

CHAPTER 6 – CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

6.1 Agency and Tribal Consultation

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: The BLM conducted programmatic consultation with the USFWS under Section 7 of the ESA as part of the CCSM Project EIS process. BLM initiated formal consultation by submitting the Biological Assessment to the USFWS. The USFWS concluded consultation by signing a BO on September 5, 2012. The Proposed Action falls within the scope of the programmatic consultation; therefore, consultation is considered complete. For documentation of this process and additional information, refer to the Final BO (Appendix F) of the CCSM Project ROD (BLM 2012a).

Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office: The BLM conducted consultation with the Wyoming SHPO under Section 106 of the NHPA as part of the CCSM Project EIS process. Class III surveys have been completed for the CCSM Project Area and the results of the surveys were sent to the Wyoming SHPO. Consultation on the findings from the Class III cultural resource inventories is ongoing with the SHPO, as required in the *Programmatic Agreement Among the BLM, Wyoming State Historic Preservation Officer, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and Power Company of Wyoming, LLC Regarding Adverse Effects to Historic Properties Resulting from the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project in Carbon County, Wyoming*. The BLM notified the SHPO regarding the availability of this EA and the opportunity to review and comment during the public review period.

Tribal Consultation: The BLM initiated Government-to-Government consultation with four potentially affected and interested Native American Tribes as part of the CCSM Project EIS process on July 25, 2008. As a result of the consultation request, tribal meetings were held in the summer of 2009, and included the addition of one more tribe. The BLM conducted a Class II sample survey of areas with the potential for archaeological sites of traditional, cultural, and/or religious importance. The BLM requested the tribes to be consulting parties to the PA and transmitted the final PA to the Tribes for signature on August 16, 2012. For documentation of this process and additional information refer to Section 4 of the CCSM Project ROD (BLM 2012a). On April 26, 2013, the BLM sent letters to the Tribes inviting updating them on the SPODs, inviting them to continue consultation on the CCSM Project as well as inviting the Tribes to participate in the Class III cultural resource inventories. In addition to the letters identified above, the BLM has continued consultation through letters and numerous phone conversations and emails with the five tribes throughout the CCSM Project.

6.2 Summary of Public Participation

The BLM posted notification of this EA on the Wyoming BLM's website on August 4, 2014. The EA will be posted on the BLM RFO website and sent out to federal agencies and those parties who have expressed interest in the project for a 30-day public review period. The BLM issued a news release and sent notifications regarding the availability of this EA and its review period to local governments, individuals, non-governmental organizations, allotment holders, and other stakeholders on the project mailing list.

6.3 List of Preparers

In coordination with the BLM, PCW prepared this EA with the assistance of its consultant ICF International. PCW, ICF, and the BLM coordinated throughout the preparation process. The BLM reviewed the EA and PCW and ICF revised the document as needed prior to public distribution in response to BLM’s comments. BLM has made its own evaluation of the environmental issues pertaining to the Proposed Action and takes responsibility for the scope and content of this EA. Table 6-1 identifies the preparers of this EA.

Table 6-1. List of Preparers

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