

Planning Criteria

The planning criteria guide the planning effort and lay the groundwork for effects analysis by identifying the preliminary issues and their analytical frameworks. Preliminary issues for the planning area have been identified by BLM personnel and from early engagement conducted for this planning effort with Federal, State, and local agencies; Tribes; and other stakeholders. The BLM has identified the following special management designations for review: twelve existing ACECs, five SRMAs, and an NHT corridor. In addition to determining if special management is needed, the BLM will analyze the mineral (fluid, locatable, saleable, solid leasable, and coal) development and rights-of-way restrictions within the existing designations. The planning criteria are available for public review and comment at the ePlanning website (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping period and public review of the planning criteria, which guide the development and analysis of the RMP Amendment and EA.

The BLM will be holding one scoping meeting in the following location: Rock Springs, WY. The specific date and location of this scoping meeting will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers, the ePlanning project page and social media.

Scoping comments that relate to the special management designations, mineral potential, and management of the resource values will be accepted. The 2024 Rock Springs RMP Record of Decision describes the current management of this area and the existing ACEC, SRMA, and NHT corridor designations, along with the current management actions related to mineral and rights-of-way restrictions.

ACECs

The following ACECs are currently designated in the planning area:

- Greater Sand Dunes ACEC: 26,746 acres with significant historic, cultural, geological, and wildlife values.
- Oregon Buttes ACEC: 3,441 acres with significant historic, cultural, wildlife, and scenic values.
- South Pass Historic Landscape ACEC: 53,772 acres with significant cultural, scenic, and wildlife values.
- Steamboat Mountain ACEC: 439,081 acres with significant historic, cultural, wildlife, and scenic values.

- White Mountain Petroglyphs ACEC: 22 acres with significant Native American concerns and scenic values.

- South Wind River ACEC: 281,104 acres with high value air, cultural, biodiversity, and visual resources.

- Big Sandy Openings ACEC: 1,994 acres with scenic, watershed, and geologic values.

- Pinnacles ACEC: 1,334 acres with scenic, paleontological, and wildlife values.

- Little Mountain ACEC: 115,573 acres with historic, cultural, paleontological, wildlife, and scenic values.

- Natural Corrals ACEC: 1,107 acres with cultural, historical, recreational, wildlife, scenic and geological values.

- Pine Springs ACEC: 6,483 acres with historical, cultural, and paleontological values.

- Special Status Plants ACEC: 4,469 acres with significant special status plant values.

Information about each existing ACEC, including the size, relevant and important values, and other helpful information is available in Appendix C of the 2024 Record of Decision for the Rock Springs RMP online at on the project's website (see **ADDRESSES**). The BLM will reevaluate existing designated ACECs in the Draft RMP Amendment to determine if relevant and important values still exist and analyze for consideration of designation. During preplanning and early engagement, no additional areas were identified for consideration as ACECs. The BLM will evaluate any nominated ACECs for consideration in the Draft RMP Amendment. This notice invites the public to nominate additional areas for ACEC consideration. To assist the BLM in evaluating nominations for consideration in the Draft RMP Amendment, please provide supporting descriptive materials, maps, and evidence of the relevance and importance of resources or hazards by the close of the public comment period in order to facilitate timely evaluation. The BLM has identified the anticipated issues related to the consideration of ACECs in the planning criteria.

Additional Information

The BLM will utilize and coordinate the NEPA and land use planning processes for this planning effort to help support compliance with applicable procedural requirements under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1536) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3), including public involvement requirements of Section

106. The information about historic and cultural resources and threatened and endangered species within the area potentially affected by the proposed plan will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources.

The BLM will consult with federally recognized Tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175, BLM Manual 1780, and other Departmental policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with federally recognized Tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed Rock Springs RMP Amendment that 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 assessment 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.

(Authority: 43 CFR 1610.2)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Agency Information Collection Activities; National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the National Park Service (NPS, we) are proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 1, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and suggestions on the information collection requirements should be submitted by the date specified above in **DATES** to <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments to the NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer (ADIR-ICCO), 13461 Sunrise Valley Drive, (MS-263) Herndon, VA 20191 (mail); or phadrea_ponds@nps.gov (email). Please include “1024–0232” in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Ott, Historian, National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program, National Park Service, or daniel_ott@nps.gov (email). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the information collection request (ICR) at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA. As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility.

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

(4) How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. 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.

Abstract: The National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 (54 U.S.C. 308301, *et seq.*) authorizes the NPS to collect information from applicants requesting to join the Network to Freedom Program (Network). The NPS uses Form 10–946, “National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Application”, to evaluate potential participants and determine eligibility to become part of the Network. Through the Network, we coordinate preservation and education efforts nationwide, and are working to integrate local historical sites, museums, and interpretive programs associated with the Underground Railroad movement.

All entities that apply to join the Network must have a verifiable association with the historic Underground Railroad movement and must complete and submit Form 10–946 available on our website at <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/ugrr/index.htm>. Respondents must (1) verify associations and characteristics through descriptive texts that are the result of historical research and (2) submit supporting documentation (*e.g.*, copies of rare documents, photographs, and maps).

Network Partners work with the NPS to help validate the efforts of local and regional organizations, making it easier for them to share their expertise and communicate with us and each other. Prospective partners must submit a letter with the following information:

- Name and address of the agency, company or organization.
- Name, address, and phone, fax, and email information of principal contact.
- Abstract not to exceed 200 words describing the partner’s activity or mission statement.
- Brief description of the entity’s association to the Underground Railroad.

Title of Collection: National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program.

OMB Control Number: 1024–0232.
Form Number: NPS Form 10–946, “National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Application.”

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals; businesses; nonprofit organizations; and Federal, State, Local, and Tribal governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 27.

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Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies; up to 40 hours, depending on activity.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1,001 hours.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Non hour Burden Cost: None.

An agency may not conduct, or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Notice of Intent To Extend and Continue Concession Contracts and Award Temporary Concession Contracts

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: Under the terms of the concession contracts identified in the tables below and its regulations, the