

EXHIBIT 4

**SUWA ET AL. PROTEST
UT BLM 2-08 LEASE SALE**

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management



**SUPPLEMENT TO THE PRICE FIELD OFFICE DRAFT
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN/ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT FOR
NON-WSA LANDS WITH WILDERNESS
CHARACTERISTICS**

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2.6.5 Alternative D (Preferred Alternative)

Alternative D is designed to provide for a wide variety of resource needs throughout the PFO. It is similar to Alternative B in that it includes maximizing mineral development potential in areas with the greatest potential for mineral development, as well as targeting recreation management in areas with the highest potential for recreation development, to provide for quality recreation settings, experiences, and benefits in an environmentally appropriate manner.

2.6.6 Alternative E

Alternative E emphasizes protecting/maintaining the wilderness characteristics of all non-WSA lands found to have wilderness characteristics (see Section 2.2.11), including closing these areas to mineral leasing and off-highway vehicles, excluding rights-of-way, and protecting undisturbed landscapes and opportunities for primitive and semi-primitive recreation opportunities. The alternative also includes designating all potential ACECs and determining that all eligible WSRs are suitable for designation. The alternative is the same as Alternative C for the remaining 40% of the PFO which allows for mineral and energy development and motorized recreation use.

2.16 ALTERNATIVE E

NOTE: Insert a new Section 2.16 in the DRMP/DEIS, which includes key management decisions of the new Alternative E.

Key management decisions are discussed below.

- WSAs will continue to be managed according to the Interim Management Policy for Lands Under Wilderness Review (IMP) until Congress either designates them as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System or releases them from wilderness study.
- Non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics (937,440 acres) would be managed to maintain the appearance of naturalness and outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation or solitude by restricting uses that would impact these characteristics. These areas (Map 3-27) are: Cedar Mountain, Desolation Canyon, Devils Canyon, Hondu Country, Jack Canyon, Labyrinth Canyon, Limestone Cliffs, Mexican Mountain, Molen Reef, Muddy Creek-Crack Canyon, Mussentuchit Badlands, Never Sweat Wash, Price River, San Rafael Reef, Sids Mountain, Turtle Canyon, Upper Muddy Creek, Eagle Canyon, Flat Tops, Lost Spring Wash, Rock Canyon, San Rafael Knob, San Rafael River, South Horn Mountain, Sweetwater Reef, Wildcat Knolls Extension, and Wild Horse Mesa.
- All eligible river segments of the Green River, San Rafael River, Price River, Range Creek, Rock Creek, Barrier Creek, Bear Canyon, Buckskin Canyon Creek, Cane Wash, North Fork Coal Wash and South Fork Coal Wash, Cottonwood Wash, Fish Creek, Gordon Creek, Keg Spring Canyon, Muddy Creek, Nine Mile Creek, and North Salt Wash would be determined suitable for designation by Congress as part of the NWSRS with tentative classifications of recreational (129.5 miles), scenic (238.2 miles), and wild (272.9 miles). They would be managed to protect their outstandingly remarkable values, free-flowing nature, and tentative classification to the extent of the BLM's authority, which is limited to public lands within the river corridor.
- Alternative E includes continued management of the following areas as ACECs: Big Flat Tops (relic vegetation), Copper Globe (historic mining and cultural resources), Dry Lake

Table 3-19. Non-WSA Lands with Wilderness Characteristics in the PFO

Area Name	Acres With Wilderness Characteristics	Acres With No Wilderness Characteristics	Comments on Wilderness Characteristics
Cedar Mountain	15,000	320	
Desolation Canyon	89,000	18,000	Contiguous to Desolation Canyon WSA
Devils Canyon	11,000	2,600	Contiguous to Devils Canyon WSA
Eagle Canyon	39,000	0	Contiguous to Sids Mtn. WSA
Flat Tops	7,100	0	Shared area with Richfield FO (PFO acreage shown)
Hondu Country	20,000	200	
Jack Canyon	1,500	2,000	Contiguous to Jack Canyon WSA
Labyrinth Canyon	26,000	20,000	
Limestone Cliffs	1,100	0	Shared area with Richfield FO (PFO acreage shown)
Lost Springs Wash	32,000	5,000	
Mexican Mountain	41,000	12,000	Contiguous to Mexican Mtn. WSA
Molen Reef	33,000	0	
Muddy Creek–Crack Canyon	133,000	37,000	
Mussentuchit Badlands	25,000	100	
Never Sweat Wash	29,000	1,000	
Price River	90,000	14,000	
Rock Canyon	17,000	0	Shared area with Richfield FO (PFO acreage shown)
San Rafael Reef	46,000	15,400	Contiguous to San Rafael Reef WSA
San Rafael Knob	17,500	0	
San Rafael River	104,000	0	
Sids Mountain	36,000	3,400	Contiguous to Sids Mtn. WSA
South Horn Mountain	6,400	4,100	
Sweetwater Reef	63,000	1,000	Shared area with Richfield FO (PFO acreage shown)
Turtle Canyon	5,000	0	Contiguous to Turtle Canyon WSA
Upper Muddy Creek	18,000	1,200	
Wildcat Knolls Extension	340	3,600	Shared area with Richfield FO (PFO acreage shown)
Wild Horse Mesa	31,500	2,200	Shared area with Richfield FO (PFO acreage shown)
Total (27 areas)	937,440	143,120	

Table 4-3. Oil and Gas Leasing by Non-WSA Lands with Wilderness Characteristics

Non-WSA Lands with Wilderness Characteristics	Occurrence Potential		Oil & Gas Leasing (Acres)				Currently Under Lease (Acres)
	H	L	Open to leasing subject to standard terms	Open to leasing subject to minor constraints	Open to leasing subject to major constraints	Closed to leasing	
Alternative C	X		0	3,700	14,300	0	0
Alternative D	X		14,200	0	3,800	0	0
Wild Horse Mesa (31,500 acres)							
No Action	X	X	6,800	23,900	800	0	0
Alternative A	X	X	31,500	0	0	0	0
Alternative B	X	X	0	23,700	7,800	0	0
Alternative C	X	X	0	23,700	7,800	0	0
Alternative D	X	X	31,100	0	400	0	0
Wildcat Knolls Extension (340 acres)							
No Action	X		100	240	0	0	0
Alternative A	X		340	0	0	0	0
Alternative B	X		0	340	0	0	0
Alternative C	X		0	340	0	0	0
Alternative D	X		0	340	0	0	0
Total (937,440 acres)							
No Action	*	*	480,550	397,090	54,050	5,750	26,019
Alternative A	*	*	892,140	0	39,950	5,350	26,019
Alternative B	*	*	6,600	742,540	172,200	16,100	26,019
Alternative C	*	*	6,600	643,590	253,600	33,650	26,019
Alternative D	*	*	596,290	245,740	69,660	25,750	26,019

* High or low potential is not applicable to totals

4.4.17 Impacts of ACEC Decisions to Non-WSA Lands with Wilderness Characteristics

No Action Alternative

Managing the 13 existing ACEC to protect their relevant and important values would complement the natural appearance and provide opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation within the non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics. Approximately 6% of ACECs (55,000 acres) would be within 12 non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics areas. The ACEC prescriptions generally are closed or open to leasing with major constraints (NSO) for oil and gas leasing, closed to mineral material disposal, and exclusion or avoidance for ROWs. These restrictions would prevent surface disturbance and protect the natural appearance and quality of opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation in these areas. Most of the ACECs, however, would be available for locatable mineral entry, firewood cutting, and OHV use on designated routes. These actions would result in surface disturbances that would alter the landscape and natural appearance of the non-WSA lands. The presence and noise of vehicles and

