

What is an RMP?

A resource management plan (RMP) is a land use plan which describes broad, multiple-use guidance for managing public lands and mineral estate administered by the Bureau of Land Management. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 directs the BLM to develop, maintain, and when necessary, to revise land use plans to provide for the appropriate use of public lands. The plan highlights goals and objectives for resource management and establishes measures needed to achieve those goals and objectives. The plan also identifies what public and commercial uses are appropriate, where they are appropriate, and under what conditions.

The plan is developed with public involvement and impacts of the plan are analyzed in an environmental impact statement (EIS) as required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. This planning process is guided by BLM regulations found in Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1600 (43 CFR 1600) and regulations prepared by the Council on Environmental Quality at 40 CFR 1500.