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I have some comments on the land sales portion of the rmp.

First, the mineral estate should never be part of these land sales.

Second, The tracts should only be sold to the highest bidder on sites like Ebay, etc. The BLM has a poor record of only selling to the adjacent landowner. Third, an investigation should be initiated as to why so many so called 'isolated' tracts are being put up for sale.

The BLM knows full well that these isolated tracts don't cost the agency a dime to manage. The Lands staffers that were responsible for a large one-sided land exchange in the Tea Pot Dome area are certainly the same staffers responsible for the inclusion of the tracts for disposal in this current rmp.

I would remind readers that the Interior Dept. (& the BLM) has a history of "Waste, Fraud & Abuse. An article to this effect was published in the Casper Star Tribune on 9/15/06. I would encourage readers to look at this article. The Inspector General of the Interior Dept. is also quoted in this article: "Simply stated, short of a crime, anything goes at the highest levels of the Interior Department. Ethics failures on the part of senior department officials-taking the form of appearance of impropriety, favoritism and bias-have been routinely dismissed with a promise 'not to do it again'".

The BLM staffers all have their 'agendas', and often these agendas are not in the Public's interest.

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