PLAN CHANGE NO.

Buffalo RMP (April 2001) Page 11, Coal Management, paragraph 1

DESCRIBE EXACTLY WHAT IS TO BE DELETED, ADDED, REWRITTEN, ETC. IN MOST CASES, THE NEW TEXT SHOULD BE STATED VERBATIM.

CHANGE: The public lands reviewed and included in the coal management decisions in the Buffalo RMP (April 2001) also include all public lands within the administrative boundary of the Thunder Basin National Grasslands. Therefore coal management for public coal lands in Converse county inside the administrative boundary of the Thunder Basin National Grasslands is guided by the Buffalo RMP while other BLM administered programs on these public lands in Converse county are guided by the Platte River RMP.

DESCRIBE EXACT RATIONALE FOR THE CHANGE, TO INCLUDE REFERENCE MATERIAL (I.E., EA, RMP, IM, ETC).

REASON: Both the 1985 Buffalo RMP and the 1997 coal screening study contained as Appendix D of this document included all public coal lands within the administrative boundary of the Thunder Basin National Grasslands. This is also consistent with the Platte River RMP (1985) which does not address coal management within the Thunder Basin National Grasslands administrative boundary, although that RMP does address management of public coal lands that are in Converse county outside the Thunder Basin National Grasslands administrative boundary. The narrative on page 11 of the Buffalo RMP (April 2001) erroneously overlooked the Converse county lands within the Thunder Basin National Grasslands administrative boundary, although the map following and the 1997 study in Appendix D are correct.

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE

Specialist [signature], AFM, Solid Minerals Date 12/16/02

Field Manager [signature] Date 12/30/02