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**RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT
PLAN**

**SOUTH DAKOTA
RESOURCE AREA
MILES CITY DISTRICT**

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**Department of the Interior
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To The Reader:

This draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) for the South Dakota Resource Area is presented for your review and comment. This document outlines five major alternatives for managing the public land in the South Dakota Resource Area. These alternatives are designed to resolve two land management issues identified during the early stages of the planning process.

We would appreciate your comments on this RMP/EIS by July 26, 1985. Questions or comments should be directed to Chris Roholt, Project Manager, Miles City District Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 940, Miles City, Montana 59301 or Billy McIlvain, Area Manager, South Dakota Resource Area, 510 Roundup Street, Belle Fourche, South Dakota 57717.

A formal public meeting has been scheduled to allow individuals to present testimony on the draft RMP/EIS.

The meeting will be held at the following location:

Date	Location	Time
Wednesday, May 22, 1985	Belle Fourche Community Hall 508 6th Avenue Belle Fourche, South Dakota	1:30 pm-4:30 pm and 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

All comments, whether written or oral, will be given equal consideration in the preparation of the final Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement. I hope that through your participation in this effort we can move together toward a common goal of improved public land management in the South Dakota Resource Area.

Sincerely yours,

Dean Stepanek

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State Director



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**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

For The

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

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ABSTRACT

The Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) 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 preferred 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.

Comment Period This Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement is open to public comment during the period of April 26, 1985 through July 26, 1985. On May 22, 1985 a public meeting will be held in Belle Fourche, South Dakota for oral comments. Questions and written comments should be directed to:

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