

## Providing Final EIS Comments

### 60-day final EIS public comment period

Following the release of the final EIS, the BLM will accept public comment on the document until **June 28, 2013**. The BLM will respond to comments on the final EIS in the record of decision (ROD), anticipated in late 2013.

### Providing comments

The BLM suggests the following guidelines for commenting on the final EIS:

- Be specific.
- Reference pages, sections, chapters, or figures in the document.
- Provide new information pertaining to the proposed project (also called the Proposed Action), an alternative or the analysis.
- Note a specific flaw in the analysis.
- Make factual corrections.

### Submitting comments

There are a number of ways you can submit comments on the final EIS:

- Online at [www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/cfodocs/gateway\\_west](http://www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/cfodocs/gateway_west).
- Via email to [Gateway\\_West\\_WYMail@blm.gov](mailto:Gateway_West_WYMail@blm.gov).
- At a public open house. For a full list of dates, times and locations, please visit the BLM's project website at [www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/cfodocs/gateway\\_west/public\\_meetings.html](http://www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/cfodocs/gateway_west/public_meetings.html).
- Send written comments to Bureau of Land Management, Gateway West Project, P.O. Box 20879, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

*Privacy Note: Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be made available to the public after the close of the official comment period. Please be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. Although you may ask the BLM in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from the public, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.*

### 30-day land use plan amendment protest period

While distinct from the NEPA process, the BLM integrates its land use planning with the environmental analysis and review process for proposed uses of public land. Eighteen proposed plan amendments are needed for the agency preferred alternatives to be consistent with the seven BLM land use plans within the proposed project area. Protesting these plan amendments is separate from the EIS comment process, and must be filed directly with the BLM Director in Washington, DC by **May 28, 2013**.

For more information and specific instructions on filing a protest, visit:

[www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/planning/planning\\_overview/protest\\_resolution.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/planning/planning_overview/protest_resolution.html).

