Preliminary Planning Criteria Include

1. The RMP amendment will be limited to making land use planning decisions specific to transportation and travel management.

2. The BLM will designate all public lands within the planning area as open, limited, or closed areas to off-road vehicle use.

3. Lands addressed in the RMP amendment will be surface lands managed by the BLM and will not include split-estate lands (i.e., private surface with Federal mineral estate).

4. The RMP amendment, if approved, will comply with FLPMA, NEPA, Council on Environmental Quality regulations at 40 CFR 1500–1508, Department of the Interior regulations at 43 CFR 46 and 43 CFR 1600, the BLM Land Use Planning Handbook (H–1601–1), the BLM Biologic Handbook (H–1790–1), the BLM Travel and Transportation Management Handbook (H–8342–1), and all other applicable laws and BLM policies and guidance.

5. Land use decisions in Greater Sage-Grouse habitat considered in the RMP amendment will be consistent with land use decisions in the Northwest Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse RMP amendment.

6. The RMP amendment will recognize valid existing rights.

7. The BLM will use a collaborative approach to planning.

8. The BLM will consult with Indian tribes to identify sites, areas and objectives important to their cultural and religious heritage.

9. The BLM will coordinate and communicate with State, local and tribal governments to ensure the BLM considers provisions of pertinent plans; seek to resolve inconsistencies between State, local and tribal plans; and provide ample opportunities for State, local and tribal governments to comment on the development of the amendment.

10. The BLM will address socioeconomic and Environmental Justice impacts of the alternatives.

11. Land use allocations made for Wilderness Study Areas (WSA) must be consistent with the BLM Management of WSA manual (BLM Manual 6330) and with other laws, regulations and policies related to WSA management.

12. The BLM will consider public welfare and safety when addressing fire management in the context of travel and transportation management planning.

13. The BLM will not consider creating any new special designations, such as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, through this RMP amendment.

14. The BLM will conduct implementation (route-by-route designations) travel management planning in a separate effort subsequent to completing this RMP amendment.

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section above. To be most helpful, you should submit comments by the close of the 30-day scoping period or within 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

The BLM will use the NEPA public participation requirements to assist in satisfying the public involvement requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. 470(f)) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed action will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA.

The BLM will consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. The BLM will give tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, due consideration. Federal, State and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action the BLM is evaluating, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The BLM will evaluate identified issues to be addressed in the plan, and will place them into one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the RMP amendment;

2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or

3. Issues beyond the scope of this RMP amendment.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the Draft RMP amendment/preliminary EA as to why an issue was placed in category two or three. The BLM also encourages the public to help identify any management questions and concerns that should be addressed in the plan. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan amendment in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: Rangeland management, vegetation, riparian and wetlands, invasive and noxious weeds, minerals and geology, forestry, outdoor recreation, visual resource management, cultural resources and Native American concerns, paleontology, wildlife and fisheries, threatened and endangered species, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, wild horses, fire ecology and management, sociology and economics, public safety, law enforcement, and geographic information systems.

Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2.

Ruth Welch,
BLM Colorado State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Eastern States: Filing of Plats of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plats of survey; Wisconsin.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will officially file the plats of survey of the lands described below in the BLM-Eastern States Office, Washington, DC at least 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 20 M Street SE., Washington, DC 20003. Attn: Cadastral Survey. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the
above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These surveys were requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The lands surveyed are:

Fourth Principal Meridian, Wisconsin
T. 30 N., R. 16 E.

The plat of survey represents the
Dependent Resurvey of a portion of the south boundary, a portion of the subdivisonal
lines, and a portion of the certified survey map recorded on Page 149, volume 2, in
section 26, the retracement of a portion of the eastern right of way of county road “AA” in
section 35, the survey of the subdivision of sections 25, 26, 35, and 36 and the western
boundary of document No. 310, recorded on Page 31, volume 3, in section 35, and the
informational traverse of the northern shore and a portion of the eastern shore of Vejo
Lake in section 35 in Township 30 North, Range 16 East, of the 4th Principal Meridian,
in the State of Wisconsin, and was accepted September 16, 2015.

Fourth Principal Meridian, Wisconsin
T. 51 N., R. 3 W.

The plat of survey represents the
retracement of a portion of Blocks 4 and 5 of
Buffalo’s Subdivision and the retracement, resurvey and monumentation of specified lot
and block corners and right of way
intersection points, in Blocks 1, 2, and 3 of
Buffalo’s Subdivision, lands held in trust for
the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior
Chippewa Indians in Government Lot 3,
Section 31 of Township 51 North, Range 3
West, 4th Principle Meridian, in the State of Wisconsin, and was accepted September 1, 2015.

We will place a copy of the plats we
described in the open files. They will be
available to the public as a matter of
information.

If BLM receives a protest against these
surveys, as shown on the plats, prior to
the date of the official filing, we will
stay the filing pending our
consideration of the protest.

We will not officially file the plats
until the day after we have accepted or
dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions on
appeals.

Dated: October 7, 2015.
Dominica VanKoten,
Chief Cadastral Surveyor.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management
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Initial Classification of Public Lands and
Minerals for State Indemnity
Selection, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Colorado State Board of
Land Commissioners (State) has filed a
petition for classification and
application to obtain public lands and
mineral estate in lieu of lands to which
the State was entitled but did not
receive under its Statehood Act. The
State did not receive title because the
lands had been included in an Indian
Reservation, Forest Reserve, National
Forest, or other encumbrance at the time
of statehood. Under the Taylor Grazing
Act of 1934, the Bureau of Land
Management (BLM) may classify
sufficient public lands and/or minerals in
Colorado for title transfer to the State
to satisfy this obligation.

DATES: Interested parties may submit
written comments regarding the
classification of lands and minerals on
or before November 16, 2015. Persons
asserting a claim to or interest in the
lands or mineral estate described in this
notice will find the requirements for
filing such claims in the SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION section.

ADDRESSES: Written comments
concerning this Notice should be
addressed to: State Director, Bureau of
Land Management, Colorado State
Office, 2850 Youngfield Street,
Lakewood, CO 80215–7093.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John
D. Beck, Chief, Branch of Lands and
Realty; telephone 303–239–3882; email
jbeck@blm.gov. Persons who use a
telecommunications device for the deaf
(TDD) may call the Federal Information
Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339
to contact the above individual during
normal business hours. The FIRS is
available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week,
to leave a message or question with the
above individual. You will receive a
reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sections
2275 and 2276 of the Revised Statutes,
as amended (43 U.S.C. 851 and 852),
provide authority for Colorado to
receive title to public lands in lieu of
lands to which it was entitled under
Section 7 of its statehood act of March
3, 1873, when it did not receive title
because those lands had otherwise been
cumbered.

Section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act of
June 8, 1934, clarified by the Supreme
Court in Andrus v. Utah, 446 U.S. 500
(1980), requires that such public lands
and/or minerals identified for proposed transfers out of Federal ownership
under this authority must first be
classified. The BLM is classifying these
lands and minerals pursuant to 43 CFR
2400 and Section 7 of the Act of June
8, 1934 (48 Stat. 1272, as amended), 43
U.S.C. 315(f). The final acres conveyed
will be determined after further
environmental analysis is completed,
will be based on a dollar value, and may
be less than the aggregate acreage
described in this notice.

All persons who wish to submit
comments on a motion of any protestant
with this initial classification may
present their views by any means shown
under the ADDRESSES section above.

The BLM Colorado State Director will
evaluate any adverse comment and
issue a notice of determination to
proceed with, modify, or cancel the
proposed action. In the absence of any
action by the BLM State Director, this
initial classification action will become
the final determination of the
Department of the Interior.

The BLM will review any comments
and may sustain, vacate, or modify this
realty action. In the absence of any
adverse comments, the classification of
the land described in this notice will
become effective on December 15, 2015.

Before including your address, phone
number, email address, or other
personal identifying information in your
comment, you should be aware that
your entire comment—including your
personal identifying information—may
be made publicly available at any time.
While you can ask us in your comment
to withhold your personal identifying
information from public review, we
cannot guarantee that we will be able to
do so. As provided by 43 CFR 2462.1,
the BLM Colorado State Director will
schedule a public hearing. The BLM
will announce the public hearing date
15 days prior to the hearing.

The lands and minerals included
within this initial classification are in
Chaffee, Custer, Dolores, Eagle, El Paso,
Garfield, Grand, Huerfano, Jackson,
Kiowa, La Plata, Moffat, Montezuma,
Ouray, Park, Pueblo, Routt, San Miguel
and Weld counties, Colorado, and are
described as follows:

New Mexico Principle Meridian, Colorado
T. 44 N., R. 8 W.,
Sec. 11, lots 12 thru 14, excluding M.S. No.
9195;
Sec. 13, lots 17, 28, 30, and 31;
Sec. 14, E½/S½E¼;
T. 42 N., R. 13 W.,
Sec. 30, NE½/NE¼.