

## READER'S GUIDE TO THIS DOCUMENT

### Volume 1

**Chapter 1. Purpose and Need for Action.** This chapter introduces the Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), describes the purpose and need to which BLM is responding, provides an overview of the BLM planning process, and identifies planning issues and criteria and topics not addressed by this RMP revision.

**Chapter 2. Resource Management Alternatives.** Chapter 2 describes how the four alternatives (A through D) were developed, the components and content of each alternative, and discusses the alternatives considered but eliminated from further consideration. It also presents a comparative summary of impacts of each alternative. Resource discussions in chapters 2, 3, and 4 are organized according to the following eight resource topics:

- 1000** Physical Resources – Air Quality, Geologic Resources, Soil, Water, and Cave and Karst
- 2000** Mineral Resources – Locatable, Leasable, and Salable Minerals
- 3000** Fire and Fuels Management – Wildfires (Unplanned Ignitions), Prescribed Fires (Planned Ignitions), and Stabilization and Rehabilitation
- 4000** Biological Resources – Vegetation, Fish and Wildlife, Special Status Species, and Wild Horses
- 5000** Heritage and Visual Resources – Cultural, Paleontological, and Visual
- 6000** Land Resources – Lands and Realty, Renewable Energy, Rights-of-Way and Corridors, Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management, Recreation, Lands with Wilderness Characteristics, and Livestock Grazing Management
- 7000** Special Designations – Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, National Back Country Byways, National Historic Landmarks, National Historic Trails and Other Historic Trails, Wild and Scenic Rivers, and Wilderness Study Areas
- 8000** Socioeconomic Resources – Social and Economic Conditions, Health and Safety, Environmental Justice, and Tribal Treaty Rights

**Chapter 3. Affected Environment.** This chapter describes the Planning Area and the existing environmental conditions that could be impacted by the alternatives.

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**Chapter 4. Environmental Consequences.** Chapter 4 forms the scientific and analytic basis for comparing environmental impacts of each alternative, including the No Action Alternative. Impacts generally are described in terms of direct or indirect and short-term or long-term, when applicable. Potential cumulative and unavoidable impacts and irreversible and irretrievable commitments also are discussed in this chapter.

**Chapter 5. Public Involvement and List of Preparers.** Chapter 5 summarizes the public involvement process and consultation and coordination with other local, state, and federal agencies, as well as Tribes. Chapter 5 also presents the names and qualifications of the people responsible for preparing this Draft RMP and Draft EIS.

**Chapter 6. References.** This chapter provides full citation information for all references cited within the document.

## **Volume 3**

**Appendices.** The appendices include documents that support existing resource conditions or situations, substantiate analyses, provide resource management guidance, explain processes, or provide information directly relevant or supporting conclusions in the Draft RMP and Draft EIS. Twenty-five appendices are included.

**Glossary.** The glossary defines select terms used throughout this document.

**Maps.** Maps depict the alternatives by resource. In hardcopy documents, maps can be found on a compact disk (CD) attached to the inside back cover of Volume 3. For CD versions of the document, maps are provided as a separate file on the CD. Electronic copies of the maps are also available on the project website ([www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/rmps/bighorn.html](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/rmps/bighorn.html)).