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The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, U. S. Department of the Interior, reviewed the draft document.

Consultation and Coordination

CONSULTATION

In addition to the scoping meetings described in chapter 1, many informal consultations were held with various federal, state, and local governments and with Indian tribal councils. The many BLM specialists assigned to the project have held a broad range of "one-on-one" meetings. The information received has been incorporated into the EIS as appropriate.

Formal consultation for the EIS consisted of the following:

Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officers of Wyoming and Montana under section

106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Submission to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of a biological assessment indicating no significant impacts would occur to threatened and endangered species under the proposed action

Results of the cultural resource consultations are reflected in the EIS. Final evaluation of the biological assessment in Wyoming is pending. Evaluation of the Montana biological assessment has been completed.

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Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

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Bureau of Mines
Bureau of Reclamation
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Geological Survey
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Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Environmental Protection Agency

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Indian Tribes

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Northern Cheyenne Tribe

State Agencies

Governor's Clearinghouse, Wyoming
Montana State Clearinghouse
Governor Herschler, Wyoming
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Local Governments

Campbell, Converse, and Sheridan County Commissioners
or Planning Departments, Wyoming

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or Planning Departments, Montana

Cities and Towns of Douglas, Gillette, Ranchester, and
Sheridan, Wyoming

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Montana

Special Interest Groups

Audubon Society
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Citizens for Orderly Energy Development
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Environmental Policy Institute
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Montana Senior Citizens Association
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Wyoming Heritage Society
Wyoming Mining Association
Wyoming Outdoor Coordinating Council
Wyoming Stockgrowers Association
Wyoming Wildlife Federation
Wyoming Woolgrowers

Other Organizations and Individuals

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