

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL

Otero County Commission

Submitted by: Gerald Matherly, Commissioner

Meeting date:

Subject:	Request for 60 day extension of comment period on proposed BLM rule on conservation and landscape health
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Research/Background:

The public comment period on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on rules related to conservation and landscape health announced by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on April 3, 2023 ends on June 20, 2023. This rule represents a fundamental shift in how the BLM manages 245 million acres of public land and has the potential to economically impact various industries. A 60-day extension would provide more time for responses to be included in the public record and allow for greater public involvement.

The rule can be found here: <https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2023-03/Public%20Lands%20Proposed%20Rule%20-%20Conservation%20and%20Landscape%20Health%20-Final%20Clean%20Version%203-29-23.pdf>

Fiscal Impact/Funding Sources:

Staff/Department Recommended Actions:

County Attorney Review (*if needed*):

Supporting Documents/Attachments/Links