

FINAL
RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT
PLAN

SOUTH DAKOTA
RESOURCE AREA
MILES CITY DISTRICT

NOVEMBER 1985

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management



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To The Reader:

This final Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for the South Dakota Resource Area is presented for your review. A draft of this plan was published April 1985 and was followed by a 90-day public comment period. Changes based on public comments as well as those from other federal and state agencies have been incorporated into this plan. All changes have been printed in bold face type to differentiate them from the rest of this plan which is identical to the draft. The map has been revised and accompanies this plan.

All parts of this plan may be protested. Protests should be addressed to the Director (202), Bureau of Land Management, 1800 C Street NW, Washington, D. C. 20240, within the official 30-day protest period ending December 16, 1985. Protest statements should contain the following information:

Name, mailing address, telephone number and interest of the person filing the protest.

A statement of the issue or issues being protested.

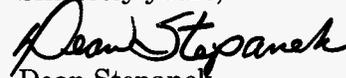
A statement of the part or parts of the plan being protested.

A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues submitted during the planning process by the protesting party or an indication of the date the issue or issues were discussed for the record.

A short statement explaining why the BLM Miles City District Manager's decision is wrong.

At the end of the 30-day protest period, the proposed plan, excluding any portions under protest, shall become the final plan. The effective date of plan implementation is March 1, 1986. Approval shall be withheld on any portion of the plan under protest until final action has been completed on such protest. A final record of decision on this plan will be published early 1986.

Sincerely yours,


Dean Stepanek
State Director

FINAL

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

For The

**SOUTH DAKOTA RESOURCE AREA
MILES CITY DISTRICT, MONTANA**

NOVEMBER 1985

Prepared By

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dean Stepanek". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

State Director

Montana State Office

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Draft ()

Final(X)

Lead Agency: South Dakota Resource Area
Miles City District Office, Miles City, Montana
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Department of the Interior

Type of Action

Administrative (X)

Legislative ()

ABSTRACT

The Final Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) addresses future management options for 280,672 surface acres and 5,294,122 mineral acres of public domain administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Miles City District, South Dakota Resource Area, located in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. The plan focuses on alternative approaches to management of two key issues, which are vegetation apportionment and lands actions. Four alternatives plus a proposed alternative, derived from the four alternatives, are discussed in detail. The four alternatives are based on no action which is the continuation of the present resource protection and two levels of management intensity.

For further information regarding this Resource Management Plan, contact Ray Brubaker, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 940, Miles City, Montana 59301, phone (406) 232-4331.