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Dear Interested Party:

The proposed Trapper's Route Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) and associated Environmental Assessment (EA) is provided for your information and use.

The Trapper's Route Recreation Area spans 41 miles of the North Platte River between Alcova and Casper and includes 5.12 miles of BLM-administered river front property (approximately 3,824 acres). The RAMP addresses recreation facility development, travel management, habitat improvement, long-term funding and Special Recreation Permits. The purpose of the RAMP is to enhance individual and social benefits derived from quality recreational experiences and to sustain or improve important wildlife habitats within this corridor.

The RAMP and Environmental Assessment were prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970 and other applicable statutes and regulations. The plan outlines management decisions and rationale, including consideration of comments received during the scoping process. The associated Environmental Assessment analyzes impacts of implementing the Trapper's Route RAMP. The purpose of this Environmental Assessment is to disclose the potential environmental impacts and to solicit public comments and concerns.

Printed copies of the EA/ RAMP are available for review at:

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or online at:

<http://www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/nepadocs.htm>

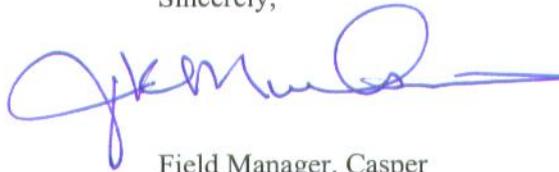
The thirty-day comment period for this EA ends on July 21, 2005. You may submit written comments to Eve Bennett, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming, 82604-2986. You may also submit electronic comments to casper_wymail@blm.gov. Please refer to the Trapper's Route RAMP in your comments.

Comments, including names, e-mail addresses, and street addresses of the respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, e-mail address, or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this plainly at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

This EA is not the decision document. A decision record detailing the Bureau of Land Management's decision will be prepared and distributed following the end of the thirty-day comment period. The decision on the proposed RAMP will be based upon the analysis in the EA and on public comments. The decision is anticipated to be issued sometime after July 21, 2006.

The BLM appreciates the individuals, organizations, and local government agencies who wish to participate in the environmental analysis process. Please contact Eve Bennett at (307) 261-7517, or the above address, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. K. M. O.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Field Manager, Casper

Enclosure
- EA/RAMP