

Notice of Public Scoping

GLENWOOD SPRINGS FIELD OFFICE GRAZING PERMIT RENEWALS
AND LAND HEALTH ASSESSMENTS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2009

Comment Period: Open until **December 8, 2008**

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The Glenwood Springs Field Office (FO) is soliciting public comments on the following two topics: First, we would like assistance in prioritizing watersheds for the assessment of public land health standards for Colorado. Secondly, we intend to renew 31 grazing permit/leases in 2009. We need to determine the level of public interest, concern, and resource conditions on each of the allotments up for assessment and renewal.

The assessment of public land health will be done on a watershed basis. During FY 2009 the Glenwood Springs FO will be completing land health assessment(s) in the following:

NAME AND GENERAL LOCATION OF AREA	APPROXIMATE FEDERAL ACREAGE
Colorado River- Rifle to Glenwood Springs South of I-70	49,000

Once the FO receives the public comments, the staff will meet as an interdisciplinary team. Using the public comments and all other available information provided, the FO Inter-Disciplinary Team will establish the priority list of the land areas that will be assessed for compliance with the health standards during the 2009 field season.

The FO will also be completing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and making decisions on the renewal of certain grazing permit/leases. Since the level of NEPA analysis is in part driven by the level of public interest and concern, your comments are requested relative to conditions you have observed on these allotments, and/or specific environmental concerns about the lands and/or resources found within the specific allotment. The more specific and factual your information the more helpful and useful it will be.

The following BLM grazing permits/leases are scheduled for renewal in FY2009 on the following BLM grazing allotments in the Glenwood Springs FO:

	ALLOTMENT(S)	RANK H-HIGH M-MED L-LOW	NEPA TYPE EA DNA CX	"EXPECTED" PERMIT TERM & RENEWAL COMPLETION DATE (MO/DA/YR)	'EXPECTED' PERMITTED ANIMAL UNIT MONTHS (AUM'S)
1	#18908 JQS COMMON	H	EA	3/2/2009	844

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2	#18022 SIMPSON & NICHOLS	L	EA	2/2/2009	43
3	#08924 COTTONWOOD GULCH #08913 MAHAFFEY SUMMER	L	EA	2/2/2009	132 510
4	# 18021 WATTS	L	CX	12/1/2008	187
5	#08712 N. BELLYACHE	L	CX	12/1/2008	180
6	#08722 SALT CREEK FOREST #08721 SALT CREEK BELLYACHE #08502 E. HARDSCRABBLE #08723 FALK	M	EA	2/2/2009	29 252 879 9
7	#08331 LIGHT	L	EA	2/2/2009	99
8	#08320 SUTEY	L	EA	1/2/2009	51
9	#08107 DEAN GULCH	L	EA	3/2/2009	127
10	#08121 SPRUCE GULCH COMMON	M	DNA	3/2/2009	51
11	#08323 DIAMOND FLATS #08324 DRIVEWAY-THREE MILE	M	EA	3/2/2009	153 160
12	#08905 DOODLEBUG #18039 GOVERNMENT CREEK COMMON	M	EA	2/2/2009	54 222
13	#18006 CEDAR MTN #18011 MIDDLE RIFLE #18012 BRUSH CREEK #18017 LUNDGREN HOGBACK #18018 HORSE MTN #18032 ELK PARK	H	EA	1/2/2009	283 60 320 122 440 204
14	#08504 W. HARDSCRABBLE COMMON #08507 RED HILL COMMON	M	EA	1/2/2009	200 107
15	#18046 JACKSON GULCH #08105 EAST DIVIDE COMMON	M	EA	2/2/2009	148 349
16	#08503 BRUSH CREEK	L	EA	3/2/2009	9
17	#08661 ANTELOPE CREEK	L	CX	12/1/2008	323
18	#08504 W. HARDSCRABBLE COMMON #08507 RED HILL COMMON	M	EA	1/2/2009	602
19	#08222 UPPER GARFIELD COMMON	M	EA	4/1/2009	271
20	#18037 SCUTTER GULCH	L	CX	12/1/2008	16
21	#18008 JACKSON	L	CX	12/1/2008	30
22	#08348 N. THOMPSON CREEK COMMON #08402 CANTLEY HOMESTEAD	M	EA	2/2/2009	25 16
23	#08315 DOYAL	L	EA	3/2/2009	10

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24	#08117 PITMAN	L	EA	4/1/2009	140
26	#18908 JQS COMMON	H	DNA	3/2/2009	559
27	#08102 WHITMAN	L	EA	1/2/2009	61
28	#18039 GOVERNMENT CREEK COMMON #18903 HUBBARD MESA	H	DNA	12/1/2008	183 301
29	#08101 KAMM MESA	L	EA	1/2/2009	50
30	#08209 HARRIS PARK	L	DNA	12/1/2008	124
31	#08917 OLD MOUNTAIN	M	EA	1/2/2009	270
32	#18023 GOVERNEMTN CREEK ISOLATED	L	CX	12/1/2008	4

If you have any information or concerns, wish to be considered as an interested public on a permit or allotment, or wish to be involved in a land health assessment, please contact Isaac Pittman at isaac_pittman@blm.gov or 970-947-2808 to be put on a mailing list. If you do not have specific comments at this time but have questions about the land areas or allotments listed in this notice, contact the individual at the address or phone number above.