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An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared when a federal government agency considers approving an action within its jurisdiction that may impact the human environment. An EIS aids federal officials in making decisions by presenting information on the physical, biological, and social environment of a proposed project and its alternatives. The first step in preparing an EIS is to determine the scope of the project, the range of action alternatives, and the impacts to be included in the document.

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR, Parts 1500-1508) require an early scoping process to determine the issues related to the proposed action and alternatives that the EIS should address. The purpose of the scoping process is to identify important issues, concerns, and potential impacts that require analysis in the EIS and to eliminate insignificant issues and alternatives from detailed analysis.

The Atlantic Rim Natural Gas Project EIS was prepared by a third party contractor working under the direction of and in cooperation with the lead agency for the project, which is the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Rawlins Field Office, Rawlins, Wyoming.

6.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Scoping Notice was prepared and submitted to the public by the BLM on June 25, 2001, requesting input into the proposed Atlantic Rim Natural Gas Field Development project. Scoping documents were sent out to the public listed on the BLM mailing list, as well as organizations, groups, and individuals requesting a copy of the scoping document. Public meetings to discuss the proposed project were conducted on July 10, 2001 in Baggs, Wyoming and on July 11, 2001 in Rawlins, Wyoming. There were 53 written responses received during the scoping period in response to this project. The issues and concerns identified by the public during the scoping period are summarized in Chapter 1.

During preparation of the EIS, the BLM and the consultant interdisciplinary team (IDT) have communicated with, and received or solicited input from various federal, State, county, and local agencies, elected representatives, environmental and citizens groups, industries, and individuals potentially concerned with issues regarding the proposed drilling action. The contacts made are summarized in the following sections.

The following organizations/individuals either provided comment or were provided the opportunity to comment during the scoping period.

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FEDERAL OFFICES

U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office
U.S. Senator Mike Enzi
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Cubin
U.S. Senator Craig Thomas
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

STATE AGENCIES

Governor Jim Geringer
State Engineer's Office
State Senators
Wyoming Department of Environmental
Quality

Wyoming Game and Fish Department
State Representatives
Wyoming State Planning Coordinator
Wyoming Department of Transportation
Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation
Commission

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Carbon County Commissioners

Carbon County Planning Commission

MUNICIPALITIES

Mayor-Baggs
Mayor-Rawlins

Mayor-Wamsutter

NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES

Northern Arapahoe Tribal Council
Ute Mountain Tribe
Shoshone-Arapahoe Joint
Tribal Council

Shoshone Tribal Council
Ute Tribal Council
Uinta-Ouray Tribal Council

GRAZING PERMITTEES

Weber Ranch
Salisbury Livestock Company
Three Forks Ranch Corporation
Mike Sheehan
H.B. Lee
Espy Livestock
PH Livestock Company

Montgomery Livestock Company
Stratton Sheep Company
Sam Morgan
Robert Orchard
Matt Weber
Jack Creek Land and Cattle Company

LEASE AND ROW HOLDERS

Stone & Wolf, LLC
Merit Energy Company
Benson-Montin-Greer

North Finn, LLC
P&M Petroleum Management
KCS Mountain Resources, Inc.

LANDOWNERS

The scoping notice was sent to 111 landowners potentially affected by the proposal.

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LOCAL MEDIA

Casper Star-Tribune
Rock Springs Rocket Miner
Wyoming State Tribune/Eagle
KRAI - Craig, Colorado
KRKK - Rock Springs
KTWO - Casper
KUWR - University of Wyoming

Rawlins Daily Times
Wyoming State Journal
Gillette News-Record
KRAL - Rawlins
KSIT - Rock Springs
KTWO TV - Casper
Northwest Colorado Daily News

OTHER AGENCIES, INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES, INDIVIDUALS, AND ORGANIZATIONS

Audubon Society
Wilderness Society
The Nature Conservancy
Field Museum of Natural History
Department of Geology
Montana Oil Journal
Murie Audubon Society
Petroleum Association of Wyoming
Sierra Club
Wyoming Outdoor Council
Wyoming Stockgrowers Association
Wyoming Woolgrowers Association
Ivan Herold

National Wildlife Federation
Carbon County Stockgrowers
Wyoming Association of Professional
Archaeologists
Independent Petroleum Association
of Mountain States
The Nature Conservancy
Rocky Mountain Oil & Gas Association
Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation
Wyoming Public Lands Council
Wyoming Wildlife Federation
Vern Brodsho
Little Snake River Conservation District

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6.2 LIST OF PREPARERS

The following tables identify the BLM IDT (Table 6-1) and the consultant IDT (Table 6-2) that were principally involved with preparing this EIS.

Table 6-1. List of BLM Interdisciplinary Reviewers.

Name	Responsibility
RAWLINS FIELD OFFICE	
Missy Cook	Clerical and Environmental Coordination
Susan Foley	Soil Scientist
Nina Trapp	Cultural Resources
Dave Simons	Team Leader/NEPA Coordinator
Andy Warren	Range Resources
Bob Hartman	Petroleum Engineer
Mark Newman	Paleontology/Geology
Krystal Clair	Recreation and Visual Resources
Frank Blomquist	Wildlife/Fisheries, Special Status Species
Janelle Wrigley	Realty/Lands
Robert Lange	Hydrologist
Michael Bower	Fisheries Biologist
John Ahlbrandt	Natural Resource Specialist
WYOMING STATE OFFICE	
Susan Caplan	Air Quality
Janet Kurman	NEPA

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Table 6-2. List of Consultant Interdisciplinary Team EIS Preparers.

Principal Interdisciplinary Team		
Name	Affiliation	Responsibility
Gary Holsan	Gary Holsan Environmental Planning	Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Project Manager
Larry Hayden-Wing	Hayden-Wing Associates	Wildlife/Fisheries, Special Status Animals and Fish
Larry Bennett	Hayden-Wing Associates	Soils, Vegetation and Wetlands, Special Status Plants, Reclamation
Ben Parkhurst	Hayden-Wing Associates	Fisheries Biologist
George Blankenship	Blankenship Consulting	Socioeconomics, Transportation, Health & Safety, Noise
Lloyd Levy	Lloyd Levy Consulting	Visual Resources and Recreation
Susan Connell Jim Zapert	TRC Environmental Corporation	Air Quality
Jana Pastor	Western Wyoming College	Cultural Resources
Gustav Winterfeld	Erathem-Vanir Geological Consultants	Geology, Paleontology, Mineral Resources
Charles Bucans	Star Valley Engineering, Inc.	Proposed Action/Coordination
Technical Support Team		
Travis Olson	Hayden-Wing Associates	Wildlife Biologist, GIS Specialist
Jeff Winstead	Hayden-Wing Associates	Cartographer, Wildlife Biologist
Connie Hedley	Hayden-Wing Associates	Document Assembly/Production