

F GENERAL OVERVIEW



North Dakota Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement

Bureau of Land Management
Scoping Meeting

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ND Resource Management Plan

- BLM's Vision Statement:

“To enhance the quality of life for all citizens through the balanced stewardship of America's public lands and resources”

- BLM's Mission Statement:

“To sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.”



ND Resource Management Plans/EISs

What is a RMP?

- A process and a document
- A process that engages the public
- A guide for future land and resource management decisions





ND Resource Management Plan/EIS

What is covered in a RMP?

- Current environment
- Resources
- Resource uses
- Land management decisions
- Environmental impacts

•What is not covered in a RMP?

- Land management decisions affecting private lands
- Land management decisions regarding Indian lands or lands administered by other government agencies



ND-SD Resource Management Plan/EIS

How does the National Environmental Policy Act impact the RMP? —secures public involvement



* Continuous consultation with tribes and agencies throughout process



ND Resource Management Plan/EIS

When do you plan to finish?

Time period	Process step
Summer 2007	Publish NOI, Scoping (public meetings and tribal consultation)
Winter 2007	Complete Analysis of Management Situation document,
Winter 2008	Complete DEIS
Summer 2009	Public meetings and tribal consultation
Winter 2009	Complete FEIS, Governor's review
Spring 2010	Record of Decision



ND Resource Management Plan/EIS

What is important in North Dakota?

- Approximately 58,000 acres of surface lands
- Approximately 4.1 million acres of subsurface minerals
- Over 1700 Oil and gas leases
- Coal leasing and development
- Cultural resources
- Recreational resources





ND Resource Management Plan/EIS

What are the key issues in North Dakota?

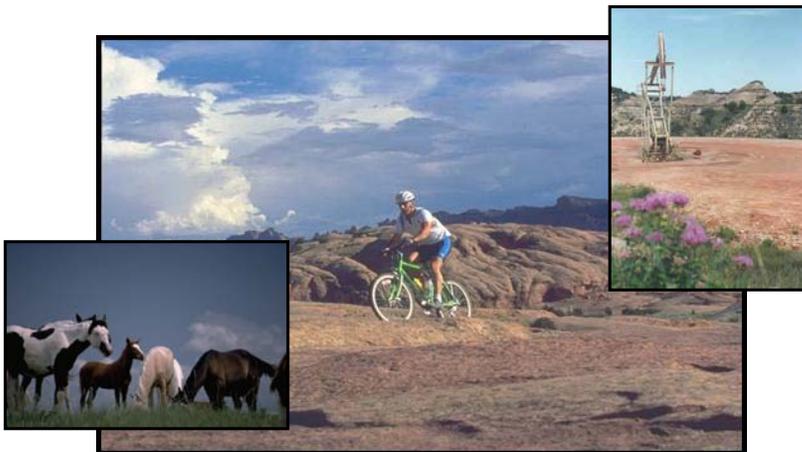
The following were some of the concerns identified by BLM:

- Energy development
- Vegetation management
- Wildlife management
- Special status species
- Travel management and access
- Commercial uses
- Land ownership adjustments
- Visual resource management
- Air and water quality
- Cultural resources
- Wild land fire and fuels management



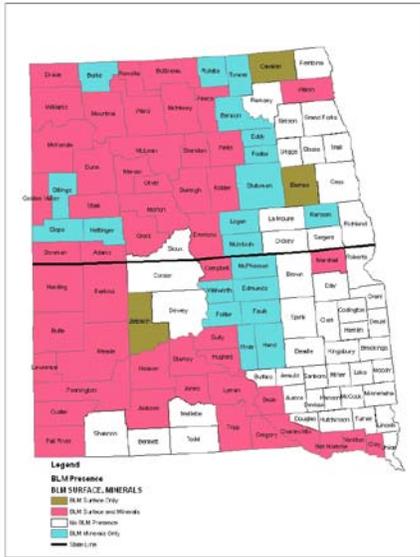
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- *Balancing the demands on the land in North Dakota ?*





ND-SD Resource Management Plan/EIS



Counties of North and South Dakota with BLM surface or minerals

- Pink-BLM surface and minerals
- White-No BLM lands or minerals
- Blue-BLM minerals only
- Green-BLM surface only



ND Resource Management Plan/EIS

Scoping-What is it? -An early step in the process that allows the public input as to what issues the BLM should consider in its RMP.

How does the public get involved?

- Attend public meetings
- Mail in comments
- Participate as collaborating agency
- Provide comments on the Internet.
- Consultation meetings





North Dakota Resource Management Plan/EIS

Scoping-How does the public get involved?

- Attend public meetings and provide input.
 - Meetings in North Dakota are planned for later this summer in Dickinson, Bowman, Williston, Minot, Rugby, Jamestown, Bismarck, New Town, and Ft. Yates.

- Mail comments to:
 - RMP Manager
 - U. S. Bureau of Land Management, North Dakota Field Office
 - 99 23rd Ave West
 - Dickinson, ND 58601

FAX 701-227-7089

- Provide comments on the Internet at:
http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/north_dakota_field/rmp.html