RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS

The left side of the figure shows the progression of planning stages. The boxes on the right highlight the public participation opportunities at each stage.

1. **Scoping (Issues Identified)**
2. **Develop Planning Criteria**
3. **Inventory and Collect Data**
4. **Management Situation Analysis (Inventory and Issues Analyzed)**
5. **Alternatives Formulated**
6. **Effects of Alternatives Estimated**
8. **Proposed RMP / Final EIS Issued (Proposed Alternative Selected)**
   - **No Protest**
   - **Protest**
     - **Protest Resolved**
   - **Record of Decision signed implementing final RMP/EIS. BLM provides a Notice of Availability. For a plan amendment, Decision Record signed approving amendment and accompanying EIS or EA.**
   - **RMP implemented, monitored, and evaluated**
   - **RMP maintained, amended, and revised as necessary**

Public participation opportunities mandated by law

BLM may, but is not required to, offer public participation opportunities

BLM issues Notice of Intent to develop RMP. BLM must provide public notice and a minimum 30-day public comment period.

BLM may make inventory data available to public to identify new data needs.

BLM may permit public input into analysis and identification of issues.

BLM may present preliminary range of alternatives to public for comment.

BLM must provide Notice of Availability and a 90-day public comment period.

BLM must provide Notice of Availability and a 30-day public protest period. BLM also initiates a 60-day Governor’s Consistency Review.

If the protest results in a significant change, BLM must provide a Notice of Significant Change and a 30-day public comment period.

Amendments require the same basic process as an RMP with the exception that an amendment may only require an EA. In this instance, the comment period on the draft is 30 days at minimum unless an ACEC designation is involved in which case 60 days must be provided.