

PERMITTEE RESOURCES

National Public Lands
Council

www.publiclandscouncil.org

Colorado Wool Growers
Association

www.coloradosheep.org

Colorado Cattlemen's
Association

www.coloradocattle.org

Rocky Mtn. Region Forest
Service

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/r2/>

Colorado Bureau of Land
Management

<http://www.blm.gov/co>

Fish and Wildlife Service
Reg. 6

[http://www.fws.gov/moun-
tain-prairie](http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie)

National PLC is Coming to CO

**Mark your Calenders for
September 17-19, 2024 in
Grand Junction, CO**

PLC AGENCY ENGAGEMENT COMMENT PERIODS

As part of advocacy efforts for public lands grazers, national and Colorado PLC actively monitor regulatory proposals from federal agencies and provide comments on behalf of producers. Recently, Colorado PLC submitted comments regarding Bureau of Land Management Greater Sage-Grouse Rangewide Planning and opposition comments to the potential monument designation for the Dolores Canyon. To read the full comments and stay updated on ongoing planning processes, visit www.coloradocattle.org/colorado-public-lands-council.

**If you have any questions, concerns,
or are seeking clarifying information
on other issues, please contact
Colorado PLC.**

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NEWSLETTER

Since 1968, the Public Lands Council (PLC) has actively represented the cattle and sheep producers who hold public lands grazing permits. PLC advocates for these western ranchers who preserve our nation's natural resources, while providing vital food and fiber to the nation and the world. PLC seeks to educate and inform policy decision-makers about public lands ranching to ensure the success and longevity of the industry in the United States.

Thank you to those who continue to support PLC through your voluntary annual assessment! This assessment is based on the animal unit month (AUM) numbers provided by the BLM and USFS. The assessments collected annually by Colorado PLC (CO PLC) are used in Washington, D.C. and Colorado to ensure public lands grazing continues for generations to come. A big THANK YOU to all who continue to support the PLC's representation of public lands ranching!

As administrations and range conditions change, it's important that you are able to rely on Colorado PLC services and representation. Colorado PLC acts as an advocate for permittees who graze federal lands responsibly which results in numerous benefits for the resource, agencies and citizens. Don't miss this opportunity to ensure a positive future for federal lands grazing.

PLC SERVICES

(Available to permittees that have remitted the annual Colorado PLC assessment)

Colorado PLC has a team of skilled livestock producers, legal specialists, and professional staff to answer your permit and allotment questions. Colorado PLC has earned a trust-based relationship with USFS and BLM that allows us to address annual and ongoing improvements that benefit permittees and administration of grazing allotments. Meetings are held with regional, state, and local agency staff multiple times per year.

In lieu of PLC assessments, we encourage everyone to **register** for the National PLC convention Sept. 17-19 in Grand Junction, CO.

The next PLC annual assessment will be sent Spring 2025

PLC Files suit over BLM Public Lands Rule

In mid-July, national PLC and a coalition of ag and natural resource groups filed its case in the U.S. District Court for Wyoming challenging the Biden Administration's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Conservation and Landscape Health rule. The final rule has caused significant concern for grazers and other partner groups, because the rule upends multiple-use management, circumvents public processes, and could facilitate the reduction of grazing. PLC has led industry engagement in each step of the process and upon review of the final rule, core concerns remained which led to this filing.

The suit challenges the rule on three fronts:

- The rule exceeds BLM's statutory authority in creating uses, leasing systems, and multiple-use prioritizations, and the authority to withdraw lands without public input or Congressional approval.
- The rule is arbitrary and capricious.
- The rule violates the National Environmental Policy Act.

PLC will keep its affiliates apprised of the developing lawsuit as it moves through the legal system processes.

Gunnison Sage Grouse Planning Update

The Bureau of Land Management is in the protest period for the Gunnison Sage-Grouse proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement. The proposed RMP Amendment/Final EIS was published on July 5th and CO PLC has 30 days to submit a valid protest. CO PLC commented on the draft management plan to ensure flexible and adaptive management strategies that allow for continued grazing while protecting the Gunnison Sage Grouse habitat.

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YOU'RE INVITED NATIONAL PLC ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for September 17-19 at the DoubleTree hotel in Grand Junction for the National PLC Annual Meeting. This event features informative general sessions, several policy committee meetings, agency updates, networking, and more! Included in this mailing is a registration form for the event with additional details. We hope to see you there!