

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
**Bureau of Land Management**  
**Rock Springs Field Office**

**Rock Springs Field Office Administrative Site Withdrawal**

**Case File No.:** WYW149499

**EA Number:** WY-040-EA12-135

**Proposed Action Title:** Rock Springs Field Office Administrative Site Withdrawal

**Proposed Action Type:** The proposed action is to recommend an additional 4.93 acre withdrawal for the authorization of a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administration site in Rock Springs, Wyoming.

**Location of Proposed Action:** The Rock Springs administrative site is located outside the town of Rock Springs, located in Lot 19 of section 14, T. 19 N., R. 105 W., 6<sup>th</sup> Principle Meridian, Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

**Applicant:** Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office; PO Box 1828; Cheyenne, WY 82003-1828

## **BACKGROUND**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requesting the Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management to approve a Public Land Order (PLO) that withdraws 4.93 acres of public land from surface entry and mining for a period of 20 years to protect the Rock Springs Administrative Site Withdrawal in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. This withdrawal would be in addition and adjacent to the already existing 14.43 acres withdrawn, which was approved on May 26, 1952, serial number WYW17259, Public Land Order 10355, (17 F.R. 4831). This withdrawal was issued with a perpetual term.

The withdrawal is needed to protect the capital investments of the site. There are no suitable alternative sites as the land contains permanent Federal facilities. Structures and improvements on the site include the new office building, parking lot and other public needs associated with the construction and operation of the new building. The BLM requests the withdrawal to protect the Federal investment in facilities. WY040-EA03-213 was completed for the original withdrawal for this site, no decision was issued.

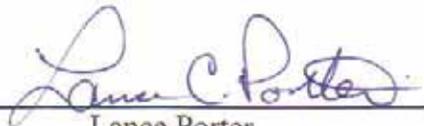
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Based upon the information contained in the attached environmental assessment, 'Rock Springs Field Office Administrative Site Withdrawal', and all other information available to me, it is my determination that: (1) the implementation of the Proposed Action will not have significant

environmental impacts beyond those already addressed in the Green River Resource Management Plan (GRRMP) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) ; (2) the Proposed Action is in conformance with the GRRMP; and (3) the Proposed Action does not constitute a major federal action having a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not necessary and will not be prepared.

This finding is based on my consideration of the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) criteria for significance (40 CFR 1508.27), both with regard to the context and to the intensity of the impacts described in the EA.

Authorized Official:



Lance Porter  
Field Manager  
Rock Springs Field Office

13 April 2012  
Date