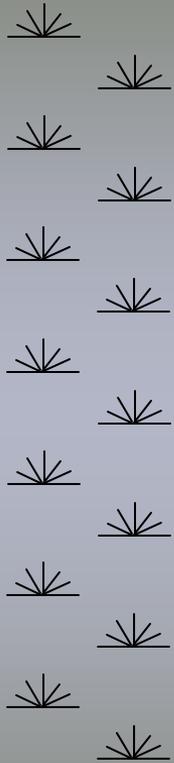
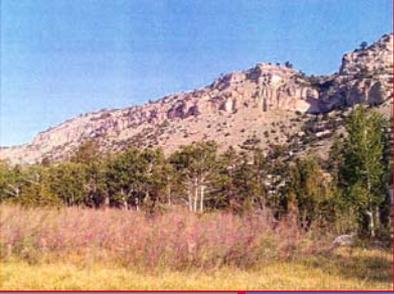


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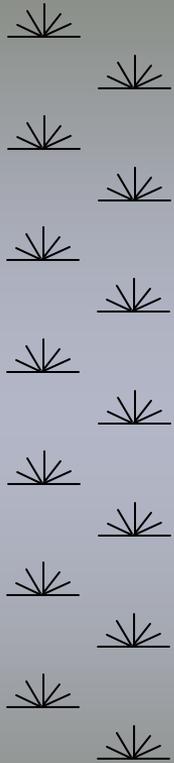
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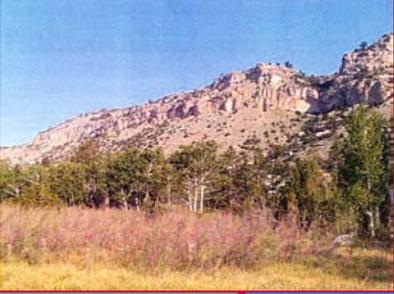


# *Planning Area*

- BLM Miles City Field Office
- 2,785,000 acres of surface estate
- 11,725,000 acres mineral estate
- Area includes portions of 17 counties

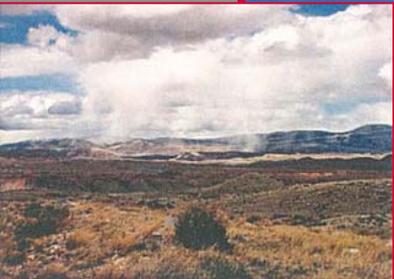
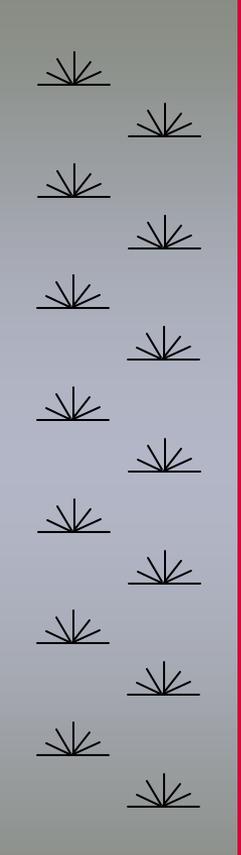


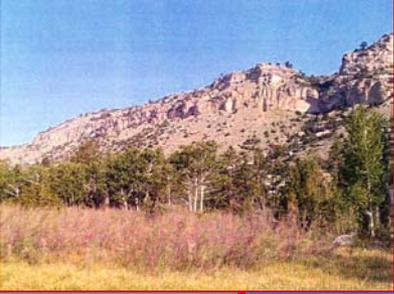




# *Project Explanation*

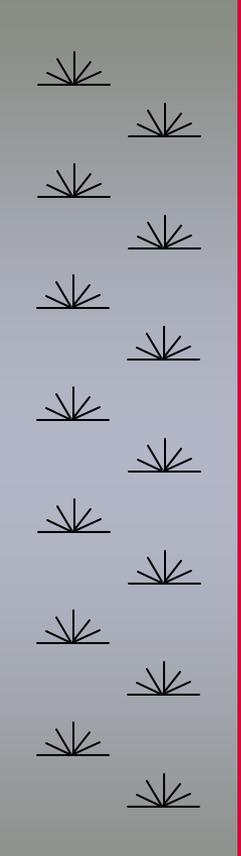
- Revise and combine Powder River and Big Dry Resource Management Plans (RMPs) into a single new RMP
- Develop a collaborative community-based planning approach for preparing the RMP
- Prepare associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)





# *Project Objectives*

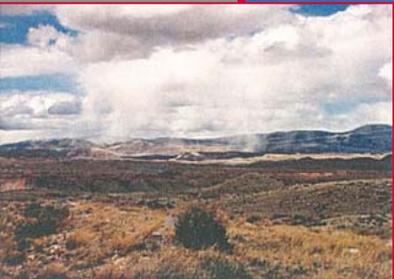
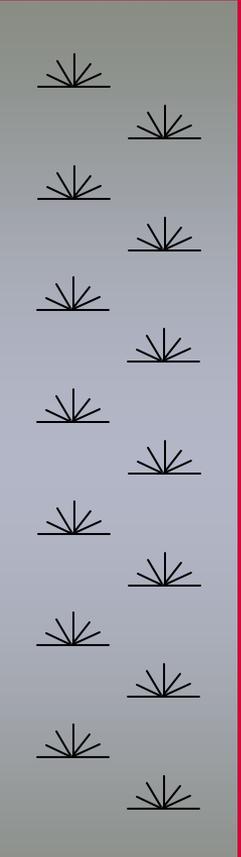
- Evaluate and update land use and resource management in the planning area
- Obtain and incorporate into RMP most recent data
- Recognize changing resource conditions
- Identify changes in land uses that have recently occurred or are projected to occur
- Involve affected agencies and the public in data gathering, and issue and alternative development





# *RMP/EIS Process*

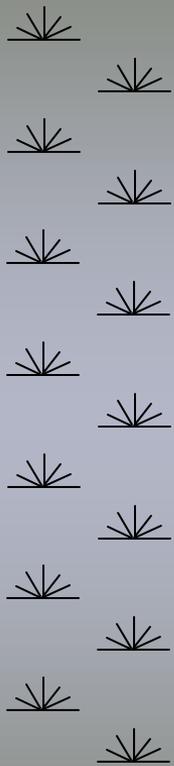
- Conduct scoping
- Identify issues/concerns
- Inventory data
- Prepare analysis of management situation (AMS)
- Develop EIS alternatives
- Evaluate alternative effects
- Prepare DEIS
- Conduct DEIS public comment period
- Prepare FEIS
- Prepare Record of Decision (ROD)

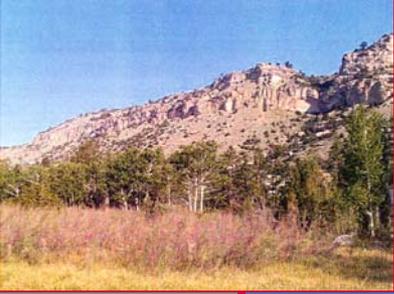




# *RMP/EIS Will Consider Effects of Land Use Decisions*

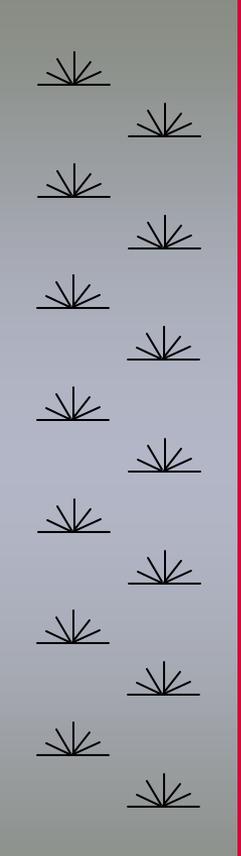
- Desire to provide for multiple land uses: grazing, mineral and energy development, communication sites and utility corridors, recreation, and other uses
- Need to ensure that cultural resources, soil, water, wildlife and habitat are protected and appropriate conservation measures are applied

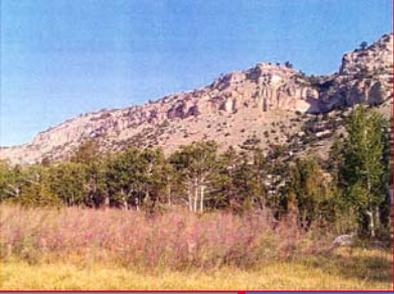




# *Preliminary Planning Issues*

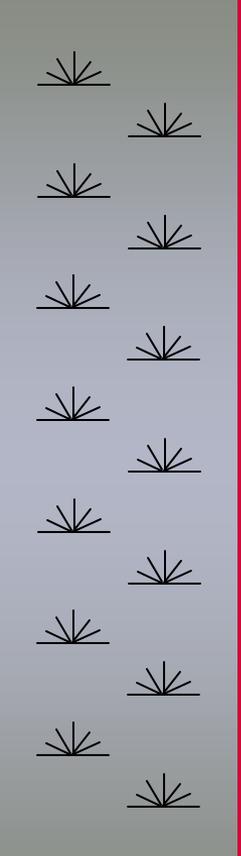
- Vegetation Management
- Forestry/Timber
- Special Status Species
- Water Quality/Quantity/Aquatic Species
- Special Management Area Designations
- Land tenure adjustments and access needs
- Commercial uses (livestock grazing, minerals, recreational, right-of-way)
- Publicly identified issues
- Potential future needs





# *Participation*

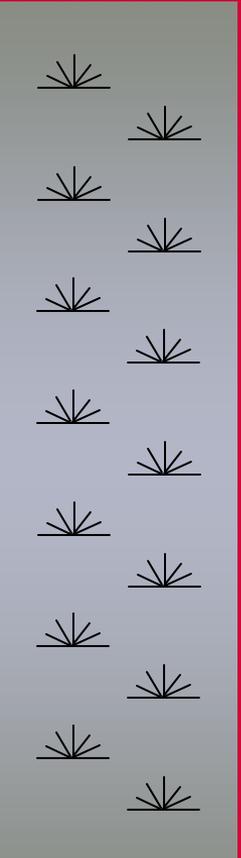
- Cooperators and Collaborators are agencies and organizations with high level of interest
- Process will regularly update citizens
- Effort to encourage participation throughout the planning process
- BLM prepares plan with cooperators support to focus analysis and provide comment throughout process
- BLM issues Record of Decision





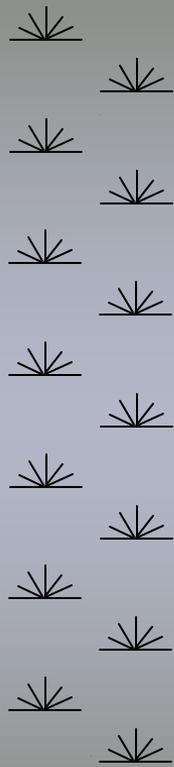
# *Schedule*

- February 2005: Scoping meetings
- April 2005: Management situation analysis and alternative development completed
- May 2005: Scoping report prepared
- July 2005: Selection of the preferred alternative
- April 2006: Draft RMP/EIS published
- April – July 2006: Public comment period
- May 2006: Public meetings/Open houses?
- June 2007: FEIS/RMP published
- November 2007: Record of Decision published





# *BLM Scoping Meetings for Miles City RMP Revision (RMP/EIS)*



Feb 3 – Billings

Feb 10 – Jordan

Feb 7 – Terry

Feb 14 - Miles City

Feb 8 – Glendive

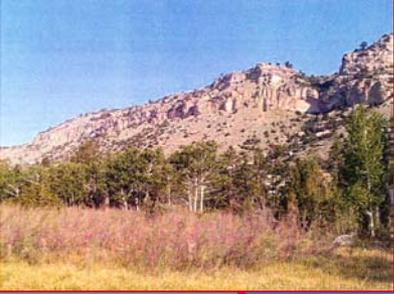
Feb 15 – Ashland

Feb 9 – Sydney

Feb 16 - Broadus

Feb 17 - Baker



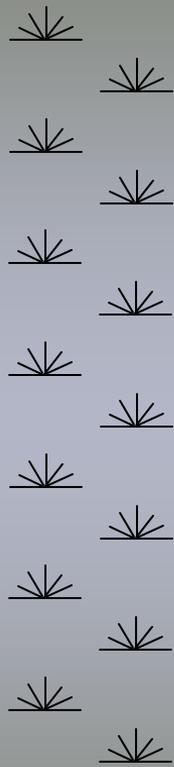


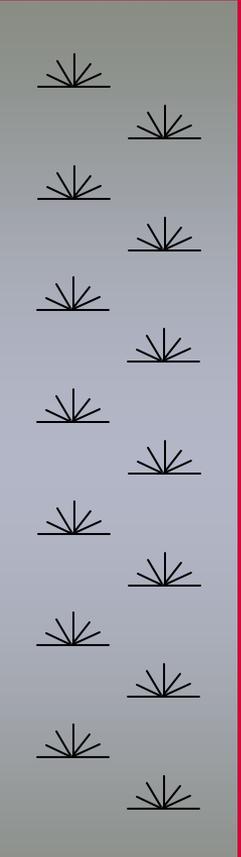
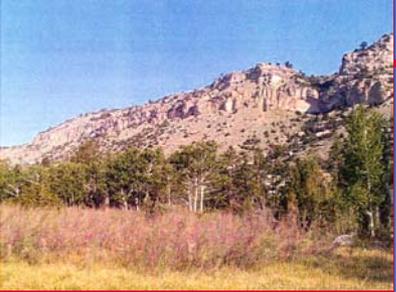
# *Project Website*

- Access project updates
- Submit scoping comments
- Obtain EIS electronically
- Launch date January 2005

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<http://www.milescityrmp.com>





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