**Bureau of Land Management Resource Management Plan – Fact Sheet**

**What is the Eastern Colorado Resource Management Plan (ECRMP)?**

A large-scale plan that establishes major decisions for managing 500,000 acres of public land near Colorado’s Front Range managed by the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Royal Gorge Field Office.

**What is the ECRMP Revision Process?**

* BLM RMPs regularly undergo a revision process designed to keep the plans relevant and up-to-date
* There is a legally-mandated, multi-step process which guides these revisions and ensures ample opportunities for public engagement. The first step in this process is called Scoping
* The current ECRMP was established over 20 years ago. Upon completion of this planning process, the newly revised RMP will act as the management framework for the next 20+ years

**What are key management decisions to be made in the RMP?**

* Conservation of wildlife habitat, cultural resources, watersheds, wilderness quality lands
* Protection of recreation opportunities and scenic landscapes
* Allocation of resource development, such as oil and gas and mining

**What tools does the BLM have at their disposal?**

* **LWCs – Lands with Wilderness Characteristics** (Agency speak for lands that deserve to be wilderness)
* **MLP - Master Leasing Plan** (Proactive tool designed to balance oil/gas development with protection of critical resources like drinking water)
* **ACECs – Areas of Critical Environmental Concern** (A tool to protect a specific resource concern such as cultural resources or sensitive species)
* **RMAs – Recreation Management Areas** (A tool to manage recreation sites)

***\*****CMC is working closely with Outdoor Alliance Colorado and other conservation groups on an RMA proposal north of Canyon City, check out* [*www.cmc.org/conservation*](http://www.cmc.org/conservation) *for more info*

* **WSR – Wild and Scenic Rivers** (Determine suitability of eligible streams for potential future designation by Congress as a Wild and Scenic River)
* **VRM – Visual Resource Management** (A tool to preserve scenic view sheds)

**What can YOU do?**

Write a comment letter to the BLM on the Draft RMP

Visit BLM lands and help document special qualities through photos and stories

Work with organizations and individuals to coordinate support for areas you care about