

## **Submitting Comments**

- · Substantive comments are the most impactful during the NEPA process
- What is defined as a substantive comment?
  - Question, with reasonable basis, the accuracy of information in the EA;
  - Question, with reasonable basis, the adequacy of, methodology of, or assumptions used for the EA;
  - Present new factual information relevant to the analysis;
  - Present reasonable alternatives other than those analyzed in the EA that meet the purpose and need;
  - Cause changes or revisions to one or more alternatives
- What is a non-substantive comment?
  - Comments in favor of or against the proposed action or alternatives
  - · Statements of general beliefs over how land should be managed
  - · Comments that only agree or disagree with BLM policy or resource decisions
  - · Comments that don't pertain to the project area or are outside the scope of the project
  - Comments that take the form of vague, open-ended questions.
- · Only substantive comments will be addressed in the Decision Record.