

## CHAPTER 5—CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) decisionmaking process is conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA, and Department of Interior and BLM policies and procedures implementing NEPA. NEPA and the associated regulatory/policy framework require that all federal agencies involve the interested general public in their decisionmaking, consider reasonable alternatives to the preferred alternative/proposed plan, and prepare environmental documents that disclose the potential impacts of the preferred alternative/proposed plan and alternatives.

Public involvement, consultation, and coordination have been at the heart of the planning process leading to the Rawlins Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) and final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). This was accomplished through *Federal Register* notices, public and informal meetings, individual contacts, news releases, planning bulletins, the planning website, and public comments on the RMP draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

A Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the *Federal Register* on February 25, 2002, to formally announce that the BLM Rawlins Field Office (RFO) was preparing an RMP and associated EIS. The notice invited the participation of the affected and interested agencies, organizations, and members of the general public in determining the scope and significant issues to be addressed in the planning alternatives and analyzed in the EIS. Additional public involvement was solicited to help identify issues to be addressed in developing a full range of land management alternatives (see Table 5-1 for a list of public involvement, coordination, and consultation events). This chapter describes this public involvement process as well as other key consultation and coordination activities undertaken for the preparation of a comprehensive final EIS for the RFO.

**Table 5-1. Public Involvement, Coordination, and Consultation Events**

Date	Location	Type
February 5, 2003	Rawlins, Wyoming	Cooperators Meeting
March 3, 2003	Rock Springs, Wyoming	Joint Public Scoping Meeting for Rawlins RMP/Pinedale RMP
March 4, 2003	Rawlins, Wyoming	Public Scoping Meeting
March 5, 2003	Baggs, Wyoming	Public Scoping Meeting
March 6, 2003	Laramie, Wyoming	Public Scoping Meeting
July 14–18, 2003	Rawlins, Wyoming	Cooperators Meeting/Alternatives Development Workshop
December 1–5, 2003	Rawlins, Wyoming	Cooperators Meeting/Development of the Preferred Alternative
December 17, 2004		NOA—Start of 90-day public comment period on the Rawlins RMP/DEIS
February 7, 2005	Rock Springs, Wyoming	Public Hearing Meeting—RMP/DEIS
February 8, 2005	Baggs, Wyoming	Public Hearing Meeting—RMP/DEIS
February 9, 2005	Rawlins, Wyoming	Public Hearing Meeting—RMP/DEIS
February 10, 2005	Laramie, Wyoming	Public Hearing Meeting—RMP/DEIS

Date	Location	Type
December 5, 2005	Rawlins, Wyoming	Cooperator Meeting/Development of Goals and Objectives
December 12–16, 2005	Rawlins, Wyoming	Cooperator Meeting/Development of Goals and Objectives
January 11–13, 2006	Rawlins, Wyoming	Cooperators Meeting/Development of the Proposed Plan
February 8–10, 2006	Rawlins, Wyoming	Cooperator Meeting/Development of the Proposed Plan
June 5, 2007		NOA–Correction, Availability of Summary of Potential ACECs

## 5.1 CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

Because of jurisdictional responsibilities, BLM is required to consult with certain federal, Native American, and state agencies and entities (40 CFR 1502.25) during the NEPA decisionmaking process. BLM is also directed to integrate NEPA requirements with other environmental review and consultation requirements to reduce paperwork and delays (40 CFR 1500.4–5).

Title II, Section 202, of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs BLM to coordinate planning efforts with Native American Indian tribes, other federal departments, and agencies of the state and local governments as part of its land use planning process. This section documents the consultation and coordination efforts undertaken by BLM throughout the entire process of developing the Proposed RMP and final EIS.

Coordination with other agencies and consistency with other plans were accomplished through frequent communications, meetings, and cooperative efforts among the BLM interdisciplinary team and involved federal, state, and local agencies and organizations. Coordination and consistency for the final EIS were primarily accomplished through the assistance of cooperating agencies formally involved in the project (see Section 5.1.1 for a list of cooperating agencies and a description of their involvement).

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) was consulted for Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultation, and USFWS provided updated threatened and endangered species lists throughout the process. The USFWS participated in the development and review of the biological assessment (BA completed in August 2006) and the biological opinion (BO completed in January 2007).

Coordination with EPA through various meetings has occurred throughout the Rawlins RMP process. BLM also participated as a member of the Air Quality Protocol Group, which includes the United States Forest Service (USFS), the State of Wyoming, and the National Park Service (NPS) as participants.

### 5.1.1 Cooperating Agencies

The RFO extended cooperating agency status to the State of Wyoming, Carbon County, Albany County, Sweetwater County, and various Conservation Districts for the Rawlins RMP planning effort. These agencies were invited to participate because they have jurisdiction by law or could offer special expertise. A list of the cooperating agencies that have actively participated in cooperators meetings leading up to the development of the Proposed RMP/final EIS is included below:

- Carbon County
- Albany County
- Sweetwater County
- Representative from the Wyoming Governor’s Office
- State of Wyoming
- Wyoming State Lands and Investments
- Wyoming Department of Agriculture
- Wyoming Game and Fish Commission
- Wyoming Oil and Gas Commission
- Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ)—Water/Air
- State Historic Preservation Office
- Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins Conservation District
- Medicine Bow Conservation District
- Little Snake River Conservation District
- Sweetwater County Conservation District
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The cooperating agencies were formally invited to participate in the development of the alternatives and to provide existing data and other information relative to their agency responsibilities, goals, and mandates. The RFO conducted meetings with cooperating agencies throughout development of the RMP EIS. Most recently, meetings were held in January 2006 to incorporate goals and objectives into the Proposed RMP/FEIS.

### 5.1.2 Coordination and Consistency

Coordination with other agencies and consistency with other agency and local and state government plans were accomplished through frequent communications and cooperative efforts between BLM and involved federal, state, and local agencies. The Wyoming Governor’s Clearinghouse received 20 copies of the draft EIS for review to ensure consistency with ongoing state plans. The interdisciplinary team reviewed county land use plans to ensure consistency. The State of Wyoming will undertake a formal consistency review during review of the Proposed RMP/FEIS. Table 5-2 summarizes coordination actions undertaken by various federal, state, and local agencies for the RMP development process.

**Table 5-2. Key Coordination Actions**

Agency	Coordination/Responsibility
<b>FEDERAL AGENCIES</b>	
<b>U.S. Department of the Interior</b>	
<b>Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)</b>	Coordinates mineral leasing and other activities that affect lands administered by the BOR. Reviews the Rawlins RMP/EIS for consistency with BOR planning.
<b>USFWS</b>	Reviews actions affecting threatened or endangered species of fish, wildlife, or plants. Section 7 consultation, coordination, and review.
<b>Geological Survey (USGS)</b>	Reviews Rawlins RMP/EIS for consistency with USGS planning.
<b>Minerals Management Service (MMS)</b>	Reviews Rawlins RMP/EIS for consistency with MMS planning.

Agency	Coordination/Responsibility
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>	
<b>USFS</b>	Coordinates mineral leasing and other activities that affect lands administered by the USFS. Reviews the Rawlins RMP/EIS for consistency with USFS planning. Coordinates and cooperates with EPA and WDEQ on monitoring and collection of air quality data.
<b>Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service—Wildlife Services</b>	Coordinates annual management plan for animal damage control activities on public lands.
<b>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</b>	Coordinates with BLM, USFS, and WDEQ on monitoring and collecting air quality data. Reviews air quality monitoring data. Files <i>Federal Register</i> notices.
<b>STATE AGENCIES</b>	
<b>State of Wyoming</b>	Participates in the environmental analysis and documentation process by providing information concerning environmental issues for which the State of Wyoming has jurisdiction by law or special expertise. Provides information from state records on matters including, but not limited to, Rawlins RMP/EIS project impacts on air quality and Class 1 air sheds, fish and wildlife, domestic livestock grazing, social and economic impacts, minerals, and State of Wyoming permitting requirements.  The state has primacy on water rights and determines the use and allocation of water resources in the state in terms of groundwater and surface water.
<b>Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality</b>	Coordinates and cooperates on water quality, development of monitoring for visibility standards and guidelines, and collecting of air quality data. WDEQ administers the NPDES program and issues permits for surface discharge in the state, and sets the water quality standards for water bodies within the state.
<b>Wyoming State Forestry, Emergency Management Agency, State Fire Marshal's Office</b>	Coordinates on forest management of prescribed fire and wildland fire.
<b>Wyoming Game and Fish Department</b>	Coordinates and cooperates on vegetation treatment projects, wildlife habitat management, big game herd objectives, and Special Status Species.
<b>Wyoming Department of Transportation</b>	Coordinates and cooperates on transportation planning and highway access.
<b>State Historic Preservation Office</b>	Consults on compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in accordance with the National Programmatic Agreement, as implemented in the Wyoming Protocol to that agreement.
<b>COUNTY AGENCIES</b>	
<b>Carbon County Albany County Sweetwater County</b>	Participate in the environmental analysis and documentation process by providing information concerning environmental issues for which each specified county has jurisdiction by law or special expertise. Provide information on Rawlins RMP/EIS project impacts on domestic livestock grazing and social and economic impacts relating to each specified county.

Agency	Coordination/Responsibility
<b>CONSERVATION DISTRICTS</b>	
<b>Medicine Bow Conservation District</b> <b>Little Snake River Conservation District</b> <b>Sweetwater County Conservation District</b>	Assist with the conservation of Wyoming's soil and water resources; promote the control of soil erosion; promote and protect the quality of Wyoming's waters; reduce siltation of stream channels and reservoirs; promote wise use of Wyoming's water and all other natural resources; preserve and enhance wildlife habitat; protect the tax base; and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of this state through a responsible conservation ethic.

### 5.1.3 Native American Interests

Protective measures for culturally sensitive Native American resources are established through consultation and coordination with the appropriate Native American tribes. Pursuant to the NEPA, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), FLPMA, American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA), and Executive Order 13007, the BLM has engaged in consultation with Native American representatives for the RMP planning process. Native American consultation is an ongoing process that began before the current RMP revision and will continue after the new RMP is completed. Consultation occurs throughout all of the levels of the BLM planning process (Section 1.3 of the RMP FEIS).

As part of the formal RMP EIS scoping process in 2003, the BLM mailed letters requesting input on any issues and concerns to be considered in the planning process. These letters were sent to the Shoshone, Arapaho, Ute, and the Comanche tribes. As a result of these letters, the BLM received comments from the Ute Tribe requesting that the BLM consider and protect cultural resources and sites sensitive to Native Americans in the planning document.

Following the scoping process, consultation letters were sent to the Shoshone, Arapaho, Ute, Cheyenne, Shoshone-Bannock, Crow, and Comanche tribes. These letters more specifically requested information regarding any concerns the tribes might have within the Resource Management Plan Planning Area (RMPPA) and presented the opportunity for meetings or field trips with representatives from the tribes. These letters were followed up with personal telephone calls to discuss any concerns or to arrange meetings.

As a result of this effort, Vernon Hill of the Shoshone Tribe expressed his concern that the BLM consider cultural resources in the planning process and requested that the BLM continue to contact the tribes on a project-specific level so that the tribes could provide input on sacred sites that might be impacted at that time.

In December 2004, copies of the draft EIS for the RMP were mailed to Shoshone, Arapaho, Ute, Northern Cheyenne, Oglala Sioux, Rosebud Sioux, Cheyenne River Sioux, Shoshone-Bannock, and Crow tribes. This was followed by letters and telephone calls in January 2005 to remind the tribes that the draft EIS was available for review and to renew the invitation for meetings, tours, and additional contacts. Specific comments from tribal representatives on the draft EIS are addressed in the Comment Response Appendix (Appendix 38).

In addition to the formal consultation process described above, the tribes were also invited to participate in the planning process as cooperating agencies. In October 2005, letters inviting the tribes to become cooperating agencies were sent to the Shoshone, Arapaho, Ute, Northern Cheyenne, Oglala Sioux, Rosebud Sioux, Cheyenne River Sioux, Shoshone-Bannock, Crow, Hunkpapa-Santee Sioux, and Fort

Peck Assiniboine and Sioux tribes. None of the tribes contacted requested to be considered cooperating agencies.

## 5.2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation in the BLM planning process includes a variety of efforts to identify and address public concerns and needs. The public involvement process assists the agencies in—

- Broadening the information base for decisionmaking
- Informing the public about the RMP/EIS and the potential impacts associated with various management decisions
- Ensuring that public needs and viewpoints are brought to the attention of the agency.

### 5.2.1 Scoping Period

The public is provided a scoping period to identify potential issues and concerns associated with the RMP/EIS. Information obtained by BLM during public scoping is combined with issues identified by the agencies to form the scope of the EIS.

Publication of an NOI on February 25, 2002, announced BLM's intention of revising the Great Divide RMP.

#### Scoping Notice

The official 60-day scoping period began when a public scoping notice was prepared and mailed to federal, state, and local agencies; interest groups; and members of the general public on January 31, 2003. The notice invited the public to participate in the scoping process and requested input in identifying resource issues and concerns, management alternatives, and other information valuable in determining future land use decisions for the Rawlins RMPPA. The notice also announced the availability of the Management Situation Analysis (MSA) on the Rawlins RMP project website. The scoping period ran from February 3, 2003, through April 7, 2003. Also included with the scoping notice was information on the RFO management area, background information on the planning process, and preliminary planning issues and planning criteria.

#### Scoping Meetings

Public scoping meetings were held in Rock Springs, Rawlins, Baggs, and Laramie, Wyoming, on March 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2003, respectively. More than 80 people attended the four meetings. The meetings were structured in an open house format, with BLM specialists representing issues such as livestock grazing, mineral and gas development, and other resource areas. BLM specialists were available to provide information and respond to questions. Comments from the public were collected during the scoping meetings and throughout the scoping period through a variety of methods—mail, fax, e-mail, and the project website.

Approximately 26,745 comments were received through the various methods. Comments were categorized by topic for analysis purposes. The category receiving the most comments was "Mining and Oil and Gas Development." A large number of comments expressed a desire for preservation over

continued development. A major concern identified in the comments dealt with the disruption of migration corridors for big-game herd animals and the degradation of environmentally sensitive areas.

The category receiving the second-highest number of comments was “Wildlife and Fisheries.” Although fewer in number, comments were also received dealing with Range Management and Livestock Grazing, Recreation and OHV Use, Cultural and Historic Resources, Special Designations and Management Areas, Wilderness, Transportation and Access, and General Comments. A summary of all comments was then compiled and made available as the *Rawlins RMP Scoping Report*, May 2003, which can be viewed at: [www.blm.gov/rmp/wy/rawlins](http://www.blm.gov/rmp/wy/rawlins).

## 5.2.2 Mailing List

The mailing list for public scoping was developed initially from the RFO mailing list and supplemented throughout the planning process. Scoping meeting participants were given the option to be added to the mailing list. In addition, individuals were able to add themselves to the project mailing list by registering on the project website, as well as through requests to be placed on the mailing list by contacting BLM staff. The RFO mailing list has been used as the basis for the distribution of the Proposed RMP/FEIS (Section 5.3).

## 5.2.3 Newsletters

Periodic newsletters have been developed to keep the public informed of the Rawlins RMP/EIS planning process. The April 2002 Rawlins RMP/EIS planning bulletin provided basic background information on the project, including the purpose and need for updating the RMP and issues that the plan may address. The newsletter also extended an invitation to the public to be involved in the process and advertised the Rawlins RMP project website.

The December 2003 Rawlins RMP/EIS planning bulletin described the scoping meetings that took place in March and gave a brief summary of the main issues that were brought forward through public comment. The bulletin also described the process of working with cooperating agencies, alternatives development, and impact analysis, and discussed future public involvement opportunities.

On December 17, 2004, BLM published a news release informing the general public that the RMP draft EIS had been released. The newsletter provided a general overview of the types of management issues addressed in the RMP draft EIS, encouraged the public to comment on the plan, and provided various avenues for which comments could be submitted.

## 5.2.4 Website

The Rawlins RMP/EIS project website can be found at [www.blm.gov/rmp/wy/rawlins](http://www.blm.gov/rmp/wy/rawlins). The site serves as a virtual repository for documents related to RMP development, including announcements, bulletins, and draft, and final documents. These documents are available in .pdf format to ensure that they are available to the widest range of users.

During the scoping period, the website provided the opportunity for the general public to submit their comments for consideration as part of scoping, as well as add themselves to the project mailing list to receive periodic newsletters and announcements. In addition, during the RMP DEIS public comment period, the website served as one of the avenues for submittal of public comments.

## 5.2.5 Notice of Availability and Public Comment

BLM published the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Rawlins RMP/DEIS for public review and comment in the *Federal Register* on December 17, 2004. This notice initiated the 90-day public comment period which concluded on March 18, 2005. Hard copies and CDs were provided to cooperating agencies and tribal representatives and made available to the public. The RMP/DEIS was made available through the project website and at information repositories or reading rooms in the BLM State Office in Cheyenne and the RFO and local public libraries.

Four public meetings were held in February 2005 to provide an opportunity to comment on the Rawlins RMP/DEIS (Table 5-1 above). During the four meetings, more than 80 people registered their attendance. These public meetings were structured in an open house format with BLM specialists available to provide information. The public was also provided information on how to submit comments on the RMP/DEIS. During the RMP/DEIS public comment period, approximately 62,233 comment letters were received. Of the total letters received, 62,256 of them were identified as form letters, and 977 were considered to be unique letters.

## 5.3 DISTRIBUTION LIST

### Tribal Governments

#### Crow Tribe

- Crow Tribal Cultural Committee
- Crow Traditional Leader
- Crow Tribal Administration
- Crow Tribal Council.

#### Eastern Shoshone Tribe

- Eastern Shoshone Business Council
- Eastern Shoshone Tribal Council.

#### Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

- Fort Hall Business Council.

#### Ute Tribe

- Ute Tribe
- Uinta Ute Cultural Rights and Protection Office
- Ute Mountain Tribe.

#### Shoshone Tribe

- Shoshone Tribal Preservation Officer
- Shoshone Tribal Cultural Center.

#### Northern Cheyenne Tribe

- Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council
- Northern Cheyenne Cultural Committee.

**Sioux Tribe**

- Sisseton Sioux Spokesperson
- Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council.

**Northern Arapaho**

- Northern Arapaho Business Council
- Traditional Elders Representative.

**Local Governments (Counties, Cities, Towns)****Albany County, Wyoming**

- Albany County Commissioners
- City of Laramie
- Town of Rock River.

**Carbon County, Wyoming**

- Carbon County Commissioners
  - Carbon County Museum
  - Carbon County Planning Commission
  - Carbon County Road and Bridge
  - Carbon County School District #1 and #2
  - Little Snake River Conservation District
  - Medicine Bow Conservation District
  - Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins Conservation District
- Carbon County Chamber of Commerce
- Town of Bairoil
- Town of Baggs
  - Baggs Solid Waste District
- Town of Dixon
- Town of Elk Mountain
- Town of Encampment
- Town of Hanna
- Town of Medicine Bow
- City of Rawlins
  - Rawlins Chamber of Commerce
- Town of Riverside
- Town of Saratoga
  - Saratoga Platte Valley Chamber of Commerce
  - Upper Platte River Solid Waste District
- Town of Sinclair.

**Laramie County, Wyoming**

- Laramie County Commissioners
  - Laramie County School District #1
- Town of Burns
- City of Cheyenne
- Town of Pine Bluffs.

**Sweetwater County, Wyoming**

- Sweetwater County Commissioners
  - Sweetwater County Conservation District
  - Sweetwater County Historical Society
  - Sweetwater County Planning
  - Sweetwater County Solid Waste District
- City of Green River
- City of Rock Springs
  - Rock Springs Chamber of Commerce
- Town of Wamsutter.

**Town of Walden, Colorado****Wheatland Irrigation District****State of Wyoming**

- Senator Stan Cooper, Lincoln/Sublette/Sweetwater/Uinta
- Senator Bob Fecht, Laramie
- Senator John Hastert, Sweetwater
- Senator Rae Lynn Job, Sweetwater/Fremont
- Senator Wayne H. Johnson, Laramie
- Senator Mike Massie, Albany
- Senator E. Jayne Mockler, Laramie
- Senator Phil Nicholas, Albany
- Senator Tony Ross, Laramie
- Senator Kathryn Sessions, Laramie
- Senator Bill Vasey, Albany/Carbon
- Representative Rodney “Pete” Anderson, Laramie
- Representative George Bagby, Carbon
- Representative Stan Blake, Sweetwater
- Representative Kermit C. Brown, Albany
- Representative Bernadine Craft, Sweetwater
- Representative Kathy Davidson, Lincoln/Sublette/Sweetwater
- Representative Amy Edmonds, Laramie
- Representative Floyd A. Esquibel, Laramie
- Representative Ken Esquibel, Laramie
- Representative Pete Illoway, Laramie
- Representative Allen Jaggi, Uinta/Sweetwater
- Representative Marty Martin, SW Fremont/Sweetwater
- Representative Lori Millin, Laramie
- Representative Doug Samuelson, Laramie
- Representative Jim Slater, Albany
- Representative William Steward, Carbon/Albany
- Representative Bill Thompson, Sweetwater
- Representative Mary Throne, Laramie
- Representative Jane Warren, Albany
- Representative Kevin A. White, Albany
- Representative Dan Zwonitzer, Laramie
- Representative Dave Zwonitzer, Laramie.

## Wyoming State Agencies

- Office of the Governor, Environmental Policy Division
- Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
  - Air Quality Division
  - Land Quality Division
- Wyoming Department of Agriculture
- Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources
- Wyoming Department of Transportation
- Wyoming State Planning Office
- Wyoming Business Council
- Wyoming Game and Fish Department
  - Cheyenne, Green River, Lander, Rawlins, Savery, and Sinclair
- Wyoming State Geologic Survey
- Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments
- Wyoming State Engineer's Office
- Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office
- Wyoming Department of Employment, Research, and Planning Division.

## Wyoming State Boards/Commissions

- Wyoming Public Service Commission
- Wyoming Water Development Commission
- Wyoming Recreation Commission
- Wyoming State Grazing Board
- Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
- Wyoming State Board of Outfitters and Professional Guides
- Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities.

## Associations/Councils

- Wyoming Association of Municipalities
- Council of Governments
- Petroleum Association of Wyoming
- Powder River Basin Resource Council
- Southwest Wyoming Mineral Association
- Southwest Wyoming Industrial Association
- Wyoming Stockgrowers Association
  - Carbon County Stockgrowers
- Wyoming Mining Association
- Wyoming Sportsman's Association
- Wyoming Association of Professional Historians
- Wyoming Association of Professional Archeologists
- Wyoming Wilderness Association
- Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation
- Wyoming Woolgrowers Association
- Wheatland Rural Electric Association
- Coalbed Methane Coordination Coalition
- Natural Diversity Database
- Yampa Valley Electrical Association, Colorado
- American Wind Energy Association

- American Horse Protection Association
- American Mustang and Burro Association
- American Mustang Association
- North American Mustang Association
- Motorcycle Industry Council
- Oregon-California Trails Association
- Wyoming Outdoor Council
- The Natural Resources Defense Council
- Wildlife Habitat Council
- Adventure Cycling Association
- Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States
- Jeffrey City Community TV Association
- Powder River Basin Resource Council
- Sweetwater Wildlife Association
- Southwest Wyoming Minerals Association
- Southwest Wyoming Industrial Association
- Mormon Trails Association
- National Mustang Association
- National Wild Horse Association.

### **Clubs/Alliances/Societies/Groups**

- American Lands Alliance
- Biodiversity Conservation Alliance
- Sierra Club
- Western Watersheds Project
- Centennial Valley Concerned Citizens
- Carbon County Economic Development Corporation
- Friends of the West
- Doris Day Animal League
- Wildlife Management Institute
- Defenders of Wildlife
- The Wilderness Society
- Rails to Trails Conservancy
- National Wildlife Federation
- Wyoming Wildlife Federation
- Humane Society of the United States
- Continental Divide Trail Society
- Wolfe Continental Divide Trail Society
- Predator Project
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Wildland Center for Preventing Roads
- Hooved Animal Humane Society
- Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund, Inc.
- Environmental Defense
- Safari Club International
- Oil and Gas Accountability Project
- Center for Native Ecosystems
- Wyoming Advocates for Animals
- Audubon Society
- Land and Water Fund of the Rockies

- Izaak Walton League
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Wildlife Society
- Overland Trail Property Owners
- Rawlins Downtown Development Authority
- Carbon County Amateur Radio
- Carbon County Coalition
- 3-Shot Sage Grouse Foundation
- Saratoga Lions Club
- Wind River Multiple Use Advocates
- National Outdoor Leadership School
- People for Wyoming
- Wyoming People for the USA
- Murie Audubon Society
- Conservancy of the Phoenix
- Grassroots Advocate
- The International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros
- Southwest Wyoming Mule Deer Foundation
- Western Wyoming Mule Deer Foundation
- Trout Unlimited
- Fund for Animals
- People for the West
- Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum
- Medicine Wheel Coalition for Sacred Sites of North America
- Wild Horse Organized Assistance
- Dream Catcher Wild Horse and Burro Sanctuary
- Animal Protection Institute
- Western Land Exchange Project
- American Lands
- Whole Horse Institute
- Public Lands Advocacy
- Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership.

### **Congressional Delegation**

- U.S. Senator Mike Enzi
  - Washington, DC, and Casper, Cheyenne, Gillette, and Jackson, Wyoming, offices
- U.S. Senator Craig Thomas
  - Washington, DC, and Cheyenne and Rock Springs, Wyoming, offices
- U.S. Representative Barbara Cubin
  - Washington, DC, and Cheyenne and Rock Springs, Wyoming, offices.

### **Department of the Interior Agencies**

- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Reclamation
  - Washington, DC, and Casper and Provo, Wyoming, offices
- Minerals Management Service
- National Park Service
  - Washington, DC, and Denver, Colorado, offices
- Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

- Natural Resources Library
- Office of Surface Mining
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Washington, DC, and Denver, Colorado; and Cheyenne, Wyoming, offices
- U.S. Geological Survey
  - Washington, DC, and Cheyenne, Wyoming, offices.

### **Other Federal Agencies**

- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of Agriculture
  - Forest Service
    - Big Horn National Forest
    - Black Hills National Forest
    - Bridger-Teton National Forest
    - Medicine Bow/Routt National Forest
    - Shoshone National Forest
  - Natural Resource Conservation Service
    - Casper and Baggs, Wyoming, offices
- Army Corp of Engineers
- Department of Energy
  - Western Area Power Area
    - Loveland and Lakewood, Colorado, offices
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- U.S. Government Printing Office
- National Weather Service.

### **Other Governmental Agencies**

- Colorado Division of Water Resources
- State of Colorado, Department of Public Health and Environment, Air Pollution Control Division
- Colorado State Forest Service
- Routt County Planning Director
- Platte River Power Authority.

### **Media**

- Casper Star Tribune
- Grassroots Advocate
- Green River Star
- Lander Journal
- Laramie Daily Boomerang
- Laramie News Service
- Northwest Colorado Daily Press
- Pine Bluffs Post
- Rawlins Daily Times
- Rocket Miner
- Rocky Mountain Energy
- Saratoga Sun
- Wyoming State Tribune-Eagle

- KCNC-Western Inspirational Broadcast
- KCWY TV
- KFBC/Cowboy News Network
- Wyomedia KFNB-TV
- KGWN TV
- KING/KOLT
- KOWB
- KRAL/KIQZ
- KRSV
- KTWO TV/KTWO Radio
- KUGR/KYCS
- KUWR.

## Libraries

- Library of Congress
- Laramie County Library System
- Burns Branch Library
- Centennial Branch Library
- Albany County Library
- University of Wyoming Library
- Carbon County Public Library
- Bairoil Branch Library
- Elk Mountain Branch Library
- Encampment/Riverside Branch Library
- Hanna Branch Library
- Medicine Bow Branch Library
- Saratoga Branch Library
- Sinclair Branch Library
- Rock Springs Library
- White Mountain Library
- Western Wyoming Community College Library
- Sweetwater County Library System
- Utah State University—Merrill Library and Learning Resources Program.

## Educational Institutes

- Mississippi State University
  - Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
- Metropolitan State College
- Laramie County Community College
- University of Wyoming
  - Trustees
  - Geology Museum
  - Department of Range Land Ecology
  - Department of Geology and Geophysics
- Western Wyoming Community College
  - Archeological Services.



## CHAPTER 6—LIST OF PREPARERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

As required by National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR Part 1502.17), this section lists the people primarily responsible for preparing this final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and presents their qualifications. Booz Allen Hamilton, a contractor selected to prepare the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as directed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has, in accordance with 40 CFR 1506.5(c), certified that it does not have any financial or other interest in the outcome of decisions to be made pursuant to this EIS. In addition to the specific responsibilities listed, many BLM employees also contributed substantial time consulting with other agency personnel in preparing this EIS (Section 5.1) (Table 6-1).

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