

Example public comment layout for BLM’s Eastern Colorado Resource Management Plan Revision Draft.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

General location, a specific area, or trail name (Or choose one from above!): _____

Why is the area important from your perspective? (You may wish to speak to opportunities for solitude, primitive recreation, hunting, fishing, hiking, scenic viewing, photography, other forms of recreation, and other values such as ecological diversity, wildlife habitat and connectivity, historical and cultural sites, geological interests, etc.)

How would you like to see this area managed by BLM and why? (For example: Manage as Lands with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC) or an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC); and/or closed to oil and gas leasing, closed to human development, closed to commercial timber harvest, closed to new rights-of-way, closed to motorized use, prohibit new roads, closed to mineral disposal and exploration, etc.)

Additional Comments (add other comments not covered above or thank the BLM for their hard work and commitment to our public lands)

Example Comment...

I encourage the BLM's Royal Gorge Field Office to manage the Badger Creek North and South Units as Lands with Wilderness Character (LWCs) and not allow any motorized recreation or natural resource extraction. The area's topographic relief, combined with thick vegetation provides visitors a separation from any man-made disturbances and an opportunity to seek solitude.

The unit's outstanding opportunities for off trail hiking and opportunities to test my navigation skills are somewhat rare for this region of the state. This is enhanced by the area's unique topography, undeveloped facilities, and opportunities to view wildlife. Furthermore, when hiking in the area, there are excellent sightseeing opportunities especially in the higher elevations with vistas of the Arkansas River Canyon, Sangre de Christo Mountains, and the Collegiate Peak Mountains.

Badger Creek is one of the few primarily spring-fed streams in this part of the state, providing excellent opportunities for backcountry trout fishing! Spring-fed streams on accessible public lands are regionally rare and more often than not they are located on private lands.

I'm concerned that if the area is not managed for its naturalness and wilderness qualities the area's wildlife habitat and quiet use recreation opportunities will be threatened. I would also like to see this area closed to motorized recreation and not permitted for mining, logging, or other forms of natural resource extraction.

For these reasons, I would like to see Badger Creek North, South, and similar areas in Bighorn Sheep Canyon managed as Lands with Wilderness Characteristics (LWCs) in BLM's preferred alternative of this plan moving forward. Thank you for your dedicated work to this plan revision for our Colorado BLM managed public lands and considering my comments toward the Eastern Colorado Resource Management Plan.