

CHAPTER 6 CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

An EIS must be prepared when a federal government agency considers approving an action within its jurisdiction that may impact the human environment. An EIS aids federal officials in making decisions by presenting information on the physical, biological, and social environment of a proposed project and its alternatives. The first step in preparing an EIS is to determine the scope of the project, the range of action alternatives, and the impacts to be included in the document.

The CEQ regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508) require an early scoping process to determine the issues related to the Proposed Action and alternatives that the EIS should address. The purpose of the scoping process is to identify important issues, concerns, and potential impacts that require analysis in the EIS and to eliminate insignificant issues and alternatives from detailed analysis.

This EIS was prepared by the BLM KFO in Kemmerer, Wyoming. A third-party contractor was used by the BLM to conduct studies, gather data, and prepare documents. Cooperating agencies for the Moxa Arch Area Infill Gas Development Project include:

- BLM KFO – lead agency
- Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Office of State Lands and Investments
- Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ)
- Wyoming Governor’s Planning Office
- Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
- Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD)
- Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT)
- Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA)
- Lincoln County and Lincoln County Conservation District
- Sweetwater County and Sweetwater County Conservation District
- Uinta County and Uinta County Conservation District

These agencies were actively involved in preparing, reviewing, and creating the draft EIS, as well as in developing mitigations and BMPs to reduce impacts from the proposed project.

6.1.1. Public Participation

The formal public scoping process began with the publication of the NOI in the Federal Register on October 7, 2005. The NOI announced the BLM’s intent to prepare an EIS for the Operators’ proposed Project and invited the public to comment and/or provide resource information. Four evening public meetings were held over a one-week period in mid-November 2005. The meetings were held in Evanston, Wyoming, on November 14, 2005; Rock Springs, Wyoming, on November 15, 2005; Lyman, Wyoming, on November 16, 2005; and Kemmerer, Wyoming, on November 17, 2005.

Numerous issues and concerns were identified and comments were submitted (post-marked) to the BLM from October 7, 2005 to December 2, 2005. While no written comments were received from the public during the scoping meetings, informal comments were shared with BLM staff and were noted. All comments received during the scoping process were reviewed and analyzed. The BLM identified 15 key issues, based primarily on the assumed quantity, intensity, or duration of a potential impact; and/or the volume of agency or public interest in the issue. These issues are summarized in Section 1.6.2.

During preparation of the EIS, the BLM and the consultant IDT have communicated with, and received or solicited input from, cooperating agencies; other federal, state, county, and local agencies; elected representatives; environmental and citizens groups; industries; and individuals potentially concerned with issues regarding the proposed drilling action. The contacts made are summarized in the following sections. The following organizations/individuals either provided comment or were provided the opportunity to comment during the scoping period.

Federal Offices

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
 Federal Highway Administration – Wyoming
 National Park Service – Long-Distance Trails Office
 Natural Resources Conservation Service
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 U.S. Department of Energy
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 U.S. Natural Resources Conservation
 U.S. Representative Barbara Cubin
 U.S. Senator Craig Thomas
 U.S. Senator Michael B. Enzi
 U.S.D.I. Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office
 U.S.D.I. Bureau of Reclamation
 U.S.D.I. Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

State Agencies

State Senators
 State Representatives
 Department of Revenue
 Governor State of Wyoming
 Public Lands Commissioner
 State Engineer’s Office
 State Geologic Survey
 Wyoming Association of Municipalities
 Wyoming Department of Agriculture
 Wyoming Department of Transportation
 Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources
 Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
 Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation
 Wyoming Game and Fish Department
 Wyoming Livestock Board
 Wyoming Mining Association
 Wyoming Office of Federal Land Policy
 Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
 Wyoming State Clearinghouse
 Wyoming Planning Coordinator’s Office
 Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office
 Wyoming State Parks
 Wyoming State Lands and Investments
 Wyoming State Trials
 Wyoming State Grazing Board
 Wyoming Water Development Commission

County Government

Lincoln County Conservation District
Lincoln County Commissioners
Lincoln County Historical Society
Lincoln County Library
Lincoln County Planning Commission
Lincoln Soil Conservation District
Lincoln-Uinta Association of Governments
Sweetwater County Commissioners
Sweetwater County Conservation District
Sweetwater County Historical Society
Sweetwater County Library
Sweetwater County Planning Office
Sweetwater Economic Development Association
Uinta County Planning Office
Uinta County Citizens Coalition
Uinta County Commissioners
Uinta County Conservation District
Uinta County Library System
Uinta County Weed and Pest

Municipalities

City of Kemmerer
Lyman Planning Office
Mayor of Diamondville
Mayor of Evanston
Mayor of Granger
Mayor of Green River
Mayor of LaBarge
Mayor of Lyman
Mayor of Mountain View
Mayor of Rock Springs
Rock Springs Library
Town of Opal

Native American Tribes

Eastern Shoshone Cultural Office
Eastern Shoshone Tribal Council
Eastern Shoshone Tribe
Northern Arapaho Business Council
Northern Arapaho Tribe
Northern Ute Business Committee
Northern Ute Tribe Cultural Resources
Shoshone Cultural Office
Shoshone Tribal Council
Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Council
Shoshone-Bannock Tribe

Grazing Permittees/ Lease and ROW Holders

DJR L&L LTD
Green River LST Co.
Green River Star
Horseshoe Spear Cattle Company

Joyce Kay Jacobs Trust
JR Broadbent Company
Julian Land and Livestock
Larson Livestock, Inc.
Rodwell Ranch, LLC
W&M Thoman Ranches, LLC
Charlotte Carlisle Living Trust
R. Gunter Family Partnership
St. Jeor Ranch, Inc.
Sims Livestock

Landowners

Jerry Aimone
Jay Anderson
Marijane S. Ashby
Ray Broadbent
Beverly Calhoun
Jon and Vicki Childs
Ron and Cathy Davison
Bob Eyre
George R. and Darlene Eyre and Sons
John L. and Cheryl Eyre
Kirk Eyre
Spencer Eyre
Gino and/or Glenna Foianini
Ernest Giorgis
Shawn Harris
Dennis Hunzeker
Arnold Larson
Tom Lozier
Frank Mau
John and Kathleen Rosas
Bill Sears
Blaine Thoman
Dora Trapp
William Tripp
Lee Van Gieson
George Zebre

Local Media

Associated Press
Casper Star-Tribune
Cowboy News Network
Daily Rocket Miner
KGNW-TV Kemmerer, WY
KJWY-TV Cheyenne, WY
KJWY-TV 2 Jackson, WY
KKTU Radio Jackson, WY
KMER/KAOX/KDWY Kemmerer, WY
KMTN/KJAX/KSGT/KZJH Radio Jackson Hole, WY
KOTB/KEVA Radio Evanston, WY
KOVE/KDLY Lander, WY
KRKK/KQSW/KSIT Rock Springs, WY

KTRZ Radio Riverton, WY
KTWO-TV Casper, WY
KUGR Radio Green River, WY
KUTV-2 Salt Lake City, UT
KVOW/KTAK Riverton, WY
KYOD 100 – FM Radio Douglas, WY
The Radio Network Green River, WY
Unita County Herald
University of Wyoming Public Radio
Wyoming Public Radio

Other Agencies, Industry Representatives, Individuals and Organizations

Alliance for the Wild Rockies Eco Defense
American Lands Alliance
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
Anadarko E&P Company LP
API Cheyenne
Biodiversity Conservation Alliance
BP America Production Company
Cabot Oil and Gas Corporation
Chevron Texaco
Defenders of Wildlife
Ducks Unlimited
Earthjustice
Ecology and Environment, Inc.
Environmental Defense
EOG Resources, Inc.
FMC Corporation
FMC Wyoming Corporation
Frontiers of Freedom – People for the USA
General Chemical Co.
Greater Yellowstone Coalition
Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States
Inside Energy
Klabzuba Oil and Gas
Medicine Butte Wildlife Association
Medicine Wheel Alliance
Medicine Wheel Coalition for Sacred Sites
Merrion Oil and Gas Corporation
Mormon Trails Association
Mule Deer Foundation
National Pony Express Association
National Trust for Historic Preservation
National Wildlife Federation
National Resources Defense Council
Painter & Company
People for the USA
People for Wyoming
Petroleum Association of Wyoming
Petroleum Information Corporation
Public Lands Advocacy
Questar Corporation
Rock Springs Grazing Association

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Rocky Mountain Exploration
Sierra Club
Sinapu
Solvay Minerals
South Uinta Cattle Association
Southern Wyoming Dirt Riders
Southwest Wyoming Industrial Association
Southwest Wyoming Mineral Association
Sweetwater Wildlife Association
The Land and Water Fund of the Rockies
The Nature Conservancy
The Wilderness Society
Trout Unlimited
Union Pacific Resources Co.
University of Wyoming Libraries
University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service
Upper Green River Valley Coalition
U.S. Energy Corporation
Western Gas Resources
Western Watersheds Project
Western Wyoming Community College Library
Westport Oil and Gas Co. LP
Wexpro
Williams Energy
Wold Trona Company
Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists
Wyoming Association of Professional Historians
Wyoming Business Alliance
Wyoming Natural Diversity Database
Wyoming Outdoor Council
Wyoming Public Lands Council
Wyoming Sportsman's Association
Wyoming Wilderness Association
Wyoming Wildlife Federation
Wyoming Wool Growers Association
Zinke and Trumbo, Inc.

6.1.2. List of Preparers

The following tables identify the BLM IDT (Table 6-1) and the consultant IDT (Table 6-2) that were principally involved in preparing this EIS.

Table 6-1. List of BLM Interdisciplinary Team EIS Preparers.

Name	Responsibility
Kemmerer Field Office	
Mary Jo Rugwell	Field Manager
Lance Porter	Assistant Field Manager/Renewable Resources
Mark Meyer	Assistant Field Manager/Minerals & Land
Carl Bezanson	Range Management
Chris Crews	Wildlife
Michele Easley	Project Manager/Planning and Environmental Coordinator
Ed Feeley	Range Management
Ed Jess	Archeology
Kelly Lamborn	Realty
Wally Mierzejewski	Recreation
Dan Oles	G.I.S.
James Roberts	Fluid Minerals Surface/HazMat
Matt Warren	Fluid Minerals/PE
Wyoming State Office	
Susan Caplan	Air Quality
Roy Allen	Socioeconomics

Table 6-2. List of Consultant Interdisciplinary Team EIS Preparers.

Name	Primary Role
SWCA Environmental Consultants	
Jon Kehmeier	Project Manager
Kevin Thompson	Principal-in-Charge
Heather Neail Smith	Asst. Project Manager
Scott Phillips	Archaeology
Larry Semo	Biology Lead
Patricia Billig	Air Quality
Steve Kandell	Facilitation
Adrian Hogel	Resource Specialist
Kara Altvater	Resource Specialist
Krista Northcott	GIS Specialist
Keri Burns	Technical Editor
Cynthia Manseau	Technical Editor
Sarah Springer	Administrative Record
Petros Environmental	
Richard Bell	Project Coordinator
Joe Fetzer	Quality Assurance/Geology Lead
Mathis and Associates	
Nick Mathis	Transportation Lead
Kathol and Company (Socioeconomics)	
Jennifer Kathol	Socioeconomics Lead
Natural Resource Group (Air Group)	
Cheryl Pagard	Air Quality
William VonSee	Air Quality
Dr. Warner Reeser	Air Quality
University of Wyoming	
Tex Taylor	Socioeconomics
ENVIRON	
Sue Kemball-Cook	Air Quality
Yiqin Jia	Air Quality
Ed Tai	Air Quality
Ralph Morris	Air Quality