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BLM announces proposed Sutey Ranch management plan

SILT, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management today announced a proposed plan for managing the Sutey Ranch in Garfield County. The BLM acquired the 557-acre ranch in March 2017, as well as the 112-acre Haines Parcel in Pitkin County, through the Sutey Ranch Land Exchange, in order to increase access to public lands.

Under the proposed plan for the Sutey parcel, the BLM would maintain irrigated fields to provide critical forage for big game and allow public access between April 16 and November 30 to reduce disturbance to wildlife in the winter.

“The acquisition of these parcels has expanded outdoor recreation and access in the Roaring Fork Valley, and acquisition of the Sutey Ranch specifically ensures critical habitat for wintering big game,” said Acting BLM Colorado River Valley Field Manager Rob Berger.

The Haines parcel would be included in the adjacent Crown Special Recreation Management Area with an emphasis on mountain bike recreation.

More information about the proposed plan is available at <https://go.usa.gov/xnvM5>. The announcement initiates a 30-day public protest period. Protest submissions need to be received by March 18, 2019 and may be e-mailed to blm_co_sutey_haines_rmpa@blm.gov or mailed to BLM, 2300 River Frontage Road, Silt, CO 81652, Attn: Sutey Ranch Management Plan.

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