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An RMP is a Resource Management Plan; one of the tools that the Bureau of Land Management, or BLM, uses to determine the best and widest range of uses on our public lands. Approximately every 20 years, the BLM starts the process of reviewing the lands they manage. As a part of this, they inventory the condition of the land, what the dominant uses are – such as recreation, hunting, grazing, and mining – and how to improve management if needed in the best interest of the public.

Sometimes this means that the BLM determines lands are suitable for development and make lands available for leasing. Other times the BLM may determine that special designations are needed to protect or enhance resources and/or resource uses on public lands. This can take the form of Wilderness or other administrative protections.

Why are RMPs important?

The decisions made in RMPs dictate land management decisions for 20 years and depending on how those decisions are made the impacts can last much longer. As a result the BLM relies on the input of the public on desired land uses for our public lands. It is important to inform the agency of existing uses, wildlife, and resources on our public lands that need protection or priority management.

Who is the BLM?

The BLM is a federal agency under the Department of the Interior – the same agency that the National Parks Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are under and it is the nation's principal conservation agency. The BLM manages 256 acres of public lands in 12 western states, including 80 million acres in the state of Alaska. The agency is tasked with managing public lands for a wide range of uses such as recreation, mining, and protecting cultural and biological resources.

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