

provide the basic information used to implement "mid-course corrections" if necessary.

The Service will conduct an Environmental Review of the proposed HCP and prepare an EA. The Environmental Review will analyze the proposal as well as a full range of reasonable alternatives and the associated impacts of each. The Service and BNSF are currently in the process of developing alternatives for analysis. The scoping process will be used to identify reasonable alternatives in addition to the No Action alternative.

The Environmental Review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), Council of Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, and policies and procedures of the Service for compliance with all of the above-mentioned regulations. It is estimated that the draft EA will be available for public review during the third quarter of calendar year 2004.

Comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties to ensure that all significant issues are identified and the full range of issues related to the proposed action are addressed.

Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the Environmental Review should be directed to the Service (see **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: January 27, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO–500–0777–XM–241A]

#### Notice of Amendment of Meeting Date, Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Front Range Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on March 18, 2004 at the Holy Cross Abbey Community Center, 2951 E. Highway

50, Canon City, Colorado beginning at 9:15 a.m. The public comment period will begin at approximately 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will adjourn at approximately 4 p.m.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15 member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in the Front Range Center, Colorado. Planned agenda topics include: Manager updates on current land management issues; a status report on the San Luis Valley Travel Management Plan; the San Luis Valley Program of Work for FY 04; and a briefing on the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area Integrated Concept Plan.

All meetings are open to the public. The public is encouraged to make oral comments to the Council at 9:30 a.m. or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Summary minutes for the Council Meeting will be maintained in the Front Range Center Office and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Attn: Ken Smith, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, Colorado 81212. Phone (719) 269–8500.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO–154–1610–DQ–GGCA]

#### Notice of Availability of the Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area, CO

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/FEIS), Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area (NCA), Colorado.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 202 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and under authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), the BLM has prepared a PRMP/FEIS for the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area. The planning area lies in Montrose and Delta Counties, Colorado. The PRMP/FEIS provides direction and guidance for the management of public lands and resources of the NCA, as well as monitoring and evaluation requirements. The PRMP/FEIS would also amend the Uncompahgre RMP (189) for the affected lands in the planning area. Some decisions in the existing planning and management documents may be carried forward into the new NCA Resource Management Plan (RMP). Once approved in a Record of Decision (ROD), the RMP for the NCA would supercede all existing management plans for the public lands within the NCA. Tetra Tech, Inc., an environmental consulting firm in Boulder, Colorado, is assisting the BLM in the preparation of these documents and in the planning process for the NCA.

**DATES:** BLM Planning Regulations (43 CFR 1610.5–2) state that any person may protest the proposed land use planning decisions in the PRMP/FEIS, if he/she participated in the planning process, and has an interest that may be adversely affected. The protest must be postmarked within 30 days of the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes this notice in the **Federal Register**. Instructions for filing a protest are described in the Dear Reader letter in the PRMP/FEIS and are also included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. For Further Information, and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Bill Bottomly (970) 240–5337, Planning and Environmental Coordinator ([bill\\_bottomly@co.blm.gov](mailto:bill_bottomly@co.blm.gov)), or Karen Tucker at (970) 240–5309 ([karen\\_tucker@co.blm.gov](mailto:karen_tucker@co.blm.gov)), Gunnison Gorge NCA Manager. The address for both individuals is: Bureau of Land Management, Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area, 2465 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, CO 81401. Do not send protests to these individuals—see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below for instructions on submitting a protest.

Persons who are not able to inspect the PRMP/FEIS either on-line or at the information repository locations may request one of a limited number of printed or CD copies. Requests for copies of the PRMP/FEIS should be directed to Mr. Bottomly, and should