

Miles City RMP Revision Preparation Plan – March, 2004

Table 1-2. Miles City RMP Revision Schedule					
Planning Phase	Planning Tasks	Time Frames	Dates (CY)	Who³	How
Formally Initiate Planning; Issues; Scoping	Develop Preparation Plan	8 months	08/03-03/04	FO	SO/WO review and comment
	Invite Cooperating Agencies	1 month	03/04-04/04	FO	Mail Letters Follow up call if no response
	Hire Project Manager (start date unknown)	5 months	02/04-06/04	FO/SO	State Office to advertise
	Planning Nuts & Bolts NEPA Class	1 week	2/9-2/12-04	FO	PTC Course
	Develop Statement of Work/contracting work/select contractor	4 months	06/04-09/04	FO/SO	Electronic
	Begin GIS/data evaluation with contractor	1 month	10/04	FO/Contractor	Meetings/electronic
	Establish website/Public Participation plan	1 month	10/04	FO/Contractor	Electronic
	Newsletter/News Release	1 week	10/04	FO	Newspaper/website
	Coordination Meeting with FS, FWS, EPA	1 week	09/04	FO	Meetings
	Initiate Discussion of ESA issues with FWS		09/04		
	Develop Species List (special status, important economic species, etc)		09/04		
	Notice of Intent Published (proposed issues, planning criteria, etc.)	3 months	07/04-09/04	FO/Contractor	Federal Register
	Public Scoping Meetings	1 month	11/04	FO/Contractor	Newspapers/meetings
	Economic Workshop	1 week	11/04	FO	Coordinate with NTC
Comment Period	2 months	11/04-12/04	FO/public	Letters/electronic	
Planning Criteria	Public Comment Analysis/Summary	2 months	01/05-02/05	FO/Contractor	Contractor database
	Finalize planning issues, concerns, opportunities	1 month	03/05	FO/Contractor	Electronic
	Publish planning criteria, issues, etc. on website	1 week	03/05	Contractor	Website
Inventory and Data Collection	Inventory (data collection)	5 months	11/04-04/05	FO	Field work/coordinate with others
	Collaborative data evaluation	6 months	11/04-07/05	FO/Contractor	Coordinate with other agencies

³ The BLM has invited Native American Tribes, local, and state governments to be cooperating agencies in this RMP process. It is not known yet which agencies/tribes will decide to be cooperators; however, they will be involved during all steps of the planning process.

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Analysis of the Management Situation	Describe existing environment to contractor	2 month	02/05-04/05	FO	Meetings/electronic
	Prepare MSA	2 months	03/05-05/05	FO/Contractor	Meetings/electronic
	Develop no-action alternative	1 month	05/05	FO/Contractor	Meetings/electronic
Formulation of Alternatives	Formulate alternatives with contractor/potential working groups	5 months	05/05-10/05	FO/Contractor	Meetings/electronic
	Early Consultation Discussions with FWS		05/05		
	Continue public involvement through alternatives	1 month	06/05	FO/Contractor	Newspapers/meetings
	Work on Chapters 1-3 with contractor as information allows	6 months	04/05-10/05	FO/Contractor	Electronic
Write and Publish Draft EIS	Write Draft EIS	5 months	11/05-05/06	Contractor	Meetings/electronic
	Review by cooperators/collaborators	1 month	06/06	FO/Contractor	Meetings/letters
	Review by SO/WO	1 month	07/06	SO/WO	SO/WO review and comment
	Respond to internal review	1 month	08/06	FO	Electronic
	Layout/Printing of Draft RMP/EIS	6 weeks	09/06-11/06	Contractor	Printer
	Issue Draft RMP/EIS	3 months	10/06-12/06	FO/ Public	Newspapers/letters/website
	News release/NOA	3 weeks	10/06	FO	Newspapers/website
Analyze Public Comments and Prepare and Publish Proposed RMP/Final EIS	Public comments analysis/summary	2 months	01/07-02/07	FO/Contractor	Meetings/electronic
	Prepare Proposed RMP/Final EIS	3 months	03/07-05/07	FO/Contractor	Electronic
	Internal review of RMP/EIS – SO/WO	1 month	06/07	SO/WO	SO/WO review and comment
	Respond to internal review	1 month	07/07	FO	Electronic
	Layout/printing of proposed RMP/Final EIS	6 weeks	08/07-10/07	FO/Contractor	Printer
	Governor’s consistency review period	2 months	09/07-10/07	FO	Meetings/letters
	Issue Proposed RMP/Final EIS (30-day protest)	1 month	10/07	FO	Newspapers/letters/website
	News release	1 week	10/07	FO	Newspapers/website
Decision	NOA	3 weeks	11/07		

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Decision	Record of Decision (date dependent upon protests)	1 week	12/07	FO	Newspapers/letters/website

Appendix A. Preparation Plan Data Status

Where there are costs listed below (other than using existing staff), they are being asked for under the benefiting activity (earmarked funds). These costs are not reflected in the budget table above. Once we have all of our earmarked submissions completed, this table will be updated/completed to reflect the costs used in those submissions.

Why Needed	Needed Data Set(s)	Is Needed Data Set Available	Work Needed to Obtain New Data or Prepare Existing Data/ GIS WM	Estimated Costs
				Staff Needs (Seasonals)
Base Info. Analysis	Field office administrative boundaries	Yes	Done at 100k scale	
	County boundaries	Yes	Done at 100k scale	
	Ownership	Yes	Most are done at 1:100,000 – nothing at 1:24,000 – Complete coverage for MT at 100k, dated 24k info – approx. 234 quads complete out of 1170 total – need to be digitized	
	Topographic maps	Yes	Digital Raster Graphs (DRG) at 1:24k, 1:100k	
	Elevation data (NED)	Yes	30 meter resolution	
	Slope	Partial	Can create from NED	
	Vegetation	No	Statewide GAP vegetation available, some SILC3 available	
	5 th Code Hydrologic Units		Yes, statewide coverage	
	Lakes	Yes	Statewide coverage at 100K, scattered at 1:24k – 196 available out of 1133 total	
	Streams and Rivers	Yes	205 out of 1085 complete at 24k, statewide coverage at 100k	
	Impaired Streams		No data	
	Riparian Areas	Partial	MSO has no riparian data for Miles City	
	Digital ortho quads	Partial	MSO has statewide coverage of DOQ's – some are still on tape from NRIS and are in process of being converted	
	Aerial photos (4"/mile)	Partial	No data	
	USFS/Other Agency Roads	Partial	Obtain from FS/GIS/Other agencies	
	County Roads	Partial	GIS – 100k ct2 layer – no data for Miles City	
	BLM/FIMMS Roads		100k fimms – need 10 done to complete for Miles City	
	Other/Miscellaneous Roads		100k mt2 – only have 6 done for Miles City	
	1978 Vegetation Inventory		No data	
	Satellite Imagery Vegetation	Partial	Will have 80% coverage of Field Office	
Pfister Habitat Types		No data		
Timber Structure		No data		

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Wildlife				
Base Info. Analysis	FWP Game Ranges	Yes	Obtain data from MFWP/GIS – MSO has FWP game ranges depicted on 100k ownership layer – should still get from FWP if available	
	Elk Seasonal Use Areas	Yes	Obtain data from MFWP/GIS – MSO has FWP data converted and available	
	Mule Deer Seasonal Use Areas	Yes	Obtain data from MFWP/GIS – MSO has FWP data converted and available	
	Bighorn Sheep Seasonal Use Areas	No	Obtain data from MFWP/GIS – MSO has FWP data converted and available	
	Antelope Seasonal Use Areas	Yes	Obtain data from MFWP/GIS – MSO has FWP data converted and available	
	Whitetail Deer Seasonal Use Areas	Yes	Obtain data from MFWP/GIS – MSO has FWP data converted and available	
	Black-Tailed Prairie Dog surveys	Partial		
	Bald Eagle Monitoring	Yes		
	Sage Grouse Seasonal Use Areas	Partial	MSO has FWP data converted and available	
Base Info. Analysis	Breeding Bird Surveys for Sensitive Species	Partial		
	Raptor Nesting Areas	Partial		
	Waterfowl Seasonal Use Areas	No	No data	
	General Terrestrial Habitat Surveys	Partial		
	Macroinvertebrate Monitoring	Partial		
	Other Sensitive species (ie. Burrowing owl, ferruginous hawk, longbilled burlew, Swainsons hawk & others)	Partial		
Forestry				
Appendix C	Vegetation Inventory	No	Need inventory for forested areas – MSO has GAP vegetation which includes forested areas?	Existing Staff – Flight Time Dollars
Soil and Water				
Base Info. Analysis	Soils		No data	
	Water quality		No data	
Riparian				
Appendix C base info.	Riparian Areas/Condition	Partial	Need to consolidate all in-house records to see what we have and what is needed. Right now we do have paper records and files for some reaches but do not know how many.	__ WM seasonal

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Base info.	Riparian Area Conditions		We have no GIS data. Need to GPS sites and complete GIS coverage	
T&E Plants				
There are no T&E species. The Montana Natural Heritage Program maintains a website where sensitive plant locations are available. The plan will discuss how to conserve the types of habitats sensitive plants use. (Special Status plant species are included here also)				
Appendix C Base Info.	Sensitive Plants		MSO has Heritage data – statewide	
Fire and Fuels				
We will use the polygons we already have in the State-wide Fire Plan (no decision yet). The information below for fuels inventory is currently being asked for under the fire program for next FY (about 36,000 acres are scheduled under an existing contract).				
Base info.	Forest Fuels Inventory		No data	
Base info.	Non-Forest Fuels Inventory		No data	
Base info.	Fire History Study		Have fire history data from Denver	
Rangelands				
Appendix C	Ecological Site Inventories		No data	
Appendix C	Rangeland Health		No data	
Base Info.	Noxious Weeds		Some weed data available at 1:24k	
AML/Hazardous Materials				
Base Info.	Inventory/Assessment		No data	
Base Info.	HMM Inventory		No data	
Lands/Realty				
Appendix C	Access Transportation/Utility ROW Corridors		No data in GIS – available on maps – needs updated No data in GIS	
Minerals, Oil and Gas				
Appendix C	Geology – existing		Data Available	
	Mineral Potential		Development/Occurrence Potential on hard copy at MSO (100k scale-need to be digitized)	
	Oil and Gas Potential		Some data available	
	Mineral Material Sale Areas		No data	
Recreation and Special Area Management				
Appendix C	Travel Management		Incorporate guidelines developed by RAC & working group	
Appendix C	Special Designations (Wild and Scenic)		No data in MCFO	

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	Rivers)			
	ACECs	Yes	MSO has statewide dataset available	
	OHV		Update LUP guidance with past amendments; consider new areas for intensive OHV use or closed to all motorized use; signing of public lands	
Appendix C	Visual Resource Management/ROS	Partial	Need to update VRM inventory	
Base Info.	Cave Inventory		No data	
Appendix C	Other recreation	Partial	Outfitter and Guiding direction Identify areas where commercial activities would not be allowed Allocation	
Cultural Resources				
Appendix C IB 2002-101	New Class I Inventory		Contract to obtain Data	\$100,000
Paleontology				
	New Class I Inventory		Contract to obtain Data	
Social/Economic				
	Environmental Justice Consideration		Data Available	
	Wildland Urban Interface Areas		Data Available	
	Communities at risk from Wildland Fire		Data Available	
	Counties Losing Population		Data Available	
	Number of Economic Sectors by Counties		Data Available	

