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Using Collaborator Work Groups to Help Develop Alternatives

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Roadmap to Using Collaborator Work Groups to Help Develop Alternatives —

what you'll learn in this presentation:

- Context / background of subgroup
- Forming the subgroup
- How the subgroup helped the planning process
- Lessons learned
- Future challenges / opportunities



Context / Background of Subgroup

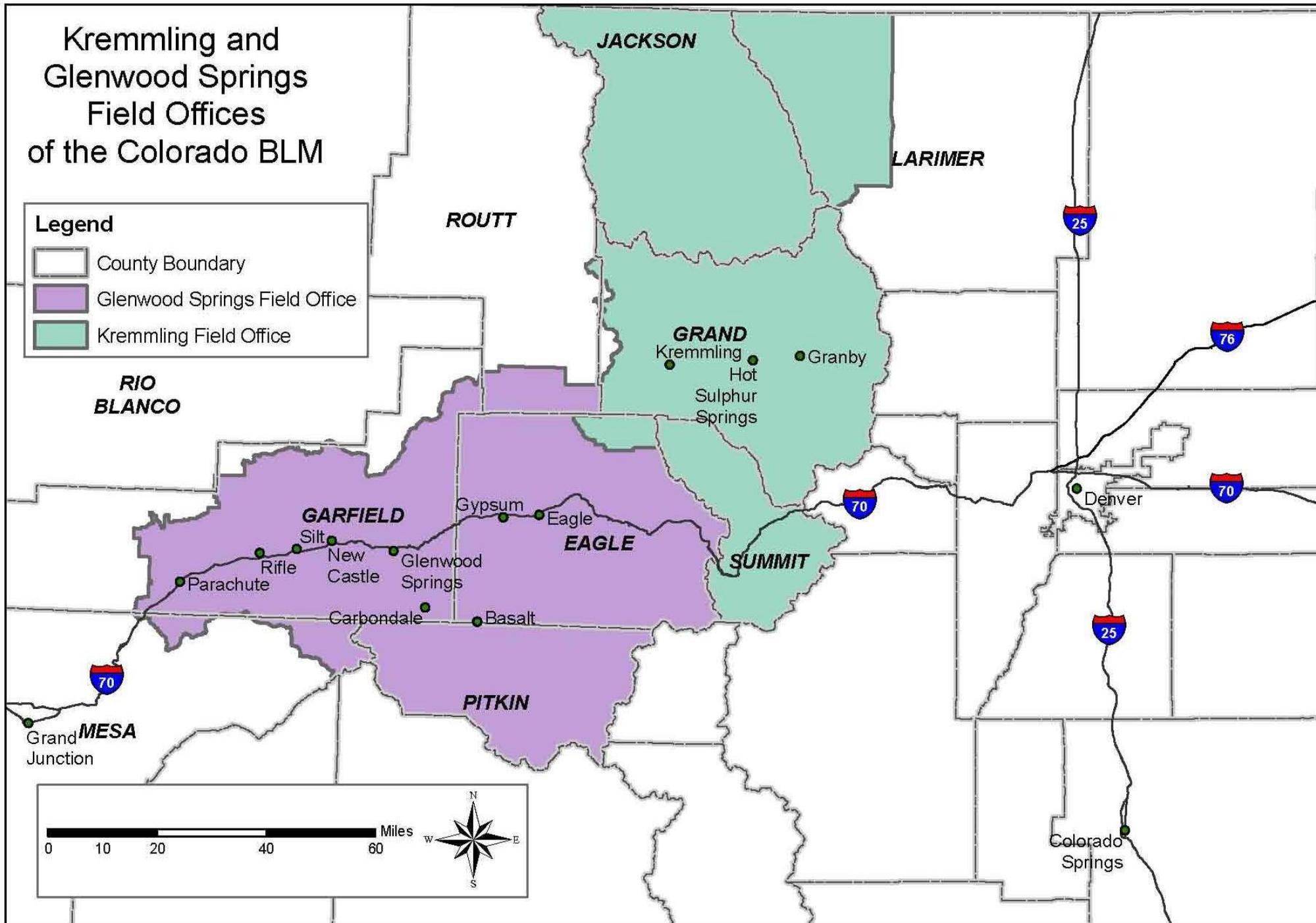
- Kremmling/Glenwood Springs Resource Management Plan (RMP) revisions



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Legend

-  County Boundary
-  Glenwood Springs Field Office
-  Kremmling Field Office



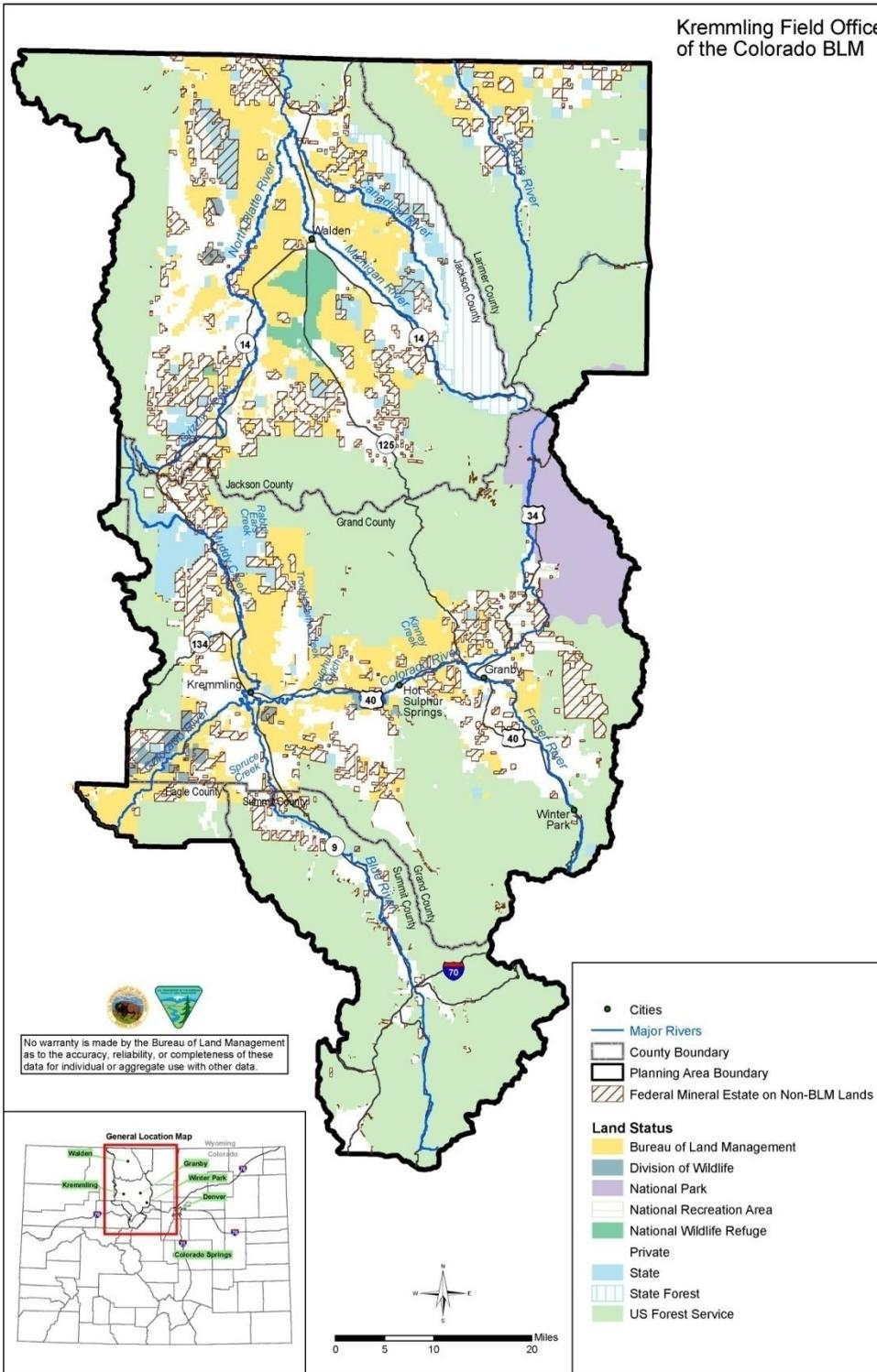
Context / Background of Subgroup

- Kremmling/Glenwood Springs Resource Management Plan (RMP) revisions
- Joint planning effort (two decisions, one EIS)



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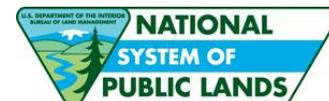
Forming the Subgroup

- Decision to engage Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council (RAC) in alternatives development
- Two subgroups created: KFO and GSFO



Forming the Subgroup *(continued)*

- FACA (Federal Advisory Committee Act)
- Procedures
 - Define scope / mission of subgroups up front
 - How many meetings?
 - Schedule meetings to meet groups' needs



Forming the Subgroup *(continued)*

- Who is on the subgroup?
 - Wanted all recreation interests represented!
 - Looked for “reasonable” representatives!
 - Advocacy had to be tempered with cooperation!
 - Included representatives from other uses to broaden the groups perspective



How the Subgroup Helped the Planning Process

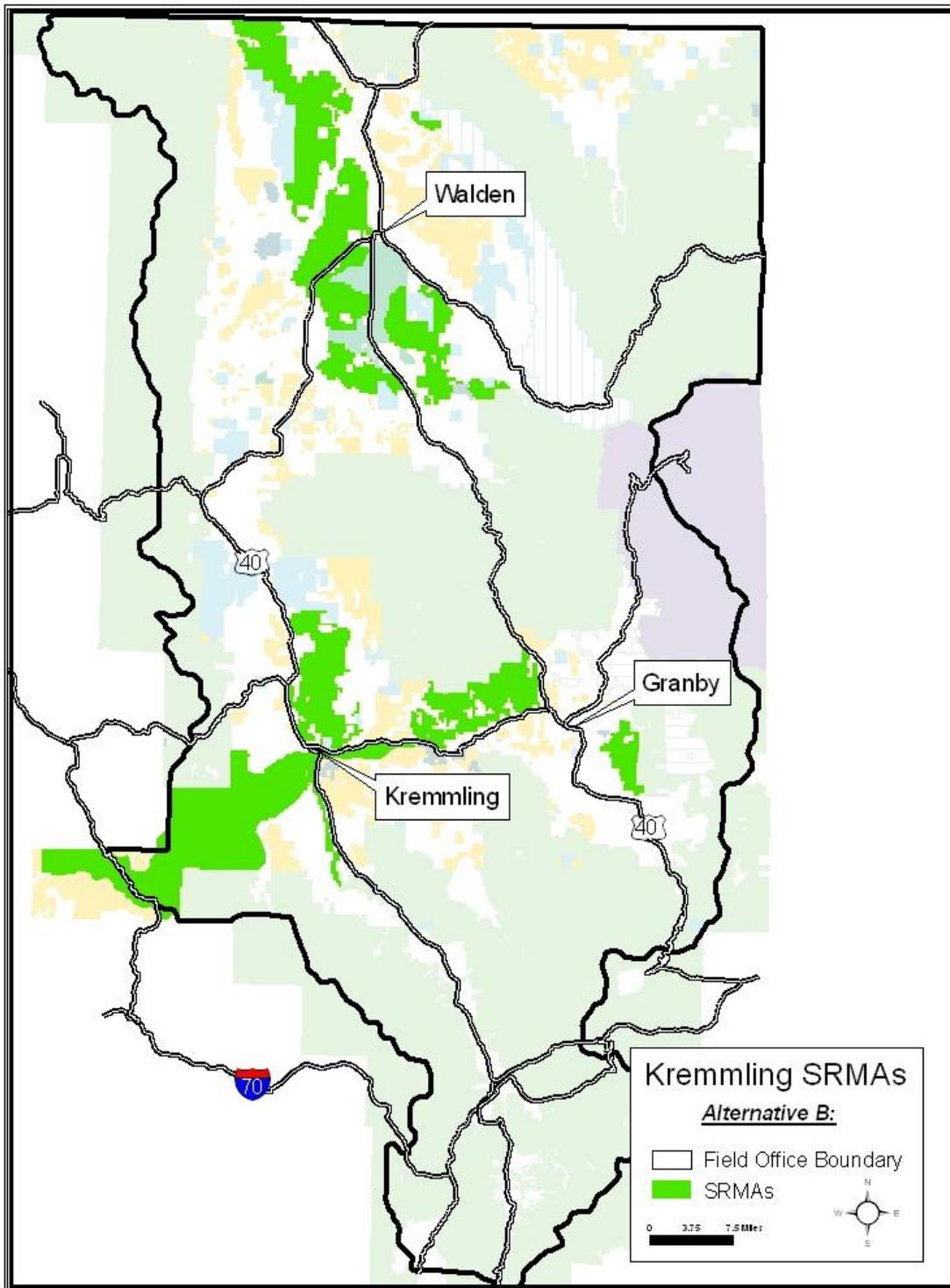
1. Provided the BLM with new ideas
2. Added credibility to the range of alternatives
 - Public ownership in the process
 - The RAC was assured the range of alternatives were “reasonable”
3. Prepared recreation staff to better communicate recreation decisions to the public

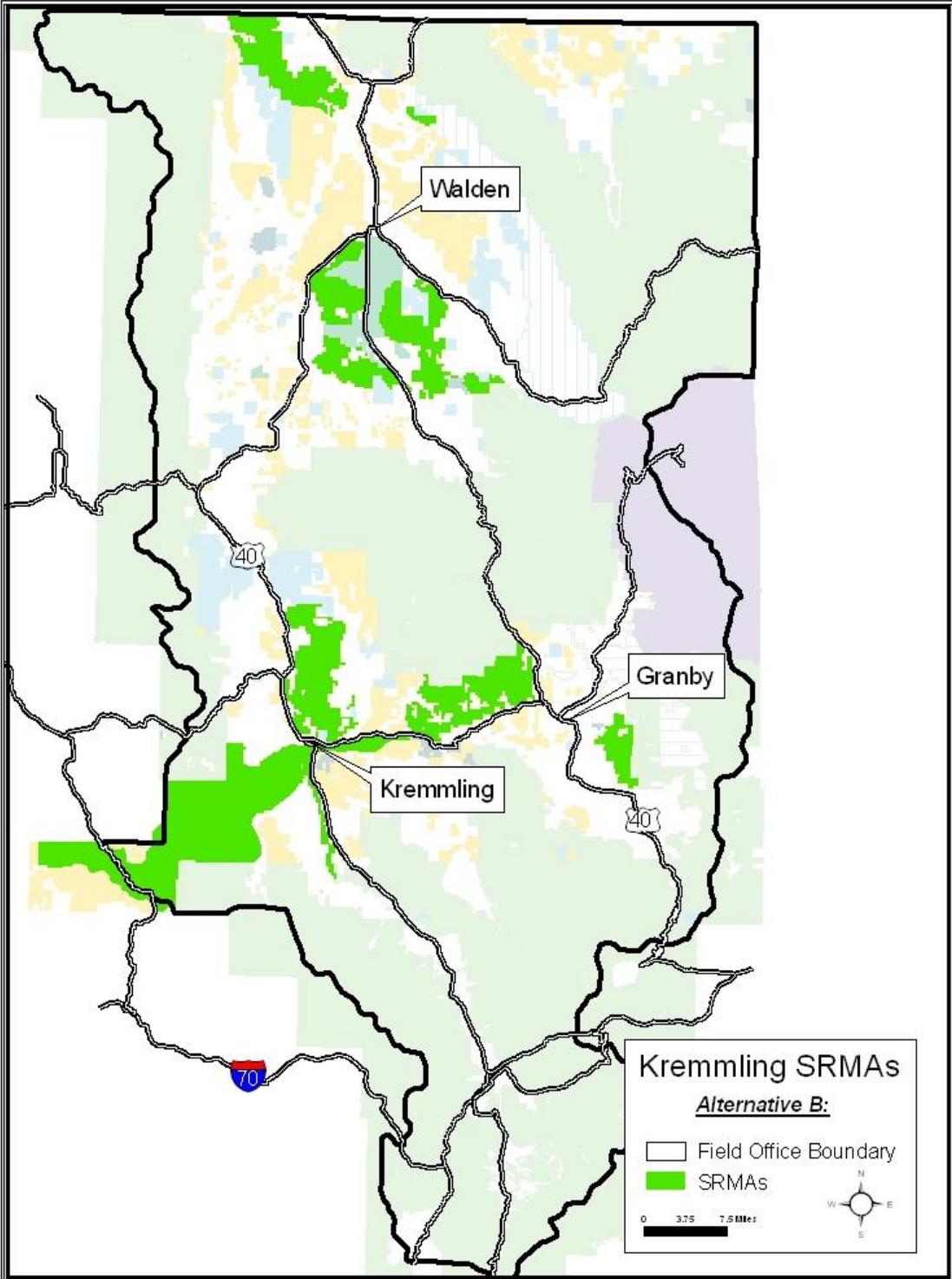


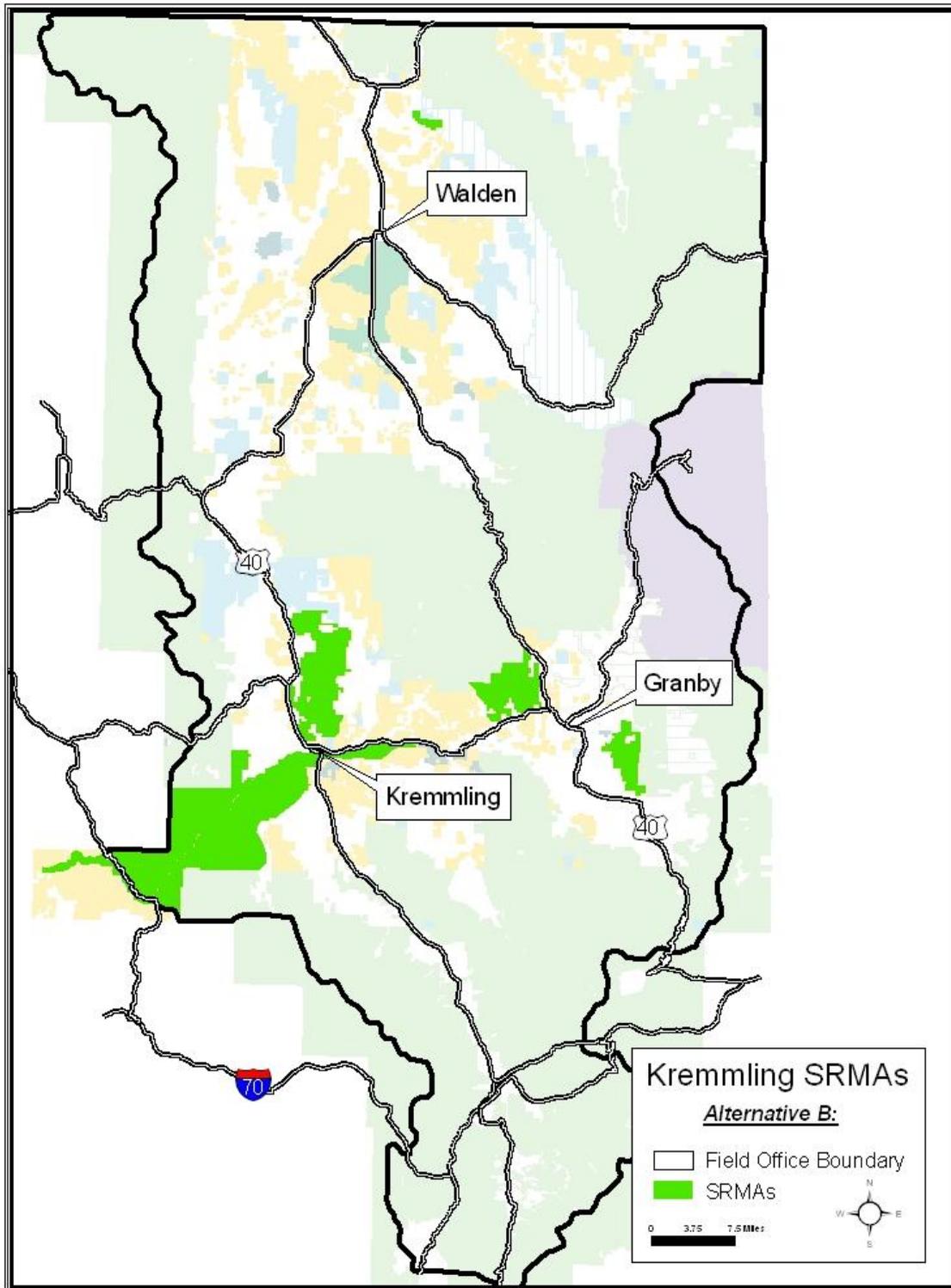
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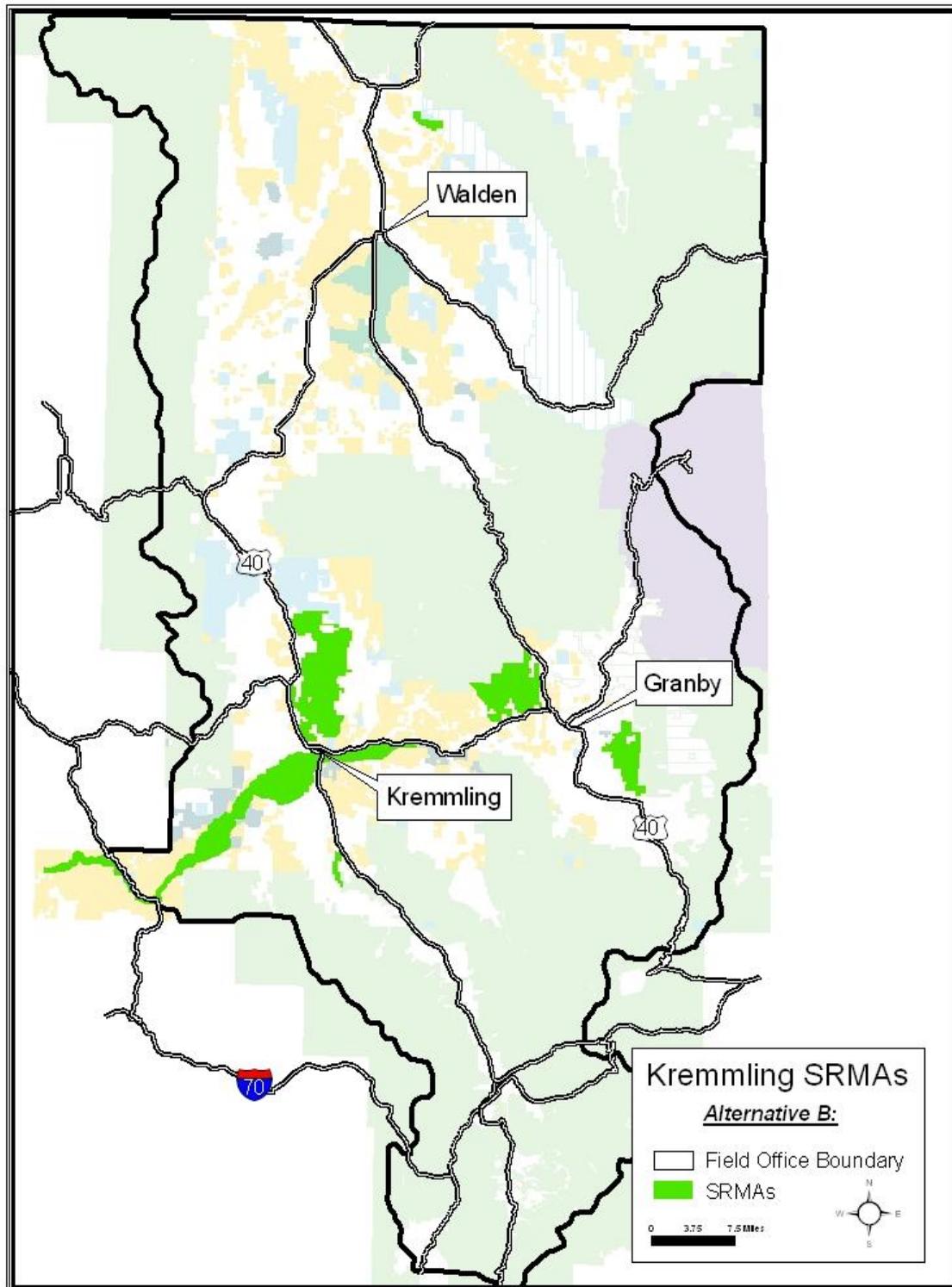
4. Reviewed several draft iterations of recreation alternatives
5. Kept alternatives process on track by being vested in the outcome
6. Genuinely molded the alternatives

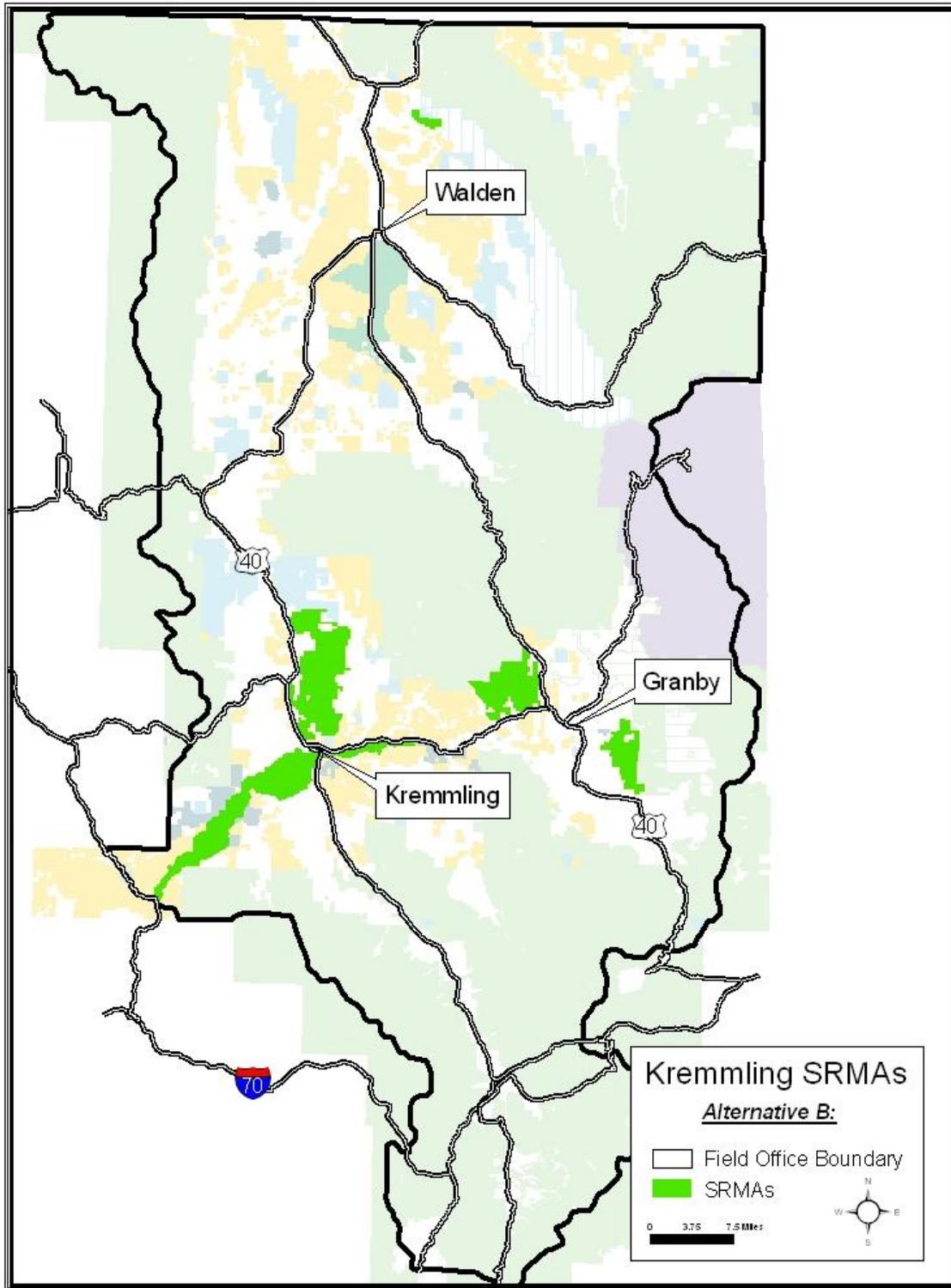












Lessons Learned

- Don't leave home without it!
- Be prepared! You are getting paid; they are not!
Don't waste time!
- Ideal number of meetings



Lessons Learned *(continued)*

- Be careful not to bias the alternatives early in the process!
- How to keep subgroup focused on one resource (recreation) without context of other resource decisions



Lessons Learned *(continued)*

- Know your group
- Be open minded & flexible throughout the process



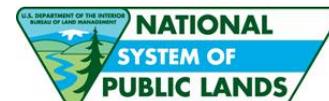
Future Challenges / Opportunities

- Role of the subgroup after Draft RMP/EIS is published



Questions?

Questions & Answers



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