

DELIVER TO: CCMA RMP/EIS Comments
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Discussion Topics for BLM Meeting
(Monday - February 22, 2010)

Social Issues

1. If BLM sells Tucker Zone property, members of the public who currently use this BLM land for hunting, hiking, camping, etc. will no longer be able to use this land. BLM will be provided with written comments from these members of the public.
2. The Tucker Zone is prime habitat for bald eagles, condors, elk and other wildlife:
 - (a) If BLM sells the Tucker Zone property, there is no assurance that the buyer will adequately protect these invaluable wildlife resources. Moreover, if the property is sold, the public will be deprived of the opportunity to enjoy such wildlife.
 - (b) If BLM opens the Tucker Zone to OHV use or even "jeep trail" use, the bald eagles, condors, elk and other wildlife will be scared away and their habitat will be destroyed. The current OHV areas in the CCMA are devoid of significant wildlife.
 - (c) The Tucker Zone should be maintained by BLM as a wildlife conservation/study area to mitigate damage to wildlife and wildlife habitat elsewhere in the CCMA.
3. If BLM allows the OHV (and/or more non-OHV vehicles) recreation area to expand into the Tucker Zone, neighboring landowners will encounter more noise, dust, trespassers and conflicts (with a potential for violence). The peace and tranquility they currently enjoy will be destroyed.
4. Cane Canyon, which is in the Tucker Zone, is eligible for inclusion in the Wild and Scenic River Inventory. As indicated on Page 657 of the RMP/EIS, BLM must place this area under protective management.
5. Landowners to the West of the Tucker Zone will be providing BLM with a separate written proposal to deal with the problems described above, and to provide members of the public with access to the Tucker Zone for a variety of purposes, including hunting elk, wildlife observation, study and photography, and other uses compatible with the "wildlife oriented" Tucker Zone.

Economic Issues

1. If BLM sells the Tucker Zone property, the property values of the Hernandez Valley

landowners will be devastated. People buy land in Hernandez Valley to enjoy nature, including hiking, wildlife viewing, hunting and exploring the wilderness. Much of this activity occurs in the Tucker Zone. That's pretty much all there is to do in Hernandez Valley. If prospective buyers cannot enjoy these activities in the Tucker Zone, many of them simply would not consider purchasing our land. As a consequence, local property values will be seriously affected.

- 2. If BLM opens the Tucker Zone to OHV or non-OHV vehicle use, the wildlife will be scared away, the wildlife habitat will be destroyed, and the unique and natural wonders of the Tucker Zone will be lost forever. Like the wildlife, this would also scare away prospective purchasers of Hernandez Valley land and, in the process, destroy the value of our land.

Formal Record

The undersigned Hernandez Valley property owners request that this discussion outline be considered formal comments with respect to the Clear Creek Management Area Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement issued by BLM in November, 2009. Please also make this discussion outline part of the official record for BLM's February 22, 2010 public meeting/workshop regarding such matters.

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