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## **CHAPTER 5: CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**

### **INTRODUCTION**

In addition to this EA, other factors and consultations are considered and play a major role in determining the decision on this proposed lease exchange. These include the following.

#### **Regional Coal Team Consultation**

The Gold Mine Draw Lease Exchange was reviewed and discussed at the April 27, 2005 PRRCT public meeting in Gillette, Wyoming. Powder River Coal Company (PRCC) presented information about their existing mines and pending lease exchange at that meeting. Voting and nonvoting members of the PRRCT include the governors of Wyoming and Montana, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, the Crow Tribal Council, the USFS, OSM, FWS, National Park Service, and USGS. The PRRCT concurred with the continued processing of the exchange application.

#### **Governor's Consultation**

The BLM Wyoming State Director notified the Governor of Wyoming on August 9, 2004 that PRCC had filed a lease exchange application on July 24, 2003 with BLM for the Gold Mine Draw Exchange.

#### **Public Notice**

Notices were published in the Gillette News Record twice in July 2005 describing the application and requesting scoping comments prior to preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA).

A letter describing the exchange tracts and announcing that BLM was conducting scoping was mailed to the public on July 21, 2005. The scoping period extended from July 21, through August 31 2005 during which time BLM received five written comments.

#### **Department of Justice Consultation**

After a lease exchange, but before a lease is issued, BLM will solicit the opinion of the DOJ on whether the planned lease issuance creates a situation inconsistent with federal anti-trust laws. The Department of Justice is allowed 30 days to make this

determination. If the DOJ has not responded in writing within the 30 days, BLM can proceed with issuance of the lease.

### **Other Consultations**

Other federal, state, and local governmental agencies that were directly consulted in preparation of this EA are listed in Table 5-1.

### **List of Preparers**

Environmental Solutions, Inc. (ESI), a third party contractor under the direction of the BLM prepared this EA. Representatives from BLM contributed to and participated in the preparation of the EA. Tables 5-2 and 5-3 provide listings of the BLM, and the third-party consultant personnel who participated in the preparation and review of this EA.

### **Distribution List**

This EA was distributed in March 2006 to numerous Congressional offices, federal agencies, state governments, local governments, industry representatives, interest groups, and individuals for their review and comment (Table 5-4).

**TABLE 5-1  
OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES  
CONSULTED IN EA PREPARATION**

<b>Agency or Organization</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Position</b>
Powder River Regional Coal Team	5 Voting Members and 21 Nonvoting Members	
Wyoming Game and Fish Department	Bill Wichers	Deputy Director
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality	John V. Corra	Director
Fish and Wildlife Service	Brian T. Kelly	Field Supervisor

**TABLE 5-2  
CONTRIBUTORS AND REVIEWERS**

Name	Project Responsibility
<b>BLM Casper Field Office</b>	
Mike Karbs	Project Supervisor
Steven S. Wright, P.E.	Project Manager
Sarah Bucklin-Cominsky	Wildlife Resources
<b>BLM Wyoming State Office</b>	
Bob Janssen	Coal Program Coordination
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Mavis Love	Mineral Adjudication
<b>BLM Buffalo Field Office</b>	
Tom Bills	Wildlife Resources
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B.J. Earle	Archeology
<b>Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Western Regional Coordinating Center</b>	
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<b>Forest Service Douglas Ranger Station</b>	
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**TABLE 5-3  
PREPARERS**

Name	Education/Experience	Responsibility
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Steven S. Wright	MBA, B.S. Mining Engineering, 20+ years professional experience Registered Professional Engineer Masters Certificate in Project Management	Project Manager - Exchange Project Coordinator - EA Document Review
<b>Environmental Solutions, Inc. – Third Party Contractor</b>		
Dennis McGirr	B.S. Biology, 29 years professional experience	Project Management Report Preparation Document Review
Ann Dickey	B.S. Civil Engineering, 16 years professional experience (Licensed Professional Engineer)	Report Preparation Document Review
Tom Peterson	B.S. Civil Engineering, 28 years professional experience (Licensed Professional Engineer)	Document Review
<b>Knight Technologies, Inc. – Subcontractor</b>		
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**TABLE 5-4  
DISTRIBUTION LIST FOR COAL LEASING**

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**Cooperating Agencies**

OSM, Western Regional Coordinating Center      USDA Forest Service, Med. Bow Nat. Forest

**Federal Agencies**

BLM Casper Field Office                                      BLM Buffalo Field Office  
BLM Wyoming State Office                                      USFWS, Cheyenne, WY

**State Agencies**

Wyoming Clearinghouse Coordinator                                      Wyoming Dept. of Environmental Quality--  
Wyoming Game & Fish Department                                      Land Quality & Air Quality Divisions

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**Local Agencies and Government**

Campbell County, Wyoming Commission                                      Converse County, Wyoming Commission

**Tribal Organizations and Individuals**

Crow Creek Sioux Tribe	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
Eastern Shoshone Business Council	Cheyenne River Sioux Historic Preservation Officer
Crow Tribal Council	Crow Tribe
Eastern Shoshone Cultural Coordinator	Eastern Shoshone Tribal Attorney
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe	Long Sioux, Clifford
Northern Arapahoe Business Council	Northern Arapaho Historian
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council
Northern Cheyenne Traditional Spokesperson	Northern Cheyenne Historic Preservation Officer
Oglala Lakota Tribe	Rosebud Sioux Cult. Resource Coordinator
S. Cheyenne/S. Arapaho Tribes	Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Santee Sioux Tribe	Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council
Standing Rock Sioux Historic Preservation Officer	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

**Companies/Organizations**

Caballo Coal Company	Thunder Basin Grazing Association
Twenty Mile Land Co, LLC	Antelope Coal Company
Foundation Wyoming Land Company	Powder River Coal Company
Four-Ten Exploration	Devon Louisiana Corp
Hallador Petro LLP	Nance Petroleum Corp
Pendragon Resources LP	JMB Drilling Fund 81
DNR Oil & Gas Inc.	

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In the final document, there will be a section included here addressing public comments generated at the public hearing and through correspondence.