

# BIGHORN BASIN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION



## Where are we now?

 Shading indicates steps completed

Notice of Intent Published in Federal Register  
October 17, 2008

Preparation of Analysis of the Management Situation  
2008

Public Scoping Period  
October 17—November 24, 2008

Formulation of Alternatives  
2009—2010

Preparation of Draft RMP and EIS  
2010—2011

Notice of Availability of Draft RMP and EIS  
April 22, 2011

90-Day Public Comment Period  
April 22, 2011—July 20, 2011

Preparation of Proposed RMP and Final EIS  
2011—2012

Notice of Availability of Proposed RMP and Final EIS  
2012

30-Day Protest Period/60-Day Governor's Consistency Review  
2012

Record of Decision and Approved RMP  
2012

Dear Neighbor,

After two and a half years of hard work by BLM staff, Cooperating Agencies, and other engaged parties, the Bighorn Basin Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is ready for your review and comment. A notice of availability announcing the release of the draft RMP and draft EIS will be published in the *Federal Register* on April 22, 2011, initiating the 90-day public comment period.

We would like to thank all those who participated in the RMP revision process. All comments were considered and provided valuable input that helped to inform and guide the development of the draft RMP and draft EIS. We would like to give special thanks to all of the Cooperating Agency representatives who participated in the revision process. These representatives invested significant time and energy, working closely alongside the BLM to develop this draft RMP and draft EIS, and their insightful comments and support were critical to the success of the project.

We would now like to hear from you again. The RMP, once approved, will guide the management of public lands administered by the Cody and Worland field offices and it is important that the BLM hear from you about this

draft plan. During the comment period the BLM will hold a series of public meetings across the Bighorn Basin. You are encouraged to attend to learn more about the draft plan. At these meetings, BLM managers and resource specialists will be available to answer questions. Information about the locations, dates and times of the public meetings and how to comment are provided on the back of this newsletter.

After the 90-day comment period, the BLM will consider all of the comments received and issue a proposed RMP and final EIS. Following the Governor's consistency review and protest period, the BLM will issue the approved RMP with a record of decision.

Thanks for your participation, and we encourage you to remain involved throughout the RMP revision process.

Sincerely,



E. Bateson  
District Manager

April 2011

## The Bighorn Basin Draft RMP and EIS is available...

- Download the document from the RMP website listed below.
- Visit your local library where hardcopies are available for public review.
- Stop by the Cody or Worland Field Office to pick up a CD of the document. A limited number of hardcopies are also available.

RMP website: <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/rmps/bighorn.html>



## How to Comment on the Bighorn Basin Draft RMP and Draft EIS

<i>How do I comment?</i>	<i>Tips for Making Effective Comments:</i>
<p>During the 90-day comment period (April 22, 2011–July 20, 2011) you are encouraged to comment on any aspect of the document. Comments received during this period will be considered before the BLM issues the proposed RMP and final EIS. We encourage you to submit your comments electronically via email or on-line, but they may also be submitted by mail, in person at either the Cody or Worland Field Office or at a public meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Be specific. State particular reasons for your concerns instead of making broad statements. Provide detail.</li> <li>✓ If possible, refer to specific portions of the document and provide section or page numbers.</li> <li>✓ Provide suggestions for how the BLM can improve the document.</li> </ul>

### Public Meetings Schedule

Date and Time	Location
Monday, June 6, 2011 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	<b>Days Inn</b> 115 East Park St., Thermopolis, WY 82443
Tuesday, June 7, 2011 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	<b>Worland Community Center</b> 1200 Culbertson Ave., Worland, WY 82401
Wednesday, June 8, 2011 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	<b>Big Horn County Weed and Pest Office</b> 4782 Highway 310, Greybull, WY 82426
Monday, June 13, 2011 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	<b>Lovell Community Center</b> 1925 Highway 310, Lovell, WY 82431
Tuesday, June 14, 2011 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	<b>Holiday Inn</b> 1701 Sheridan Ave., Cody, WY 82414
Wednesday, June 15, 2011 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	<b>Park County Fairgrounds General Exhibit Hall</b> 655 East 5 <sup>th</sup> St., Powell, WY 82435

### Where can I submit comments?

Email: [BBRMP\\_WYMail@blm.gov](mailto:BBRMP_WYMail@blm.gov)

**Worland Field Office**  
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Worland, WY 82401-0119  
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