

Consultation and coordination has been an important part of this planning effort since its beginning in 1984. Public meetings, informational mailings and individual contacts with other governmental agencies, Native American tribes, interest groups and the general public were used to gather input for this RMP. This input helped identify the issues, criteria, and alternatives discussed in this document. Coordination and consultation will continue throughout the review of this draft and preparation of the final resource management plan/environmental impact statement (RMP/EIS).

Aspects of public land management that received little comment or were subject to administrative or legal constraints were eliminated as potential planning issues, thus streamlining the process.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) coordinated and consulted with federal, state, and local agencies once tentative alternatives were completed to identify conflicting management objectives and potential impacts to adjacent land managing agencies.

Consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act has been initiated with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The final RMP/EIS will contain the biological assessment and USFWS biological opinion on the impacts from the RMP/EIS to threatened and endangered species.

BLM invites the public to comment on the draft RMP/EIS and to participate in formal hearings. A notice of availability for the draft RMP/EIS and dates for the hearings has been published in the Federal Register and in local newspapers.

## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

A Notice of Intent, formally announcing the beginning of the planning process, was published in the Federal Register in December 1983. The public has been informed of and involved in the planning process through Federal Register Notices, news releases, direct mailings, and public meetings.

These releases ranged in subject matter from general announcements at the beginning of the planning process to dates and places of specific public meetings and requests for public comments. Public participation activities are listed chronologically in Table 5.1. Complete records of public comments and involvement are on file in the Lewistown District Office.

## **CONSISTENCY**

The BLM's planning regulations require that resource management plans be "consistent with officially approved or adopted resource related plans of other federal agencies, state, and local governments, and Indian tribes, so long as the guidance and resource management plans are also consistent with the purposes, policies, and programs of federal law, and regulations applicable to public lands..."

All federal, state, local, and tribal councils have been requested to review this document for inconsistencies with their plans and inform the BLM of any inconsistencies.



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**TABLE 5.1  
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
Dec. 83	Notice of Intent to prepare an RMP/EIS for the West HiLine was published in the Federal Register.
June 84	Issue brochure was sent to 596 agencies, organizations and individuals.
July 84	Public meetings to identify issues were held in Havre and Great Falls, Montana.
June 85	Federal Register Notice requesting information on coal or other resource information.
Sep. 86	Federal Register Notice filed, supplementing Notice of Intent to expand planning area (now includes entire UMNWSR Corridor and associated public lands).  Letters (1,500) sent to those on mailing list requesting input on alternatives and recently added river management issue. Letters also informed public of upcoming public meetings.
Sep./Oct. 86	Public meetings held in nine West HiLine communities to gather input on alternative development.
Oct. 86	Briefings held for Rocky Boys, Fort Belknap and Blackfeet tribes and Governor's Office.

## **DISTRIBUTION LIST**

BLM requested comments from interest groups and individuals; from federal, state, and local agencies and Native American tribes. The following is a partial list of organizations and agencies that received this document.

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Blaine County Commissioners  
 Chouteau County Commissioners  
 Fergus County Commissioners  
 Glacier County Commissioners  
 Hill County Commissioners  
 Liberty County Commissioners  
 Phillips County Commissioners  
 Toole County Commissioners

Montana Chamber of Commerce  
 Fort Benton Chamber of Commerce  
 Havre Chamber of Commerce  
 Malta Chamber of Commerce  
 Lewistown Chamber of Commerce

Blaine County Conservation District  
 Chouteau County Conservation District  
 Glacier County Conservation District  
 Hill County Conservation District  
 Liberty County Conservation District  
 Toole County Conservation District

### **State**

Honorable Ted Schwinden  
 Department of Health and Environmental Sciences  
 Dept. of Community Affairs  
 Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation  
 Department of State Lands  
 Department of Natural Resources  
 Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
 State Historic Preservation Office  
 State Planning Coordination Office

### **Congressional**

Honorable Max Baucus  
 Honorable Ron Marlenee  
 Honorable John Melcher  
 Honorable Morris K. Udall, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs  
 Honorable Pat Williams  
 Honorable James A. McClure, Committee on Commerce & Natural Resources

### **Federal Agencies**

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
 Bonneville Power Administration  
 Bureau of Indian Affairs  
 Fort Belknap Tribal Council  
 Blackfeet Tribal Council  
 Rocky Boy Tribal Council  
 Fort Peck Tribal Council  
 Nez Perce Tribal Council  
 Salish and Kootenai Tribal Council

Bureau of Mines  
 Bureau of Reclamation  
 CMR National Wildlife Refuge  
 Department of Army Corps of Engineers  
 Department of Energy (Western Area Power Administration)  
 Department of Transportation  
 Environmental Quality Council  
 Federal Aviation Administration  
 Federal Highway Administration  
 Federal Housing Administration  
 National Park Service  
 Soil Conservation Service  
 United States Department of the Interior  
 Missouri River Basin Commission  
 Field Solicitors Office  
 US Environmental Protection Agency  
 US Army Corps of Engineers  
 US Dept. of Commerce  
 US Fish & Wildlife Service  
 US Forest Service  
 North Central Forest Experiment Station  
 US Geologic Service

### Special Interest Groups

American Fisheries Society  
 American Horse Protection Assoc.  
 American Mining Congress Journal  
 American Canoe Assoc.  
 American River Recreation Assoc.  
 American Rivers Conservation Council  
 Billings Rod & Gun Club  
 Blood Indian Tribal Council, Alberta, Canada  
 Defenders of Wildlife  
 Fergus County Livestock Association  
 Fishing & Floating Outfitters Association of Montana  
 High Country News  
 Humane Society of the US  
 Independent Petroleum Assoc. of Mtn. States  
 Intermountain Forest Industry Association  
 International Society for the Protection of Mustangs & Burros  
 Izaak Walton League of America  
 Lewistown Rod & Gun Club  
 Laurel Rod & Gun Club  
 Missouri River Canoe Rental  
 Missouri Basin Inter. Ag. Comm.  
 Missouri River Outfitters  
 Mitchell Grazing Association  
 Montana Association of State Grazing Districts  
 Montana Automobile Assoc.  
 Montana Coal Council  
 Montana Council of Cooperatives  
 Montana Farm Bureau  
 Montana Farmers Union  
 Montana Geological Society  
 Montana Historic Society  
 Montana Petroleum Association  
 Montana Public Lands Council  
 Montana River Outfitters  
 Montana Stockgrowers Association  
 Montana Wilderness Association  
 Montana Woolgrowers  
 Montana Wildlife Federation

National Audubon Society  
 National Coal Assoc.  
 National Council of Public Land Users  
 National Wildlife Federation  
 Natural Resource Defense Council, Inc.  
 Nature Conservancy  
 Nevada Outdoor Rec. Assoc., Inc.  
 Northern Montana Oil & Gas Assoc.  
 Northern Plains Resource Council  
 Northwest Mining Assoc.  
 Overthrust Foundation  
 PA Coop Wildlife Research Unit  
 Public Lands Institute  
 Reserved Water Rights Compact Comm.  
 Rocky Mountain Oil & Gas Association  
 Sierra Club  
 Signal Butte Grazing Assoc.  
 Society for Range Management  
 Square Butte Grazing Assoc.  
 The Wilderness Society  
 The Wildlife Society  
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 Western Environmental Trade Assoc.  
 Western River Guides Assoc.  
 WIFE  
 Wilderness Institute  
 Wild Horse Organized Assoc.  
 Wild Horse Research Farm  
 Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society  
 Yellowstone Snowmobilers Assoc.

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 American Colloid Co.  
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 Atlantic Richfield Co.  
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 Bailey Land & Livestock Inc.  
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 Big View Ranch  
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 Exxon USA  
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