

Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5)

the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the names and telephone numbers of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: July 22, 1999.

David S. Cristy,
Director, IRM Policy and Management Division.

Title of Proposal: Community Development Block Grant Urban

County/New York Towns Qualification/Requalification Process.

Office: Community Planning and Development.

OMB Approval Number: 2506-XXXX.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: The urban county/New York towns qualification/requalification process obtains information each year that establishes the participating population that is used by HUD in calculating the final grant allocations of CDBG funds for all entitlement (which includes metro cities and urban counties) and State CDBG grantees for the next fiscal year.

Form Number: None.

Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Frequency of Submission: Recordkeeping Report Annually.

Reporting Burden:

	Number of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Recordkeeping Report Annually	53		1		57		3,305

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 3,305.
Status: Existing Collection.

Contact: Deirdre Maguire-Zinni, HUD, (202) 708-1577; Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB, (202) 395-7316.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-018-1620-00]

Closure of Public lands; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Dept. of the Interior.
ACTION: Closure order.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that specific land administered by the BLM in the North Sand Hills Special Recreation Management Area will be closed to motorized use. This notice is in accordance with 43 CFR 8364.1 Closure and Restriction Orders and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The closure is necessary to prevent further resource damage to Government Creek.

DATES: This closure is effective July 22, 1999 and shall remain in effect unless revised, revoked or amended by the Authorized Officer.

ADDRESSES: Details of the closure and a map of the affected area can be obtained from the Field Office Manager, Kremmling Field Office, 1116 Park Ave., P.O. Box 68, Kremmling, CO 80459.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Field Office Manager at the above address, or call (970) 724-3437.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public lands affected by this closure are located:

North Sand Hills Special Recreation Management Area

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 11N., R. 79W.,
Sec. 35, NW¼ three routes crossing Government Creek

This closure does not apply to emergency, law enforcement, and federal or other government vehicles while being used for official or emergency purposes, or to any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized or otherwise officially approved by BLM. A copy of this **Federal Register** notice and a map showing the closure area is posted in the Kremmling Field Office. Violation of this order is punishable by fine and/or imprisonment as defined by 18 USC 3571.

Dated: July 22, 1999.

Linda M. Gross,

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-070-99-1990-00]

Immediate Closure of Area to the Discharge of all Weapons, Including Firearms and Bow and Arrow, In and Around Prairie Dog Towns Along the East Side of Beartooth Road Which Parallels the East Side of Holter Lake, Located 31 Miles Northeast of Helena, MT

AGENCY: Butte Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of closure.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective immediately all public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that contain populations of prairie dogs along the Beartooth Road on the east side of Holter Lake are closed to the discharge of weapons in portions of:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 14 N., R. 3 W.,
Sec. 15, NW¼.

This closure is yearlong and will remain in effect until further notice.

The reason for the closure is to provide protection for the black-tailed prairie dog, a BLM-sensitive species. Shooting prairie dogs is a popular recreational activity and probably contributes to the species' sensitive status. People with firearms have been observed in the vicinity of the Beartooth Road prairie dog town.

This action is taken under the authority of 43 CFR part 8364 and is in support of BLM Manual Policy (6840.02B) to ensure that actions authorized on BLM-administered lands do not contribute to the need to list any other Special Status Species under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act. On March 25, 1999, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) published a 90-day notice finding that substantial information indicates that listing the black-tailed prairie dog may be warranted (64 FR 144424). The USFWS is currently reviewing the status of the black-tailed prairie dog to determine if it should be listed as a threatened species.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wildlife Biologist Bill Dean at the BLM Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana 59701, or telephone 406-494-5059.

Dated: July 20, 1999.

Merle Good,

Butte Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-030-99-1610-00]

Proposed Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement; Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and 43 CFR part 1610, the Proposed Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) has been prepared for Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM), Utah. This notice announces the availability of the Proposed Management Plan, which may be

protested for a 30 day period to the Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Proposed Management Plan provides decisions for management of approximately 1,870,765 acres of public lands in Kane and Garfield Counties in south-central Utah. The Proposed Management Plan: (a) Draws upon elements of each of the five alternatives analyzed in the Draft Management Plan/Draft EIS to formulate the Proposed Management Plan, (b) reflects consideration given to public comments on, and corrections to, the Draft Management Plan/Draft EIS, as well as rewording for clarification, and (c) incorporates a refined environmental impact analysis section. The FEIS is also being made available for 30 days prior to making any decision in accordance with 40 CFR 1506.10(a)(2).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Killingsworth, Planning Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, 335 South Main Street, Suite 010, Cedar City, Utah 84720, telephone 435-865-5100.

ADDRESSES: Protests must be addressed to the Director (WO-210), Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator, 1849 C Street, NW., Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240, within 30 days after the date of publication of the notice for the Proposed Management Plan.

DATES: The Proposed Management Plan may be protested. The protest period will commence with the date of publication of a Notice of Filing by the Environmental Protection Agency, which is expected to be on July 30, 1999. Protests must be submitted in writing and must be postmarked on or before August 30, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Proposed Management Plan presents objectives and decisions for managing public lands for the following resource categories or uses: Geology; Paleontology; Archaeology; History; Soils and Biological Soil Crusts; Vegetation and Vegetation Management; Riparian; Special Status Plant Species; Fish and Wildlife; Special Status Animal Species; Water; Air Quality; Recreational Facilities, Activities, and Uses; Rights-of-Way; Commercial Uses (Filming, Outfitter and Guides, Vending); Forestry Products; Valid Existing Rights; Livestock Grazing; Water Related Developments; Wildfire Management; Wildlife Services; Visual Resource Management; and Wild and Scenic Rivers. The BLM has concluded that 223 miles of river segments would be recommended as suitable for

Congressional designation under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. This Proposed Management Plan promotes opportunities for community based partnerships and collaborative processes for successful and effective management of public lands into the future.

The Draft Management Plan/Draft EIS was released for public review and comment in November of 1998 and was followed by a four month comment period. The draft management plan/draft EIS analyzed five alternative management strategies for public lands in GSENM, Utah.

The Monument Planning Office received over 6,500 comment letters on the draft management plan/draft EIS from local, State and Federal governments, interest groups, and the public at large. Since the release of the draft management plan/draft EIS, public meetings, workshops, mailings, and briefings have been conducted to solicit comments, new information, and ideas for the Proposed Management Plan.

The Proposed Management Plan responds to public comments received on the draft management plan/draft EIS. The Proposed Management Plan also corrects errors in the draft management plan/draft EIS identified through the public comment process and internal BLM review. The Proposed Management Plan and associated analysis presents a refined and modified version of the Preferred Alternative and the accompanying impact analysis contained in the draft management plan/draft EIS. The Proposed Management Plan can be used in conjunction with the draft management plan/draft EIS to facilitate review of the initial five alternatives. The description of the affected environment and detailed descriptions of the alternatives contained in the draft management plan/draft EIS, as well as some of the appendices, are referenced but not reproduced in the Proposed Management Plan.

Copies of the Proposed Management Plan are available from GSENM Planning Office, 335 South Main Street, Suite 010, Cedar City, Utah, 84720, 435-865-5100. Public reading copies will be available for review at all government-document depository libraries, and at the following BLM locations: Office of Public Affairs, Main Interior Building, 18th and C Streets N.W., Washington, DC 20240; Information Access Center (4th Floor), Utah BLM State Office, 324 S. State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111; Cedar City District Office, 176 East DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84720; Kanab Field Office, 318 North First East, Kanab, Utah 84741; and GSENM Field Office, Escalante, Utah