

VIII. CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

A. INTRODUCTION

The Bureau of Land Management is responsible for obtaining public input on Proposed Actions within the wild horse program. Public input has been solicited for several discrete actions proposed over the last few years.

In addition, a formal statewide hearing regarding the use of helicopters for the gather of wild horses in Wyoming is held each year. The public is provided an opportunity to discuss concerns and questions with BLM staff.

Environmental Analyses have been prepared which analyze the effects of individual population management actions on specific populations of wild horses. In preparing those analyses in 1999, interested publics were contacted and asked to identify issues of concern for inclusion in the analyses. Some of those concerns identified were beyond the scope of the analysis of the particular actions at the time they were proposed. EA# WY-039-EA0-037 was structured to attempt to address those additional concerns.

Recently, the Rawlins and Lander Field Offices completed a maintenance of their respective land use plans. As part of that action, input was solicited for that analysis and updated mailing lists for wild horse related issues were developed.

Comments concerning the alternatives analyzed herein will be accepted from the public until MAY? 2005. Comments received during that period will be considered in arriving at a decision whether or not to implement any of the alternatives analyzed.

B. DISTRIBUTION

Should include a description of the posting process and addresses, etc.

C. LIST OF PREPARERS

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