

**DECISION RECORD  
FOR  
Rock Springs Field Office Administrative Site  
Case #: WYW149499  
EA #: WY-040-EA12-135**

**Summary**

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. 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.

On September 15, 2000, the Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior, approved a petition which would allow the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw 4.93 acres for the protection of the capital investment of the new administrative site.

**Decision**

Based upon the analysis of the potential environmental impacts described in the 'Rock Springs Field Office Administrative Site, WY-040-EA12-135' Environmental Assessment and supporting documents in the case file, it is my decision to recommend the 4.93-acre Rock Springs Field Office site for withdrawal. The withdrawal is subject to final approval by the US Secretary of Interior.

1. **Compliance with applicable laws:** The proposed action for withdrawal of Rock Springs Field Office site is compliant with 43 CFR 2300 section 2.04 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. The proposed action is also in conformance with the Green River Resource Management Plan in compliance with 43 CFR 1610.5-3.
2. **Selected Alternative:** There is currently a withdrawal for the existing administrative site (14.43 acres) 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 proposed action is to withdraw an additional 4.93 acres of public lands adjacent to the existing Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Rock Springs Field Office administrative site to protect the capital investments of the new site which include a new building and parking lot.
3. **FONSI:** I have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan. I have reviewed this environmental assessment, including the analysis of potentially significant environmental impacts. I have determined that the proposed action will not have any significant impacts on the human environment and that an EIS is not required. It is my decision to recommend the 4.93-acre Rock Springs Field Office site for withdrawal. The withdrawal is subject to final approval by the US Secretary of Interior.

4. **Public Involvement.** The Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting was published in the Federal Register (65 FR 59464 (2000)) on October 5, 2000 as well as in a local newspaper, the Rocket Miner, Rock Springs, Wyoming on October 14, 2000.
5. **Rationale for Alternative Selected.** The Proposed Action was selected because it is in compliance with the Green River RMP and the BLM has determined it will not have any significant impacts on the human environment. The withdrawal will protect the financial and capital investments of the Rock Springs Field Office from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general laws including mining laws.
6. **Appeal Procedures.**

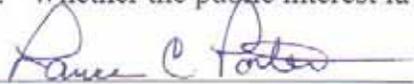
This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in this office (at the above address) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 4.21 (58 FR 4939, January 19, 1993) or 43 CFR 2800 for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

#### Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

  
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Lance Porter  
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13 April 2012  
Date