

6.0 Public Coordination

6.1 Public Participation and Scoping

NEPA requires full disclosure and open public participation in the federal decision making process, including those projects proposed by non-federal proponents that require federal approval. There are two key points during the development of an EA that the general public is invited to participate in the process: 1) during the scoping period and 2) during the 30-day review period of the EA.

The BLM published a scoping notice on their website, issued a press release in three local newspapers, and mailed postcards to 700 parties of interest announcing the Project and comment period from February 22 through March 14, 2008. Additionally, an interagency meeting was held on February 27, 2008, in Craig, Colorado, for key federal and state agencies to comment on the provide input regarding potential concerns along the proposed pipeline route that needed to be addressed in the EA. Issues and concerns identified during the scoping period are provided in more detail in Section 1.7.

6.2 Tribes, Individuals, Organizations, or Agencies Consulted

The following tribes, agencies, and organizations/individuals were contacted during the scoping process.

Tribes

Eastern Shoshone
Northern Arapaho
Northern Ute
Shoshone Bannock
Southern Ute
Ute Mountain Ute

Federal Agencies

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Army Corps of Engineers
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

State Agencies

Colorado Department of Wildlife
Colorado State Historic Preservation Office
Colorado State Land Board
Wyoming Game and Fish Department
Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office

Local Agencies

Sweetwater County Planning and Zoning

Organizations

Center for Native Ecosystems
Colorado Natural Heritage Program
Wyoming Natural Diversity Database