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How to Track Agency Decisions

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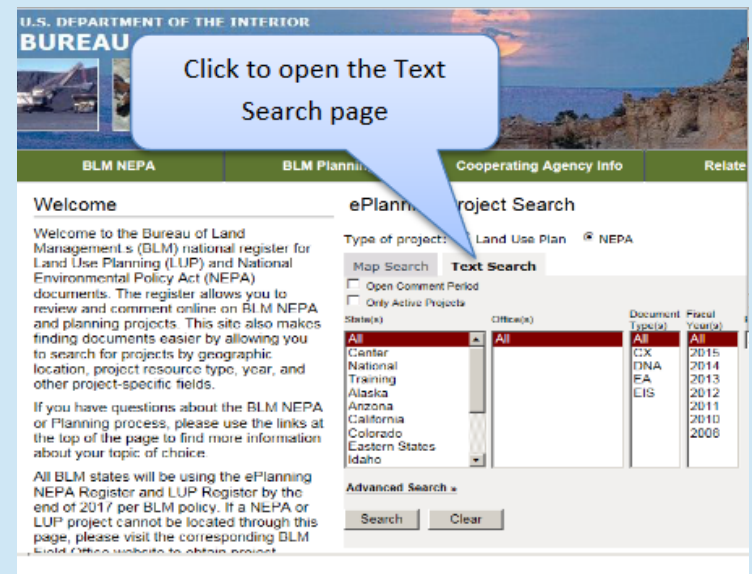
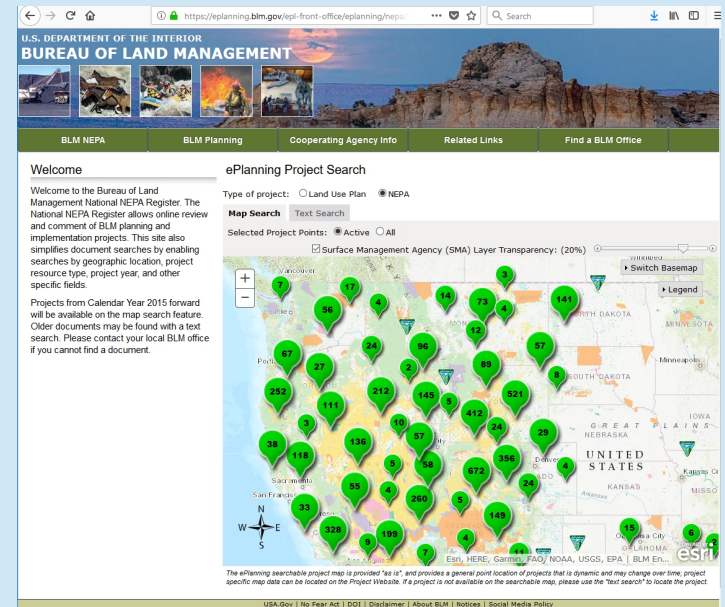
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Overview

- **We'll cover ways to stay apace of:**
 - *Upcoming land-use planning and NEPA projects*
 - *Proposed agency rules and regulations*
 - *Opportunities for public comment*
 - *Public meetings*
- **Tracking tools:**
 - (1) ePlanning – land-use planning and implementation decisions
 - (2) Federal Register – agency rulemaking, notices
 - (3) Other (mailing lists, news releases, etc.)

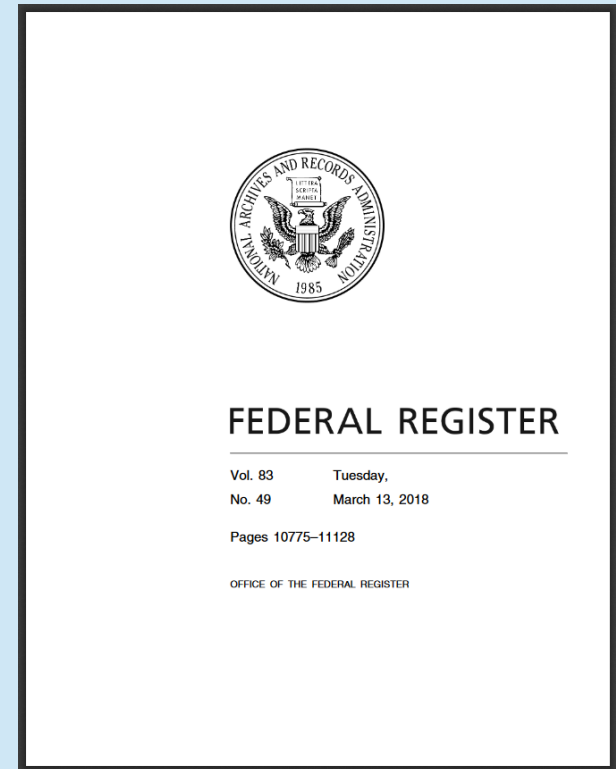
1. ePlanning - <http://eplanning.blm.gov/>

- Online portal that provides public access to BLM land-use planning and NEPA documents, including:
 - *Resource Management Plans and Amendments*
 - *Environmental Impacts Statements (EIS)*
 - *Environmental Assessments (EA)*
 - *Determinations of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)*
 - *Categorical Exclusions (Cx)*
- Each project has its own page, where you can find draft decisions, supporting documents, public comments, etc.
- Find active projects by a map- or text-based search.



2. The Federal Register – www.federalregister.gov

- What is the Federal Register?
 - The official “newspaper” of the federal government
 - Published every business day
- What’s in the Federal Register?
 - Presidential documents (i.e., Executive Orders and Proclamations)
 - Final agency rules and regulations
 - Proposed agency rules and regulations
 - Agency notices
- Overlap with ePlanning:
 - YES: land-use planning
 - NO: implementation-level decisions (i.e. NEPA documents)



2. The Federal Register – www.federalregister.gov

- Ways to use the Federal Register to track agency decisions:
 - **Search the archives** – search past issues based on issuing agency, date, document category, etc.
 - **Curated lists** – browse the daily list of entries on environmental issues.
 - <https://www.federalregister.gov/environment>
 - **Email Notifications** – sign up to receive a daily email with any entries meeting particular search results
 - Look for the “subscribe” box on federalregister.gov

3. Other tracking methods

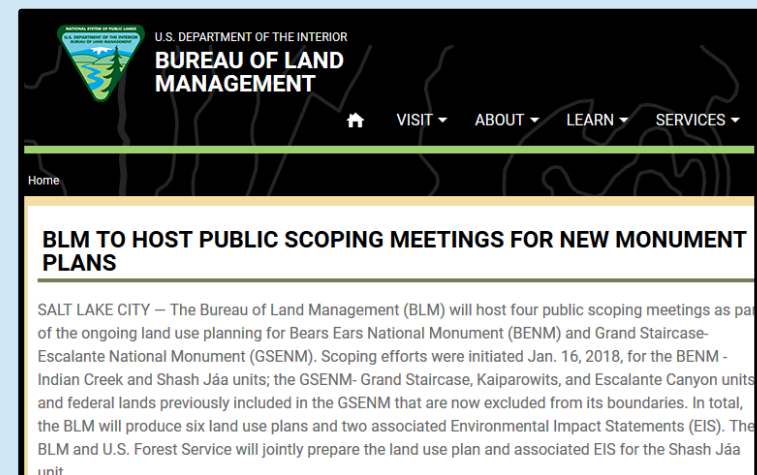
- BLM mailing lists
 - **Want to be notified of *all* upcoming projects?** Call your local field office to request placement on their mailing list
 - **Want to track a specific project?** Check the agency notice document (e.g. “Notice of Intent”) for instructions on being added to the project mailing list
- Become a member of the “interested public”
 - Applicable only to grazing decisions. See 43 CFR 4160.1

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Authority: 43 CFR 1831.1.		
Dominica Van Koten, <i>Chief Cadastral Surveyor.</i> [FR Doc. 2018-00582 Filed 1-12-18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310-GJ-P		
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR		
Bureau of Land Management [18X LLUT030000 L17110000.XZ0000]		
Notice of Intent To Prepare Resource Management Plans for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument—Grand Staircase, Kaiparowits, and Escalante Canyon Units and Federal Lands Previously Included in the Monument That Are Excluded From the Boundaries and Associated Environmental Impact Statement, Utah		
AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.		
ACTION: Notice of intent.		
will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.		ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the planning process by any of the following methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Website: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument: https://goo.gl/EHvhbc.• Mail: 669 S Hwy. 89A Kanab, UT 84741.
Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the GSENM and the BLM Kanab Field Office.		FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Betenson, Associate Monument Manager, telephone (435) 644-1200; address 669 S Hwy. 89A Kanab, UT 84741; email BLM_UT_CCD_monuments@blm.gov . Contact Mr. Betenson to add your name to our mailing list. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during

e.g., Federal Register “Notice of Intent” with instructions for joining project mailing list

Other tracking methods (cont.)

- BLM Newsletters
- BLM Press Releases
 - <https://www.blm.gov/news>
- Google Alerts
- DOI “Regulatory Plan” and “Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions”



Questions?

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