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To: All Field Offices and Center Directors

From: Deputy State Director, Resource Services

Subject: Notification and Review Policy Regarding Citizens' Wilderness Proposal (CWP)

This memo is to provide guidance on how the Colorado Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will apply the existing notification and review policies for the CWP areas to the July 2001, refined and expanded CWP.

The Colorado Environmental Coalition (CEC) has formally presented the BLM with a current detailed proposal complete with maps, narratives, and GIS coverage. This proposal expands on the earlier proposal in many areas and adds a number of entirely new proposals. In order to assure consistent application for the areas, including those that have been reviewed, the "official" boundaries are shown in the State GIS file described below. This file will be used for all official determinations. Narrative and page size maps from the CWP for areas in your jurisdiction will also be forwarded in hard copy.

We will apply our policies under previous Instruction Memorandum's (IM's) (IM's-CO-97-044, CO-98-017, CO-99-013) and the January 2001, Wilderness Inventory Handbook (H-6310-1) to the current CWP proposal as follows:

- Our policy to notify the CEC, and other parties who have so requested, of actions proposed within the CWP, will apply to the entire CWP.
- Our policy to review actions for irreversible and irretrievable impacts before proceeding with the action will apply to the entire CWP, EXCEPT for areas that we have already reviewed or inventoried under our policies and determined to not require additional review. This includes Pinyon Ridge, and portions of Vermillion Basin, South Shale Ridge and Bangs Canyon which were determined to not have wilderness characteristics.
- As we review additional areas, or make planning decisions on areas under review, additional

- areas will be dropped from further consideration or review under these policies. Areas reviewed and dropped from further review will continue to be managed under existing planning decisions.

If additional areas are added by the CEC, we will not apply our policies unless the State Director determines that their proposed revisions warrant review.

If you have any questions or are unable to locate any of the referenced IM's or the Handbook, please contact Eric Finstick at (303) 239-3729.

Note: The updated GIS coverage of the July, 2001 CWP can be accessed directly at T:/gisdata/state/colorado/admin_boundaries/cwp_07132001, or a copy of the coverage can be downloaded in standard ARC/Info export format from the file in the admin_boundaries directory named:cwp_07132001.e00. This file can then be imported to another system platform and accessed in GIS. A CD will also be sent to each office in the near future. Please contact Bill Kendall at (303) 239-3649, if you have problems accessing this data.

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