

**BLM WORKSHOP**  
**SOCIAL & ECONOMIC IMPACT OF RMP ALTERNATIVES**  
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The American Lands Access Association's (ALAA) purpose is promoting and ensuring the right of amateur hobby collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Hollister Field Office has put a great deal of research in the Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA) Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS). The BLM is entrusted with the task of compliance with the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) and alternatives must meet the purpose and need; be viable and reasonable; provide a mix of resource protection, manage use, and development; be responsive to issues identified in scoping; and meet established planning criteria, federal laws and regulations, and BLM planning policy.

Alternative E represents the BLM's preferred management approach to recreational and travel management in CCMA that meets the need for this RMP/EIS by emphasizing limited opportunities for visitor use and limited types of use allowed within the Serpentine Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). It proposes to provide alternate routes for access to public lands surrounding the ACEC that would not require the public to drive through the ACEC and would create additional recreation opportunities in the surrounding management zones. The limited annual visitor days would still allow for the public to experience the scenic, biological, cultural and geological features of the Serpentine ACEC within the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) acceptable risk range for exposure to asbestos, and with less BLM infrastructure and support needs. This alternative

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would also provide for improving habitat for endangered species opportunity to reduce soil loss and erosion in areas that are contributing to water quality issues in Clear Creek and the San Benito River.

The following land use decisions and management actions were selected from the range of alternatives for the CCMA Draft RMP/EIS and represent BLM's Preferred Alternative:

#### RECREATION

REC-USE-A1. Boundary posting and visitor use patrols will be initiated in recreation areas concurrent with access development or enhancement. BLM will cooperate with adjacent private landowners to the extent possible.

REC-USE-A7. Manage CCMA public lands as a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA)

REC-USE-B1 Prohibit camping and staging for recreation in the Serpentine ACEC, except at Jade Mill Campground. Allow camping and staging for recreation on public lands outside the ACEC.

#### American Lands Access Association Proposal:

As an American Lands Access Association Representative I am proposing the Bureau of Land Management Hollister Field Office follow other California BLM District's proven procedures for dealing with public land use issues which are so complex and set up a Clear Creek Management Area Advisory Council Committee. This approach is working in other California BLM Districts and provides the Public, Elected Officials, Professional Consultants, Geologists, Ecologists, Botanists, Federal Grazing, National/Regional Environmental, Wildlife, Non-Renewable Resources, Renewable Resources, Transportation/Rights of Way, and Recreational interests opportunities to work with the Bureau of Land Management in Using, Sharing, and Appreciating the Clear Creek Management Area while complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This is a reasonable proposal which promotes an environmentally harmonious approach to providing respectful, compliant, and cooperative solutions to CCMA's social, political, and environmental concerns.

The American Lands Access Association (ALAA) respectfully requests an opportunity to be represented in a Hollister BLM Field Office CCMA Advisory Council to ensure the American Lands Access Association's concerns are reasonably and appropriately addressed.