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Re: Request for Extension on the Comment Period for the Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement for Greater Sage-Grouse Rangewide Planning

Dear Ms. Deibert:

Western Energy Alliance is concerned about the short comment period for the Greater Sage-Grouse (GrSG) Rangewide Planning Draft Resource Management Plan (DRMPA) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), as well as for the related Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), given the sheer scope of the information that must be digested by the public as well as the magnitude of the plan. Weighing in at 2,500 pages in three volumes with six highly detailed alternatives spanning 77 RMPs covering 69 million acres of greater sage-grouse habitat in ten states, the plan will have huge impacts across the West.

The breadth of the content covered in the RMP requires a significant time period for the public to sufficiently provide thoughtful input. Ninety-day and sixty-day comment periods, respectively, are not adequate and the public deserves a substantial comment period to furnish meaningful feedback. The Alliance respectfully requests that BLM double the time allotted for both, with a full 180-day comment period for the RMP and a 120-day comment period for ACECs.

Thank you for considering this request. We are gearing up to develop robust, substantial comments and a comment period commensurate with the task would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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President