

Dillon Resource Management Plan

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This is the seventh in a series of update letters you'll be receiving as we move through the planning process and develop an RMP for BLM managed public lands in the Dillon Field Office.



If you received this letter, you are on our mailing and/or email list for the RMP Update. If there is a problem with your address information, or you would like to be removed, please contact Renee Johnson at (406) 683-8016 or send an email to MT_Dillon_RMP@blm.gov v. The BLM Dillon Field Office address is 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana 59725. If you know of someone who would like to be added to the mailing list, please have them contact us.

You may also visit our website at www.mt.blm.gov/dfo/rmp.

Draft RMP/EIS to be Available Soon

After three years of collaboration and public involvement resulting from scoping, the Information Fair, alternative development workshops, and efforts from Cooperating Agencies and the Western Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC), the Draft RMP/EIS for public lands and resources administered by the Dillon Field Office is at the printers.

If you previously requested a copy of the document, you should receive a copy of the Draft RMP/EIS before the end of March. It will contain three volumes: Volume I will include the main chapters of the plan and EIS; Volume II will contain appendix materials; and Volume III includes 83 maps displaying alternative proposals and other information.

Look for it, and be sure to pencil some time into your busy schedule to look at the plan and provide comments during the 90-day review period.

If you neglected to reserve a copy, the document will also be distributed to local library and Forest Service offices in the planning area and posted online at our website.

WHEN DOES THE 90-DAY COMMENT PERIOD START?

The comment period on the Draft RMP/EIS begins with the publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) after the document is available. Press releases and another *Update* newsletter will be used to notify the public of the final due date for comments after the Federal Register notice has been published.

How Can You Get Involved?

Attend a Meeting. Five open houses and two comment meetings will be convened by the BLM and Cooperating Agencies in May so you can learn more about what's in the plan and hear what others have to say.

Visit the Dillon RMP Web Site. Pertinent information about the planning process is currently available on the web. Once the Draft RMP/EIS is mailed to the public, it will also be posted on the web.

Contact Western Montana RAC Members. The RAC is BLM's formal advisory council and will be meeting in Dillon at the BLM office on April 19 to discuss what comments they will provide on the Draft RMP/EIS. More information about the Western Montana RAC and the diverse interests members represent can be found at www.mt.blm.gov/dfo/pages/documents/western_index.html.

Submit Comments. Write to the Dillon RMP Team, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana 59751 or send an email to www.mt.blm.gov/dfo/rmp.

Want to Know More?

On the Web: You can visit our website at www.mt.blm.gov/dfo/rmp. We update this site with new information as we develop it, and you can find previous releases of *Updates* and other information.

Over the Phone: We have a toll-free number that you can call to hear the latest information on particular topics. Dial 1-877-521-2889 and select your options from the menu.

In Person: Call us with your questions. Contact our front desk personnel at (406) 683-2337 or Renee Johnson at (406) 683-8016 and they will answer your questions or put you in touch with someone who can.

Acronyms In This Update

BLM

Bureau of Land Management

EIS

Environmental Impact Statement

EPA

Environmental Protection Agency

RAC

Resource Advisory Council

RMP

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