

**Kemmerer Field Office Planning Area
Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement**

Lead Agency: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

Type of Action: Administrative

Jurisdiction: Lincoln, Sweetwater, and Uinta Counties, Wyoming

Abstract: This Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) describes and analyzes alternatives for the planning and management of public lands and resources administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Kemmerer Field Office. The administrative area is located in southwest Wyoming and includes land in most of Lincoln and Uinta counties, and parts of Sweetwater County. Within the Kemmerer planning area, the BLM manages approximately 1.4-million acres of BLM-administered public land surface and 1.6-million acres of federal mineral estate (refer to Maps 1 through 3 in Volume 2).

Alternatives A through D were presented in the Draft RMP and EIS. **Alternative A** is a continuation of the existing management (No Action Alternative). Under this alternative, use of public lands and resources continue to be managed under the 1986 Kemmerer RMP, as amended. **Alternative B** provides a high level of environmental protection for wildlife habitat and other resource values, while allowing the production of resource commodities. **Alternative C** maximizes the production of resource commodities while providing an adequate level of environmental protection for other resources. **Alternative D** (Preferred Alternative) provides energy development opportunities while maintaining and/or improving resource conditions, protecting unique resource values and allowing proactive and adaptive management on a landscape basis.

After careful consideration of both public and internal comments received on the Draft RMP and EIS, adjustments and clarifications have been made to Alternative D. As modified, Alternative D is now presented as the Proposed RMP in the Final EIS. The major issues addressed include: (1) energy and mineral resource exploration and development; (2) vegetation and habitat management; (3) landownership adjustments, access and transportation; (4) National Historic Trails management; and (5) special designations.

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