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Scoping Notice and Request for Public Input: **Hyattville Motorized Travel Management**

Proposed Action

The Bureau of Land Management, Worland Field Office is developing a travel management activity plan for the Hyattville area. This activity plan will implement the motorized travel designation decisions in the Washakie Resource Management Plan (RMP).

The RMP identified an area within the West Slope of the Bighorns where motorized vehicles would be “limited to designated roads and trails.” An objective in the Washakie RMP is: “to enhance and expand opportunities for recreation while intensively managing areas with high recreation values.” The travel management area is shown on the attached map.

Specific routes to be designated for vehicle travel and actions necessary to implement the designation will be determined through this scoping process, two public open house meetings, and an environmental assessment. Topics to be considered in the travel management activity include maps, signs and markers, education and information, barriers, rehabilitation, monitoring, enforcement and maintenance.

Identified Goals

- Provide access for a wide variety of recreation activities on public lands.
- Provide administrative, commercial, and private land access where necessary.
- Protect resource values and prevent the creation of new, unauthorized routes.
- Provide clear information for the public to understand and comply with route designations.
- Identify future planning needs and opportunities related to travel management.

National Environmental Policy Act

The BLM conducts environmental assessments in compliance with NEPA and regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality. Environmental analyses serve several purposes: they provide information about potential environmental consequences of a project; identify means to minimize or avoid environmental harm resulting from a project; and provide authorities information to make an informed decision regarding the project.

Public scoping is an element of the NEPA process. Scoping activities are initiated early in the process to:

- identify reasonable alternatives to be evaluated in the analysis;
- identify environmental issues of concern related to the proposed project; and
- determine the depth of analysis for issues addressed in the environmental assessment.

This scoping statement has been prepared to enable governmental agencies, the general public, and other interested parties to participate in the analysis. Public input is important in establishing the scope of analysis for any NEPA document, and the BLM encourages public participation.

Scoping Meetings

Two public meetings will be held to provide interested members of the public with further information

about the proposal and their opportunities to submit scoping comments to BLM.

These meetings will be conducted in an open-house format. The public will have the opportunity to meet with BLM personnel regarding the specifics of the proposal. Maps and other documents will be available for review. Comment forms will be provided. Comments can be submitted at the meeting, or sent in later.

The meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

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| April 12, 2007 4:00 – 7:00 PM Hyattville Community Center 308 S Main Hyattville WY | April 16, 2007 11:00 – 4:00 PM BLM – Worland Field Office 101 S. 23rd Worland, WY |
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Timing Requirements

Comments are due by **May 1, 2007**. Please submit your comments to:

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