is now \$48 million

Current Status

- Of 21 Time Sensitive Plans (TSP), 11 have been completed and 6 are scheduled to be completed by the end of this year
- There are currently 70 non-TSP planning projects underway

Current Status

Energy Related Plans

Completed Plans:

- ❑ Farmington RMP (NM) 9/03
- ❑ Powder River Amendments
(MT & WY) 4/03

Current Status

Energy Related Plans

Plans in Progress:

- ❑ Colorado
 - ❑ Roan Plateau Amendment
 - ❑ San Juan Basin RMP
- ❑ Montana
 - ❑ Butte RMP
 - ❑ Miles City RMP
- ❑ New Mexico
 - ❑ White Sands RMP - Otero Mesa
- ❑ Utah
 - ❑ Moab RMP
 - ❑ Monticello RMP
 - ❑ Price RMP
 - ❑ Vernal RMP
- ❑ Wyoming
 - ❑ Casper RMP
 - ❑ Jack Morrow Hills Amendment
 - ❑ Kemmerer RMP
 - ❑ Pinedale RMP
 - ❑ Rawlins RMP

Land Use Planning Decisions

- **Desired Outcomes**
 - Goals
 - Standards
 - Objectives
- **Uses**
 - Allocations
 - Levels of use
 - Restrictions on use
- **Management Actions**

Oil and Gas Planning Decisions

- Areas Open to Leasing
 - With standard lease terms and conditions
 - With minor constraints such as seasonal and controlled surface use restrictions
 - With major constraints such as No Surface Occupancy

- Areas Closed to Leasing

Oil and Gas Planning Decisions

Content Objectives

- Waiver, exception, or modification criteria
- Least restrictive, most appropriate management action to meet the resource objectives (EPCA standard)
- Do leasing and development decisions apply to geophysical exploration
- How identified constraints will be applied in areas currently under lease

Planning References

- 43 CFR Part 1610
- Land Use Planning Manual and Handbook (BLM Manual Section 1601 and H-1601-1)
- Planning for Fluid Mineral Resources Handbook (H-1624-1)
- www.blm.gov/planning



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