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Bureau of Land Management
Casper Field Office
Draft RMP/Environmental Impact Statement

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Linda Slone
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Casper Field Office
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Dear Ms. Sloan:

The staff of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department has reviewed the Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for the Bureau of Land Management Casper Field Office. Please refer to the attached comment form for our specific comments.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with your office during the development and drafting of this RMP. By collaborating early with your agency, many of our concerns have been worked through and alleviated. We believe the document will guide land management decisions in a way that will fulfill the BLM's multiple use criteria, while minimizing impacts to wildlife habitat. Again, thank you for the opportunity to help craft this document.

Sincerely,


JOHN EMMERICH
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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Attachment

cc: Temple Stevenson
USFWS

Commentor Name	Comment Number	Page Number	Line Number	Comment
WGFD	1	G-1	CO0008	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for retention. This parcel lies within mule deer winter/yearlong range and provides public recreational opportunities, which includes big game hunting.
WGFD	2	G-2	CO0040	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for retention. This parcel lies within mule deer winter/yearlong range and provides public recreational opportunities, which includes big game hunting.
WGFD	3	G-4	CO0005	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for restricted disposal. This parcel would enlarge the South Douglas Public Area. By enlarging this area, we would be providing the public additional riverfront acreage for fishing, boating (float trips) and other recreational opportunities.
WGFD	4	G-4	CO0099	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for restricted disposal. This parcel would extend our South Douglas Public Access Area an additional 1/4 mile. By extending this access area, we are providing the public additional riverfront mileage for fishing, and boating (float trips).
WGFD	5	G-5	CO0110	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for retention. This parcel provides considerable public recreational opportunities that include, but are not limited to, fishing, big game hunting, hiking and wildlife viewing. Furthermore, this parcel is located within elk and mule deer crucial winter range.
WGFD	6	G-7	CO0175	We recommend the BLM dispose of this parcel through a land exchange or trade with the private landowner who holds T.32N.,R.73W.,Sec 18 N2NW. This would facilitate increased public recreational access, and allow us the opportunity to expand our proposal to improve wildlife habitat within the Laramie Range Habitat Restoration project.
WGFD	7	G-7	CO0176	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for retention. This parcel provides considerable public recreational opportunities, specifically big game hunting and upland game bird hunting. Furthermore, this parcel lies within mule deer crucial winter range, and is also within the proposed Natural Bridge prescribed burn, which is an integral part of our Laramie Range Habitat Restoration project.
WGFD	8	G-7	CO0177	We recommend the BLM dispose of this parcel through a land exchange or trade with the private landowner who holds T.32N.,R.74W.,Sec 24 NWNE. This would facilitate increased public recreational access, and allow us the opportunity to expand our proposal to improve wildlife habitat within the Laramie Range Habitat Restoration project.
WGFD	9	G-7	CO0178	We recommend the BLM dispose of this parcel through a land exchange or trade with the private landowner who holds T.32N.,R.73W.,Sec 18 SENE. This would

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				facilitate increased public recreational access, and allow us the opportunity to expand our proposal to improve wildlife habitat within the Laramie Range Habitat Restoration project.
WGFD	10	47	CO0179	We recommend the BLM dispose of this parcel through a land exchange or trade with the private landowner who holds T.32N.,R.74W.,Sec 24 S2. This would facilitate increased public recreational access, and allow us the opportunity to expand our proposal to improve wildlife habitat within the Laramie Range Habitat Restoration project.
WG-D	11	G-8	CO0203	We recommend the BLM dispose of this parcel through a land exchange or trade with the private landowner who holds T.29N.,R.74W.,Sec 21 S2SW. This would be one option for facilitating increased public recreational access.
WGFD	12	G-9	CO0205	We recommend the BLM dispose of this parcel through a land exchange or trade with the private landowner who holds T.29N.,R.74W.,Sec 20 E2SE. This would be one option for facilitating increased public recreational access.
WGFD	13	G-9	CO0206	We recommend the BLM dispose of this parcel through a land exchange or trade with the private landowner who holds T.29N.,R.74W.,Sec 20 NWSE. This would be one option for facilitating increased public recreational access.
WGFD	14	G-9	CO0207	We recommend the BLM dispose of this parcel through a land exchange or trade with the private landowner who holds T.29N.,R.74W.,Sec 21 NESW. This would be one option for facilitating increased public recreational access.
WGHD	15	G-9	CO0216	We recommend the BLM dispose of this parcel through a land exchange or trade with the private landowner who holds T.32N.,R.73W.,Sec 18 NENE. This would facilitate increased public recreational access, and allow us the opportunity to expand our proposal to improve wildlife habitat within the Laramie Range Habitat Restoration project.
WGFD	16	G-9	CO0221	We recommend the BLM dispose of this parcel through a land exchange or trade with the private landowner who holds T.32N.,R.74W.,Sec 24 S2NE. This would facilitate increased public recreational access, and allow us the opportunity to expand our proposal to improve wildlife habitat within the Laramie Range Habitat Restoration project.
	17	G-9	CO0222	We recommend the BLM dispose of this parcel through a land exchange or trade with the private landowner who holds T.32N.,R.74W.,Sec 13 W2SE, SESE. This would facilitate increased public recreational access, and allow us the opportunity to expand our proposal to improve wildlife habitat within the Laramie Range Habitat Restoration project.

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				allow for additional public recreational opportunities.
WGFD	34	G-21	GO0007	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for restricted disposal. This parcel is adjacent to the Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area, which would allow for additional public recreational opportunities.
WQFD	35	G-21	GO0008	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for disposal to the WGFD within 5 years after the Record of Decision has been signed. This would facilitate our ability to better manage wildlife habitat and increase public recreational opportunities. Furthermore, why is there different status (i.e., restricted and disposal) on this parcel located within the present Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area?
WGFD	36	G-22	GO0025	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for retention. This parcel is located within the Hawk Springs Reservoir minimum pool. The minimum pool provides a fishery and resting (loafing) habitat for waterfowl.
WGFD	37	G-22	GO0029	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for restricted disposal. This parcel is adjacent to the Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area, which would allow for additional public recreational opportunities.
WGFD	38	G-22	GO0031	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for restricted disposal. This would allow for additional public recreational opportunities.
WGFD	39	G-22	GO0032	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for restricted disposal. This parcel is adjacent to the Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area and abuts State land, which would allow for additional public recreational opportunities.
WGFD	40	G-22	GO0033	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for restricted disposal. This parcel is adjacent to the Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area and encompasses Dry Creek, which would allow for additional public recreational opportunities.
	41	G-23	GO0052	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for disposal to the WGFD within 5 years after the Record of Decision has been signed. This would facilitate our ability to better manage wildlife habitat and increase public recreational opportunities.
	42	G-23	GO0054	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for disposal to the WGFD within 5 years after the Record of Decision has been signed. This would facilitate our ability to better manage wildlife habitat and increase public recreational opportunities.
	43	G-23	GO0055	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for disposal to the WGFD within 5 years after the Record of Decision has been signed. This would facilitate our ability to better manage wildlife habitat and increase public recreational opportunities.

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WGFD	44	G-23	G00 56	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for disposal to the WGFD within 5 years after the Record of Decision has been signed. This would facilitate our ability to better manage wildlife habitat and increase public recreational opportunities.
WGFD	45	G-23	G00 47	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for disposal to the WGFD within 5 years after the Record of Decision has been signed. This would facilitate our ability to better manage wildlife habitat and increase public recreational opportunities.
WGFD	46	G-20	G00 60	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for restricted disposal or retention. Although the parcel does not presently have public access, the parcel encompasses the North Platte River and could be of high recreational value in the future.
WGFD	47	G-28	G00 217	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for restricted disposal or retention. Although the parcel does not presently have public access, the parcel encompasses the North Platte River and could be of high recreational value in the future.
WOFD	48	G-23	G00 218	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for retention. This parcel provides public access to the North Platte River for waterfowl hunting.
WGFD	49	G-29	G00 245	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for retention. This parcel provides additional public recreational opportunities, specifically big game hunting.
WGFD	50	G-28	G00 219	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for restricted disposal or retention. Although the parcel does not presently have public access, the parcel encompasses the North Platte River and could be of high recreational value in the future.
WGFD	51	G-38	PL0011	We recommend the BLM dispose of this parcel through a land exchange or trade with the private landowner(s) surrounding the Grayrocks Public Access Area and Cottonwood Wildlife Habitat Management Area. This would facilitate our ability to manage this area better for wildlife and fisheries, and also allow for additional public recreational opportunities.
WGFD	52	G-38 G-39 G-40	PL0012 PL0013 PL0054 PL0059 PL0060 PL0061	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for disposal to the WGFD within 5 years after the Record of Decision has been signed. This would facilitate our ability to better manage wildlife habitat and increase public recreational opportunities.
WGFD	53	G-38	PL0014 PL0015	We recommend the BLM dispose of these parcels through a land exchange or trade with the private landowner(s) surrounding the Grayrocks Public Access Area

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			PL0119	to manage this area better for wildlife and fisheries, and also allow for additional public recreational opportunities.
WGFD	61	G-41	PL0121	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for retention. This parcel provides a considerable amount of public recreational opportunities that includes, but is not limited to, fishing, boating (float trips), big game hunting, turkey hunting, and waterfowl hunting.
WGFD	62	G-43	PL0167 PL0168 PL0170	We recommend the BLM designate these parcels for retention. These parcels are accessible through Glendo State Park lands, and provide a considerable amount of public recreational opportunities that includes, but is not limited to, big game hunting, hiking and wildlife viewing.
WGFD	63	G-44	PL0190	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for retention. This parcel provides additional public recreational opportunities, specifically big game hunting. Furthermore, a portion of this parcel lies within pronghorn antelope and mule deer crucial winter/yearlong range.
WGFD	64	G-45	PL0195	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for retention. This parcel provides additional public recreational opportunities, specifically big game hunting. Furthermore, a portion of this parcel lies within pronghorn antelope winter/yearlong range.
WGFD	65	G-46	PL0199	We recommend the BLM designate this parcel for retention. This parcel provides additional public recreational opportunities, specifically big game hunting. Furthermore, a portion of this parcel lies within elk winter and winter/yearlong range; mule deer crucial winter/yearlong range; and pronghorn antelope winter/yearlong range.
WGFD	66	G-49	PL0280	We recommend the BLM dispose of this parcel through a land exchange or trade with the private landowner(s) who hold T.24N., R.69W., Sec 20 NW, NWNE; T.24., R69W., Sec 19 N2SE, SWSE, S2SW.
			CO0380 CO0381	Alternative E states No Special Designation. On page 2-77 Record 6083, Alternative E states manage the SRMA, and on page 2-88 Record 7037, Alternative E states a SRMA would be established. We request clarification on the apparent discrepancy in the proposals. We support the recognition for the North Platte River for special management considerations and we recommend the designation be extended to the Dave Johnson Power Plant. The reach is Blue Ribbon water from Gray Reef Dam to the Dave Johnson Power Plant. In the August 8 th letter (1610/Casper RMP) the proposal for an ACEC on the North Platte River Corridor met the relevance and importance criteria, and the nomination was carried forward

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