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**Abstract:**

This Proposed Resource Management Plan (PRMP) Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) describes and analyzes proposed recreational development on 1,300 acres of BLM-administered public land associated with the Silverton Outdoor Learning and Recreation Center (SOLRC). The Proposed Action and action alternatives would amend the *San Juan/San Miguel Planning Area Resource Management Plan* to add lift-served skiing and sightseeing to the list of allowable uses (kinds of levels of recreation) authorized on BLM-administered public lands specific to the SOLRC permit area within the Silverton Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). This EIS is not intended to serve any other environmental review or consultation requirements pursuant to 40 CFR 1502.25 (a).

This document includes revisions to the Draft EIS released in June 2003. Revisions reflect public comments on the Draft EIS, collection of additional data, consultation with other federal and state agencies, and other, miscellaneous issues.

This PRMP Amendment/Final EIS, based on public comments and internal BLM review, describes and analyzes a refined version of the BLM Preferred Alternative (Alternative C) identified in the Draft EIS.

**Date issued:** August 6, 2004.

**Protests:** The Proposed RMP Amendment is subject to protest during a 30-day protest period following publication of the Notice of Availability by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the Federal Register. Further information on the protest procedures is contained in the Dear Reader Letter and in Chapter 1 of this document.

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