

UNCOMPAHGRE RMP BRIEFING - 10/26/2018

WO-100/ASLM review indicated that the UFO PRMP:

- Misses the mark
- Is not in line with the Administration's direction to decrease regulatory burden and increase access
- Reflects a need to pull the current version and pursue additional modifications

Fluid Minerals

WO:

- PRMP would increase acreage with NSO and CSU and decrease acreage with TL
- Regardless of technological advances, stipulations are too restrictive

CO:

- Stips were identified in response to current laws and regulations and improved resource knowledge and data
- Stips primarily address lands with steep slopes and water features
- Proposed UFO stips were initially derived from statewide stips
- Stips would increase efficiency, allow for the preparation of DNAs for quarterly lease sales, and provide for a current plan to tier actions to
- APDs have historically only been sought in high potential areas within the UFO
- Technological advances have increased the ability to access resources beneath lands with surface restrictions
- Delta County supported the preferred alternative as presented in the more restrictive DRMP

General

WO:

- Increases in special designation (ACECs, lands managed for wilderness characteristics) acreages are not favorable to the Administration's emphasis on access

CO:

- Much of the restricted acreage in the PRMP reflects critical habitat for Gunnison sage grouse and other protected species (i.e. Colorado hookless cactus)