

BASELINE ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF BLM LANDS IN MOFFAT & ROUTT COUNTIES (Discussion Draft- May 1st)

A. Economic Baseline: Past and Current and where possible future estimates

1. Income & Employment by Industry
 - a. (ag-ranching; minerals, tourism, trade, services, government, etc.) by county
 - b. (Data sources: EPS; REIS; Econ Base of Moffat County Report; Routt NF Plan; IMPLAN Database)
2. Government Revenue Sources (taxes, mineral royalties, PILT)
3. Fish & Wildlife Recreation Use and Value (data from CDOW, USFWS, & to be updated when Visitor Assessment done 10-05)
4. Other Recreation Use and Value (to be updated when Visitor Assessment complete in 10-05)

B. Demographic Information by County and Community

1. Population, Migration, Age structure, ethnicity, poverty rates (Data source: EPS)
2. Population projections with possible narrative description of cohorts of different groups moving to Moffat and Routt Counties (e.g., oil/gas workers, retirees, resort workers).

C. Social Information

1. Information on lifestyle, attitudes, quality of life (Data sources: Community Indicators Report, Todres, et al., Countywide Opinion Survey of Moffat County)

D. Land Use Patterns

1. Distribution of Landownerships
2. Current land uses and infrastructure

SOCIOECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES

1. DEVELOP SOCIOECONOMIC STRATEGY

- a. Identify Models (IMPLAN + Social Accounting Model (SAM)) for evaluating how the effects of the 4 RMP alternatives on multiple uses such as mining, grazing, tourism effect the Moffat and Routt economy.
- b. Identify recreation valuation models for wildlife, fishing, motorized, non-motorized recreation.
- c. Identify additional data sources needed to tailor IMPLAN/SAM models to Moffat and Routt counties such as acquiring detailed county budgets for Moffat and Routt county, oil/gas operations & recreation expenditures.

2. IMPLEMENT MODELS TO PERFORM ANALYSIS

To the extent that Booz Allen Hamilton quantifies changes in multiple use outputs with each RMP alternative over a 20 year period (O&G wells permitted, O&G expected production, tons coal, AUMs, game wildlife, game fish, motorized and non-motorized recreation visitor days, etc.), link these to the IMPLAN- SAM, and to recreation valuation models to estimate changes in:

- income and employment in Moffatt/Routt economy (in total & detailed by economic sectors)
- changes in distribution of income and employment by sector among high, medium and low income households.
- county revenues
- economic values of wildlife recreation, motorized and non-motorized recreation
- Implications of economic effects on social and quality of life indicators in Moffat/Routt counties

3. REPORTING: General report detailing the socioeconomic effects, including any opportunities to mitigate adverse socioeconomic effects associated with each RMP alternative suitable for EIS.
4. Technical Report detailing the implementation of the IMPLAN-SAM model and recreation valuation models used.
5. Prepare Responses and Revisions to RMP following public comment period:
Including re-running IMPLAN-SAM and recreation valuation models if major changes in multiple use effects of each RMP alternative arise from Booz-Allen-Hamilton responses and revisions to public comments.