

6. CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

6.1 INTRODUCTION

An 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 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.

This EIS was prepared by the BLM RFO in Rawlins, Wyoming. A third-party contractor was used by the BLM to conduct studies, gather data, and prepare documents. Cooperating agencies for the Continental Divide-Creston project include the State of Wyoming, Sweetwater County, Little Snake River Conservation District, and the Sweetwater County Conservation District.

6.2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The scoping process for this project is described in detail in Section 1.9, Public Participation, beginning on page 1-12 of this EIS.

During preparation of the EIS, the BLM and the consultant interdisciplinary team (IDT) have communicated with, and received or solicited input from, cooperating agencies; other federal, state, county, and local agencies; elected representatives; environmental and citizen groups; industries; and individuals potentially concerned with issues regarding the Proposed 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.

Federal Offices

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Cubin
U.S. Senator John Barrasso
U.S. Senator Michael B. Enzi

State of Wyoming

Governor Matt Mead
Governor's Planning Office
State Representatives Stan Blake, Bernadine Craft, Allen Jaggi, and Bill Thompson
State Senators John Hastert, Marty Martin, and Bill Vasey
Wyoming Department of Agriculture
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
Wyoming Department of Family Services, Carbon and Sweetwater County offices
Wyoming Department of Transportation

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Wyoming Game and Fish Department
Wyoming State Engineer's Office
Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office
Wyoming State Planning Coordinator
Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Carbon County

Comprehensive Planning Consultant
Department of Planning & Development
Emergency Management
Road and Bridge Department
Sheriff's Office
Weed and Pest Control

Sweetwater County

Board of County Commissioners
Community Development Division
County Engineer
Emergency Management
Road and Bridge Department
Sheriff's Office

Municipalities

City of Green River

- Community Development
- Fire Department
- Police Department
- Public Works

City of Rawlins

- City Manager
- Fire Department
- Police Department
- Planning Department
- Public Works
- City Housing Consultant (Kirkham & Associates)

City of Rock Springs

- Fire Department
- Police Department
- Planning Department
- Public Services
- Wastewater Treatment

Town of Baggs

- Mayor
- Town Clerk
- Utility Engineering Contractor (Lidstone & Associates)

Town of Bairoil

- Mayor

Town of Dixon

Town of Sinclair

- Mayor

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Town of Wamsutter

- Community Development
- Town Clerk

Native American Tribes

Northern Arapahoe Tribal Council

Shoshone-Arapahoe Joint Tribal Council

Shoshone Tribal Council

Uinta-Ouray Tribal Council

Ute Mountain Tribe

Ute Tribal Council

Grazing Permittees

Lease and Right-of-Way Holders

Landowners

Other Agencies, Industry Representatives, Individuals, and Organizations

Carbon County Economic Development Corporation

Carbon County Higher Education Center, Baggs

Carbon County School District #1

Carbon County Senior Services, Inc.

ESS Support Services, Wamsutter Base Camp

Memorial Hospital of Carbon County

Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County

Noyes Medical Clinic, Baggs

Rawlins Main Street Downtown Development Authority

Rock Springs Chamber of Commerce

Sweetwater County Joint Travel and Tourism Board

Sweetwater County School District #1

Sweetwater County School District #2

Sweetwater County Solid Waste Disposal District #1

Sweetwater County Solid Waste Disposal District #2

Sweetwater Economic Development Association

University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension

Wyoming State Grazing Board

Wyoming Tourism Board

6.3 LIST OF PREPARERS

The following tables identify the BLM IDT (**Table 6.3-1**) and the consultant IDT (**Table 6.3-2**) that were principally involved with preparing this EIS.

Table 6.3-1. Rawlins Field Office Interdisciplinary Team

Name	Responsibility
Dave Simons	Team Lead
Lynn McCarthy	GIS
Rhen Etzelmiller	Wildlife Biologist
Mary Read	Wildlife Biologist
Jennifer Fleuret	Hydrology
David Hullum	Recreation / Visual Resources
Patrick Lionberger	Fisheries
Susan Foley	Soils / Weeds
Bonni Bruce	Archeology
Nina Trapp	Archeology
Mike Calton	Range Conservationist
Cheryl Newberry	Range Conservationist
Ray Ogle	Reclamation Specialist
Annette Treat	Realty Specialist
Mark Newman	Geologist
Jerry Dickinson	Petroleum Engineer
Melanie Mirati	Wild Horse Specialist
Ben Smith	Wild Horse Specialist
Nyle Layton	HazMat Specialist
Serena Baker	Public Affairs

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Table 6.3-2. Consultant Interdisciplinary Team

Name	Affiliation	Responsibility
Gary Holsan	Gary Holsan Environmental Planning	Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Project Manager
Steve Moore	Gary Holsan Environmental Planning	Assistant Project Manager
Linda Schuemaker	Otak, Inc.	Writer/Editor, Project Coordinator
Larry Bennett	Integrated Technologies	Vegetation and Wetlands, Special Status Plants, Reclamation, Range Resources
Jim Mudd	Hayden-Wing Associates, LLC	GIS, Data Management
Connie Hedley	Hayden-Wing Associates, LLC	Project Coordination for Biological Sciences and Mapping
Sue Moyer	Gary Holsan Environmental Planning	Wildlife, Special Status Species
Ben Parkhurst	HAF, Inc.	Fisheries
Jana Pastor	Western Archeology Services	Cultural/Historical Resources
Renee Taylor	Taylor Environmental Consulting, LLC	Hazardous Materials, Health and Safety, Noise, Wildlife, Special Status Species
George Blankenship Ron Dutton	Blankenship Consulting, LLC	Socioeconomics, Transportation
Lloyd Levy	Lloyd Levy Consulting	Visual Resources and Recreation
Jim Zapert Susan Connell Brian Mitchell	Carter Lake Consulting	Air Quality
Dave Cameron	KC Harvey, LLC	Soils
Gustav Winterfeld	E-V Geological	Geology, Paleontology, Minerals
Mike Evers John Berry	WWC Engineering	Water Resources