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NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Belnap and Big Spring Pipeline Allotments Grazing Permit Renewal Environmental Assessment

ST. GEORGE, Utah— The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the National Park Service's (NPS) Grand Canyon -Parashant National Monument (GCPNM) have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) (DOI-BLM-AZ-A030-2023-0002-EA/ PEPC-111150) for the Big Spring Pipeline and Belnap Grazing Permit Renewal (see attached Overview Map). This EA is a public document and is available for review and comment. The EA analyzes three alternatives: Alternative A (Proposed Action) – Combine the Belnap and Big Spring Pipeline Allotments, extend the season of use for the Belnap pastures, implement a nine-pasture rotation system, and rename and renew the permit for the combined Big Spring Pipeline Allotment. Alternative B (No Action) – Renew the Permit for Belnap and Big Springs Pipeline Allotments with no changes in season of use or combination of allotments. Alternative C (No Grazing) – Reissue a 10-year term permit for the Belnap and Big Spring Pipeline Allotments with zero authorized animal unit months.

Please review the EA for further details. The EA is available for a 30-day public comment period ending at close of business (4:30 p.m., MDT) on June 26, 2023.

How to Comment

A copy of the EA is available at two locations:

NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC)

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/BigSpringEA>

To electronically submit comments, click “Open for Comment, then “Comment Now”.

BLM ePlanning site

<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/admin/project/2023432/510>.

To electronically submit comments, click on the “Participate Now” icon and follow the on-screen prompts.

Written comments may be submitted to Michael Cutler, Rangeland Management Specialist, Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, 345 E Riverside Dr., St. George, UT 84790, or

via email at blm_az_asdo_comments@blm.gov. If desired, a hardcopy of the EA may be obtained by contacting Michael Cutler during business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., MDT) at 435-688-3277.

Electronic comments may be submitted through the above web pages. Electronic documents cannot be accepted by any means including compact disc, thumb drive, or similar media due to Federal Information Systems Security Awareness policies.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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. All comments from organizations or businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,

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