



# United States Department of the Interior

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In reply refer to: 1610  
Kemmerer RMP Revision

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Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review is the Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Kemmerer Field Office. The Proposed RMP was prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in consultation with cooperating agencies, taking into account public comments received during this planning effort. This Proposed RMP provides a framework for the future management direction and appropriate use of BLM-administered lands and resources located in most of Lincoln and Uinta counties and part of Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The document contains land use planning decisions to facilitate management of the public lands and resources administered by the Kemmerer Field Office. The Proposed RMP is open for a 30-day review and protest period beginning, August 8, 2008, the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability of the Final EIS in the *Federal Register*.

This Proposed RMP and Final EIS has been developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The Proposed RMP is largely based on Alternative D, the preferred alternative in the Draft RMP and EIS, which was released on July 13, 2007. This document contains the proposed plan, summary of changes made between the Draft RMP and EIS and Proposed RMP (see Executive Summary), predictable impacts of the proposed plan, summary of the written and verbal comments received during the public review period of the Draft RMP and EIS, and responses to the comments received.

Any person who participated in the planning process for this Proposed RMP, and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected, may protest approval of this Proposed RMP and land use planning decisions contained within it (see 43 Code of Federal Regulations 1610.5-2) during this 30-day period. Only those persons or organizations who participated in the planning process leading to the Proposed RMP may protest. The protesting party may raise only those issues submitted for the record during the planning process leading up to the publication of this Proposed RMP. These issues may have been raised by the protesting party or others. New issues may not be brought into the record at the protest stage.

Protests must be filed with the BLM Director in writing. Regular mail protests should be sent to: Director (210), Attention – Brenda Williams, PO Box 66538, Washington DC 20035. Overnight mail should be sent to: Director (210), Attention – Brenda Williams, 1620 L Street, NW, Suite 1075, Washington DC 20036. E-mail and fax protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, BLM will consider the e-mail or fax protest as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide BLM with such advance notification, please direct e-mails to [Brenda\\_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov](mailto:Brenda_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov) and faxes to (202) 452-5112 (Attn: BLM Protest Coordinator).

**All protests must be postmarked by the end of the 30 day protest period.**

**IMPORTANT:** In accordance with 43 CFR 1610.5-2 the protest must contain the information described in the following critical elements check list:

- The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the person filing the protest.
- The “interest” of the person filing the protest. (How will you be adversely affected by the approval or amendment of the resource management plan?)
- A statement of the part(s) of the Proposed RMP, and the issue(s) being protested. (To the extent possible, this should reference specific pages, paragraphs, sections, tables, maps, etc., which are believed to be incorrect or incomplete.)
- A copy of all documents addressing the issue(s) that the protesting party submitted during the planning process **OR** a statement of the date they were discussed for the record.
- A concise statement explaining why the protestor believes the BLM State Director’s proposed decision is incorrect.

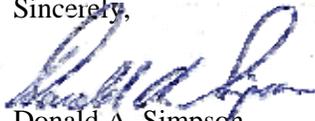
*All of these elements are critical parts of your protest.* Take care to document all relevant facts. As much as possible, reference or cite the planning documents, or available planning records (e.g., meeting minutes or summaries, correspondence, etc.). To aid in ensuring the completeness of your protest, a printable protest check list is available online at <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/kemmerer/docs.htm>.

The BLM State Director will make every attempt to promptly render a decision on the protest. The decision will be in writing and will be sent to the protesting party by certified mail, return receipt requested. The decision of the BLM State Director shall be the final decision of the Department of the Interior.

BLM’s practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment--including your personal identifying information--may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

Upon resolution of any protests, an Approved Plan and Record of Decision (ROD) will be issued. The Approved Plan will be mailed to all who participated in the planning process and will be available to all parties through the “Planning” page of the BLM national website (<http://www.blm.gov>), or by mail upon request. The Approved RMP and ROD will include the appeals process for implementing decisions that may be appealed to the Office of Hearing and Appeals following its publication.

Sincerely,



Donald A. Simpson  
Acting State Director