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Announcement of 30-Day Public Comment Period and Virtual Public Meetings for the *Draft* Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the Former Bennett Freeze Area Draft Integrated Resource Management Plan

The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Navajo Regional Office, announces the 30-day public comment period and virtual public meetings for the *Draft* Programmatic Environmental Assessment (DPEA) for the Draft Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP) for the Former Bennett Freeze Area (FBFA) of the western portion of the Navajo Nation. The proposed federal action is the adoption of the IRMP by the BIA. The IRMP is a strategic, vision-based, long-range management plan based on Navajo Nation members' interests, needs, and concerns for their lands and natural and cultural resources. The DPEA has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Comments:

The 30-day public comment period for the DPEA begins May 24, 2021 and ends on June 23, 2021. Written comments can be submitted during the public comment period via email, fax or mail. Please submit comments by June 23, 2021. In the subject line of your mail, fax or email, please address as "Comments for the FBFA PEA".

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Virtual Public Meetings:

The BIA and the Navajo Nation will hold the following four virtual public meetings during the public comment period. Please visit <https://www.bia.gov/FBFA-EA> for instructions on how to register or call-in for the meetings. Translation services will be provided:

- June 02, 2021, Wednesday, 10 am to 12:00 pm
- June 03, 2021, Thursday, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- June 03, 2021, Thursday, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- June 05, 2021, Saturday, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

More Information:

The DPEA, other documents for review, frequently asked questions, and more information about the IRMP and DPEA is found online at: <https://www.bia.gov/FBFA-EA>.

If you have questions concerning the DPEA or the public comment period, please call the Western Navajo Agency at (928) 283-2252.

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