

## BLM to Hold Final Virtual Briefing on Public Lands Rule

As part of the public comment period for the proposed rule on "conservation and landscape health", BLM has held 5 "public information sessions". PLC staff, leadership and members have attended all 4 so far. Tune into the final briefing next week:

**Monday, June 5, 2023:** Virtual meeting from 9:30-11:30 a.m. MT

- Register at [https://swca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_QwRH6XZeS6amUDI70FzriA](https://swca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QwRH6XZeS6amUDI70FzriA)

Have questions or want to know more about the rule? [Email PLC for the latest.](#)

### What more can I do?

BLM has repeatedly limited opportunities to engage with the public on the proposed rule: from no discussion or notice before the rule was published, to their avoidance of NEPA analysis, and now with the public "information" sessions rather than public meetings.

While our preference would be for the BLM to withdraw the rule and conduct a transparent process, at the minimum the BLM must extend the comment period and hold engagement sessions that allow for public engagement and comment on the proposal.

**Call your members of Congress.**

- Tell them to request the BLM to extend the comment period and hold a meeting in their state. Permittees in WA, OR, CA, ID, MT, ND, SD, WY, UT, and AZ shouldn't be left out of the process.

**Tell your Senators to [support S.1435](#).** The bill would require the BLM to withdraw this proposed rule due to any number of fatal flaws.

- Thank you to Senators Barrasso (WY), Cramer (ND), Crapo (ID), Hoeven (ND), Lee (UT), Lummis (WY), Risch (ID), Romney (UT), Sullivan (AK), Fischer (NE), Murkowski (AK), and Mullin (OK) for cosponsoring the bill!

**Tell your Representatives to [support H.R.3397](#).** This is the House companion to the Senate bill and requires withdrawal of the proposed rule.

- Thank you to Reps. Curtis (UT), Fulcher (ID), Stewart (UT), Hageman (WY), Stauber (MN), Gosar (AZ), Newhouse (WA), Lamborn

(CO), Moore (UT), Owens (UT), Bentz (OR), Amodei (NV), Rosendale (MT), and Zinke (MT) for cosponsoring the bill!

**Call your governor.** Meetings held in urban centers like Denver, Reno, and Albuquerque prevent the kind of meaningful attendance and participation the BLM should be seeking as part of this rule. Governors in the following states should demand meetings - and discussion - in their states:

- Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, California, Utah, Wyoming, and Arizona.

**Call your county Board of Supervisors or County Commissioners.** They should know how this rule will effect the economic drivers in their communities. Have questions about potential impacts? [Contact PLC](#).

**Contact PLC for updated talking points, guidance on developing comments, etc.**

Be prepared to submit your comments on the June 20 deadline. PLC is leading comments for the grazing industry and coordinating with other multiple use groups to submit comments, but your individual voices add strength and diversity to the discussion!