

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

CHAPTER 10

10.0 Public Comments and Responses

The Draft EIS was noticed by the USEPA on March 30, 2007, in the Federal Register. The BLM mailed 718 copies of the Draft EIS to interested parties, including federal, state, and local officials and agencies; special interest groups; parties to the proceeding; area libraries and newspapers; and individuals and affected landowners. A 45-day comment period following the notice in the Federal Register ended on May 14, 2007.

The BLM received comments on the Draft EIS from a total of 15 parties; one of which responded twice. Each comment letter was given an index number, which is listed in **Table 10-1** along with the affiliation and name of the commenter, if appropriate. The commenter index numbers are listed in one of five categories: F-federal agencies or officials; S-state agencies or officials; L-local (county or municipal) agencies or officials; E-elected officials; P-private individual or industry.

All comments received during the public review period were reviewed and considered in preparation of this Final EIS. Copies of letters received have been reprinted in this chapter along with responses to those comments. As noted previously, substantive changes in the Final EIS are indicated by vertical bars that appear in the margins. These changes were made both in response to comments received on the Draft EIS and as a result of updated information that became available after issuance of the Draft EIS.

The BLM would like to thank all those who helped in the preparation of the EIS by submitting comments.

Table 10-1 Public Comment Index Codes

Federal Agency Letters

- F1 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- F2 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

State Agency Letters

- S1 Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
- S2 Wyoming Game and Fish

Local Government Letters

- L1 Sweetwater County Board of Commissioners
- L2 Russell County Economic Development Council
- L3 Barton County Board of Commissioners
- L4 Russell County Board of Commissioners
- L5 McPherson County Board of Commissioners

Elected Officials Letters

- E1 Kansas State Senator Emler
- E2 Kansas State Representative Holmes
- E3 Kansas State Representative Svaty

Private Individuals or Industry Letters

- P1 Overland Pass
- P2 Overland Pass (Errata)
- P3 Wyoming Pipeline Authority
- P4 Mike Smith – University of Wyoming