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In addition to this EIS, other factors and consultations are considered and play a major role in determining the decision on this proposed exchange. These include the following.

Regional Coal Team Consultation.

The P&M Exchange Proposal was reviewed and discussed at the February 23, 1999 PRRCT public meeting held on October 27, 1999 in Gillette, Wyoming. P&M presented information about their proposed exchange to the PRRCT at this meeting. The PRRCT recommended that the BLM continue to process the exchange and instructed BLM to proceed with an EIS to evaluate the environmental effects of the exchange.

Public Notice. The BLM published the Notice of Exchange Proposal for four consecutive weeks, as required by the regulations at 43 CFR 2201.2(a) in the following newspapers:

- Rawlins Daily Times - December 22, 28, 2000, January 4, 11, 2001;
- The Kemmerer Gazette - December 21, 28, 2000, January 4, 11, 2001;
- The Daily Rocket-Miner - December 21, 28, 2000, January 4, 11, 2001;

- The Sheridan Press - December 21, 28, 2000, January 4, 11, 2001.

The BLM filed a Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS and a Notice of Scoping in the *Federal Register* on February 14, 2001. The filing served as notice that the P&M exchange proposal had been received and public comment was requested.

Public scoping meetings were held on March 5, 2001 in La Barge, Wyoming, March 6, 2001 in Rawlins, Wyoming and March 7, 2001 in Sheridan, Wyoming. At the public meetings P&M, BLM, and USFS personnel orally presented information about the exchange process and the properties proposed for exchange. The presentations were followed by a question and answer period, during which oral comments were made. The scoping period extended from February 14 through March 31, 2001, during which time BLM received 23 written comments.

A Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS was published in the *Federal Register* on May 24, 2002. The 60-day comment period on the Draft EIS ended on July 23, 2002. BLM received 21 written comment letters on the Draft EIS, which are included, with responses, as Appendix I in this Final EIS. After the Final EIS is published, a public meeting will be held to receive public comments on the public interest factors of the proposed exchange, as required by 43 CFR 2203.3.

Attorney General Consultation.

After the Final EIS is published and the public meeting or meetings are held, the BLM will forward to the U.S. Attorney General copies of the comments received in response to the request for public comments, the transcript of the public meeting or meetings, and copies of written comments received at the public meeting or meetings.

Other Consultations. Other federal, state, and local governmental agencies that were directly consulted in preparation of this EIS are listed in Table 5-1.

List of Preparers.

This EIS was prepared by WWC Engineering, a third-party contractor, under the direction of the BLM. Representatives from cooperating agencies contributed to and participated in the NEPA process. Tables 5-2 and 5-3 provide listings of the BLM, OSM, and USFS interdisciplinary team and the third-party consultant personnel who prepared and reviewed this EIS.

Distribution List.

This EIS was distributed to numerous Congressional offices, federal agencies, state governments, local governments, industry representatives, interest groups, and individuals for their review and comment (Table 5-4).

Table 5-1. Other Federal, State, and Local Governmental Agencies Consulted in EIS Preparation.

Agency or Organization	Individual	Position
Powder River Regional Coal Team	5 Voting Members and 21 Nonvoting Members	Advisory Group
Wyoming Game and Fish Department	Lynn Jahnke	Wildlife & Fish Supervisor
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality		
Air Quality Division	Darla Potter	Senior Analyst
	Judy Shamley	Senior Analyst
	Mike Warren	Senior Analyst
Land Quality Division	Doug Emme	Blasting Program Principal
	Bob Giurgevich	Assistant Supervisor
Water Quality Division	Maggie Davison	Senior Analyst
Abandoned Mine Lands Division	Tim Richmond	Senior Analyst
Wyoming Oil and Gas Commission	Don Likwartz	Supervisor
Wyoming Department of Commerce	Dale Hoffman	Mineral Tax Division Director

Table 5-1. Other Federal, State, and Local Governmental Agencies Consulted in EIS Preparation (continued).

Agency or Organization	Individual	Position
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Wyoming Department of Revenue	Dean Ternte	Senior Economist
Montana Department of Environmental Quality		
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Air Quality Division	Robert Jeffrey	Senior Analyst

Table 5-2. List of Contributors and Reviewers.

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Alberta Settle	Hazardous Materials Assessment
Andy Warren	Vegetation and Rangeland
	BLM Pinedale Field Office
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	BLM National Science and Technology Center
Scott Archer	Air Quality and Climate
	Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Western Regional Coordinating Center
Floyd McMullen	EIS Project Coordinator
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Table 5-3. List of Preparers.

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Rodney Ventling	11 years professional experience	CADD
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Intermountain Resources-Subcontractor		
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Young-soo Chang	Ph.D. Chemical Engineering, 20 years professional experience	Cumulative Air Quality Impact Modeling

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Powder River Regional Coal Team Non-Voting and Alternate Voting Members

Big Horn County Planning Board, Montana	BLM Wyoming State Office	BLM Montana State Office
BLM Washington Office	Bureau of Indian Affairs Billings, Montana	Crow Tribal Council
Gillette Department of Community Development	Montana Office of the Governor	National Park Service, Devils Tower National Monument
U.S. Geological Survey Denver, CO	Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council	Office of Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement, Denver, CO
Powder River County, Montana	Rocky Mountain Regional Solicitor's Office Denver, CO	Rosebud County, Montana
U.S. Forest Service, Medicine Bow National Forest Laramie, WY	U.S. Forest Service, Douglas Ranger District Douglas, WY	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Cheyenne, WY

Bureau of Indian Affairs
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Federal Agencies

BLM Washington, D.C. Rawlins, WY Pinedale, WY Buffalo, WY Miles City, MT Casper, WY	Bureau of Indian Affairs Washington, D.C. Denver, CO	Environmental Protection Agency Denver, CO Washington, D.C.
Minerals Management Service Herndon, VA Denver, CO	Bureau of Reclamation Denver, CO Washington, D.C.	Federal Highway Administration Washington, D.C.
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Casper, WY Washington, D.C.	National Park Service Lakewood, CO Washington, D.C. Kemmerer, WY	Office of Environmental Policy Washington, D.C.
	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Omaha, NE Cheyenne, WY	U.S. Forest Service Lakewood, CO Kemmerer, WY Washington, D.C.

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Federal Agencies (continued)

U.S. Department of Energy Casper, WY	U.S. Department of the Interior Denver, CO	U.S. Geological Survey Cheyenne, WY Washington DC
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Washington, D. C.		

State Government

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State Agencies

Montana Department of Environmental Quality Helena, MT	Wyoming Water Development Commission Cheyenne, WY	Wyoming State Engineer's Office Cheyenne, WY
Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office Cheyenne, WY	Wyoming Oil & Gas Conservation Commission Casper, WY	Wyoming State Geological Survey Laramie, WY
Wyoming Industrial Siting Division Cheyenne, WY	Wyoming Snowmobile Program Manager Cheyenne, WY	Wyoming State Inspector of Mines Rock Springs, WY
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Sheridan County Commission	Lincoln County Commission	Carbon County Commission
Sublette County Commission	Fremont County Commission	Sweetwater County Commission
Mayor of Sheridan	Mayor of Cokeville	Mayor of Diamondville
Mayor of Evanston	Mayor of Kemmerer	Mayor of La Barge
Lincoln County Planner	Mayor of Afton	

Indian Tribes and Tribal Governments

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	Clifford Long Sioux	Crow Creek Sioux Tribal Council
Crow Tribal Administration	Shoshone Business Council	Shoshone Spiritual Leader Delphine Clair
Shoshone Spiritual Leader Haman Wise	Shoshone Tribal Attorney	Flandreau Santee Sioux Executive Committee
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	Arapaho Spiritual Leader Bobby Joe Goggles	Arapaho Business Council
Northern Cheyenne Cultural Committee	Northern Cheyenne Traditional Spokesperson Steven Brady	Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council
Oglala Sioux Tribal Council	Oglala Sioux Tribal Administration	Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Santee Sioux Tribal Council	Southern Cheyenne/Southern Arapaho Tribal Offices	Standing Rock Sioux Agency
William C'Hair	Shoshone Bannock Tribes Fort Hall Idaho	Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council
Howard Antelope, Sr.		

Industry and Business

American Colloid Company	Antelope Coal Company	Aqua Terra Consultants
Ark Land Company	Belle Ayr Mine	Bjork, Lindley, Danielson, & Baker
Bridgeview Coal Company	Buckskin Mine	Burlington Northern Railroad Company
Burns & McDonnell	C.H. Snyder Company	CE&MT, Inc
CH2M Hill	Consol, Inc.	Cordero-Rojo Mine Complex
Davis & Cannon	Decker Coal Company	Diamond H Ranch
Dry Fork Coal Company	Ducker, Montgomery, Lewis, & Aronstein, P.C	Eagle Butte Mine
ECC	El Paso Production Company	ENCOAL
Environmental Solutions	Evergreen Enterprises	Exxon Company USA
Farleigh Oil Properties	Flying E Ranch	Foster-Wheeler Environmental
Glenrock Coal Company	Greystone	Hardin & Associates

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Industry and Business (continued)

Independent Production Company	Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University	Intermountain Resources
International Alcoholic Treatment	Irox Ranch	J.M. Huber Corporation
Jacobs Ranch Coal Corporation	Kennecott Energy Company	Kenneth R. Paulsen Cons.
Kfx Wyoming Inc.	Kiewit Mining Group	KN Energy
L.E. Peabody & Associates	M & K Oil Company, Inc.	Marston & Marston
McCarty Canyon Ranch	McGraw-Hill	McVehil-Monnett Associates, Inc.
Meineadair Consultants	Mine Engineers, Inc.	Mining Associates of Wyoming
Nerco Coal Company	North Rochelle Mine	Norwest Mine Services
P&M Coal Mining Company	Pacificorp	Pacificorp/Interwest Mng.
Padlock Ranch Company	PIC Technologies	Poudre Environmental Consultants
Powder River Energy Corporation	Powder River Coal Company	RAG Coal West Inc.
Range Telephone Coop.	Redstone Resources	Reserve Coal Properties
Riverside Technology, Inc.	Royal Gold, Inc.	San Juan Coal Company
Shea & Gardner	Shell Mining Company	Stone & Wolf, LLC
The Rim Companies	Thompson Logging	Three Forks Ranch
Thunder Basin Coal Company	Thunderbird Wildlife Consulting	Torch Energy
TRC Environmental	Triton Coal Company	URS Greiner Woodward Clyde
U.S. West Communications, Inc.	Utah Power & Light Property Service	V Cross Cattle Company
Wal-Mart	Western Energy Company	Western Fuels Association
Western Gas Resources	WWC Engineering	Wyodak Resources Development Corp.
Yates Petroleum Company	Williams Production RMT	
Interest Groups and Professional Societies		
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	Alliance for the Wild Rockies	American Wildlands
Big Horn Audubon Society	Cheyenne High Plains Audubon Society	Foundation for North American Wild Sheep
Biodiversity Conservation Alliance	Greater Yellowstone Coalition	Izaak Walton League of America
La Barge Area Public Land Users	Lincoln-Uinta Association of Gov.	Medicine Wheel Coalition
Murie Audubon Society	National Mining Association	People for the West

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Interest Groups and Professional Societies (continued)

People for Wyoming	Petroleum Association of Wyoming	Pheasants Forever
Powder River Basin Resource Council	Sierra Club	The Fund for Animals
The Nature Conservancy Public Lands Project	Trout Unlimited	Wildlife Management Institute
Wind River Multiple Use Advocates	Wyoming Association of Professional Archeologists	Wyoming Bankers Association
Wyoming Business Council	Wyoming Geological Association	Wyoming Mining Association
Wyoming Outdoor Council	Wyoming Public Lands Council	Wyoming Stock Growers Association
Wyoming Wildlife Federation	Wyoming Wool Growers Association	Western Land Exchange

Media

Associated Press	Casper Journal	Casper Star-Tribune
Cheyenne-Wyoming Eagle	Coal Daily	Douglas Budget
Gillette News Record	Rocky Mountain Oil Journal	Western Coal Newsletter
Sheridan Press	Rawlins Daily Times	Kemmerer Gazette
Rock Springs Rocket Miner	KSGT Radio	

Libraries

Colorado State University Libraries	Department Of the Interior Natural Resources Library	University of Wyoming Libraries
OSM Technical Library		

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