



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Gunnison Ranger District/Gunnison Field Office

ONGOING SERVICE FIRST INITIATIVES

The BLM Gunnison Field Office and the Forest Service Gunnison Ranger District have been collocated for 18 years. These offices have taken advantage of numerous opportunities over that time to develop means of sharing resources and assisting each other in providing service to our customers. A quick list of some of those ongoing Service First initiatives is as follows:

Front desk

- Shared reception and visitor information
- Shared receptionist position
- Joint firewood sales
- Sell each others maps etc.
- Jointly developed interagency Gunnison Basin Map (replaces typical FS Map)

Office

- Share equipment- FAX, copier, telephones
- Radio – one radio system with shared channels is used by both agencies
- We have a joint social committee and have joint social functions
- Using BLM work stations and GIS system for both agencies
- Share administrative sites for storage of materials and equipment

Range

- Shared seasonal position in Lake City
- Coordinated management of 20 grazing allotments
- We hold joint meetings with grazing permittees
- ESI jointly funded for both BLM and FS lands
- Agreements in place to share equipment, i.e. horses, trailers, flat bed

Recreation

- Joint outfitter/guide permits with one agency or the other taking the lead
- Lake City Visitor Center jointly operated by BLM, FS and Lake City C of C
- Joint management of three Byways
- Maps
- Jointly developed the Powderhorn Wilderness Management Plan and jointly manage the wilderness
- We completed a joint travel management plan for both agencies including the use of a common ArcView data base for inventory
- FS host does site monitoring and cleaning for one BLM campground
- We jointly conduct seasonal orientation and training

Fire

- Montrose Fire Dispatch covers both agencies
- Joint FMO in Gunnison for all fire management activities in the basin
- Prescribed fire coordinated by one person for both agencies

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Timber

- **Joint timber sales have been conducted**
- **We are able to sell each other wood products at our reception desk**
- **We have jointly done the cumulative effects analysis for timber sales**
- **Share equipment and supplies such as paint**

Wildlife

- **Inventory of the Uncompahgre Fritillary Butterfly has been jointly funded and administered**
- **Seasonal housing in Gunnison and Lake City has been shared by both agencies**
- **Jointly developed and implemented the Gunnison Basin Sage Grouse Conservation Plan**
- **We are using the same PFC approach to riparian management**
- **BLM representing both agencies on the CDOW Citizens Task Force for DAU planning**

Minerals

- **BLM prepares FS mineral reports**
- **Use the "one agency lead" approach to overlapping lands and mineral actions**

Lands and Realty

- **Share records data base on microfiche**
- **A common set of aerial photographs have been obtained for all lands in the Basin**
- **The BLM administers the road maintenance contract for both agencies**

Environmental Education

- **Both participate in the Basin wide organization GREEN to bring environmental education to the schools and community**