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KEMMERER  
PROPOSED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND  
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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## *Appendix C*

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Public Involvement, Consultation, and Coordination

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## **Appendix C Public Involvement, Consultation, and Coordination**

Public involvement, consultation, and coordination occurred prior to and throughout preparation of the Kemmerer Resource Management Plan (RMP) revision and associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This appendix describes the public involvement process, as well as other key consultation and coordination activities undertaken to prepare the EIS in support of the RMP revision.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) decisionmaking process is conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA, and the U.S. Department of the Interior (USDI) and BLM policies and procedures implementing NEPA. NEPA and the associated regulatory and policy framework require that all federal agencies involve the interested public in their decisionmaking, consider reasonable alternatives to proposed actions, and prepare environmental documents that disclose the potential impacts of proposed actions and alternatives.

The BLM accomplished public involvement, consultation, and coordination through public meetings, informal meetings, individual contacts, news releases, newsletters, workshops, a planning website, and the *Federal Register*. A Notice of Intent (NOI) published in the *Federal Register* on June 16, 2003, formally announced that the BLM Kemmerer Field Office was preparing an RMP and associated EIS. Publication of the NOI initiated the scoping process and invited participation of affected and interested agencies, organizations, and members of the public in determining the scope and issues to be addressed by alternatives and analyzed in the EIS. The BLM solicited additional public involvement to help identify issues to be addressed in developing a full range of land management alternatives (see Public Involvement Section below).

### **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

In accordance with CEQ scoping guidance, the BLM provided avenues for public involvement as an integral part of revising the RMP and preparing the Final EIS. CEQ scoping guidance defines scoping as the “process by which lead agencies solicit input from the public and interested agencies on the nature and extent of issues and impacts to be addressed and the methods by which they will be evaluated” (CEQ 1981). The scoping report, which summarizes issues identified during the scoping process, is available on the Kemmerer RMP website at [www.blm.gov/rmp/kemmerer/](http://www.blm.gov/rmp/kemmerer/).

The intent of the scoping process is to provide an opportunity for the public, tribes, other government agencies, and interest groups to scope the planning process and to identify planning issues to be addressed by alternatives or analyzed in the EIS. In general, public involvement assists the agencies through the following.

- Broadening the information base for decisionmaking
- Informing the public about the EIS and proposed RMP and the potential impacts associated with various management decisions
- Ensuring public needs and viewpoints are brought to the attention of the agency

### **Scoping Period**

Publication of the NOI on June 16, 2003, announced the BLM’s intention to revise the Kemmerer RMP and prepare a Draft EIS. Scoping for the RMP revision and Draft EIS took place from June 16, 2003, to

November 26, 2003. BLM resource management regulations require a 30-day scoping period; however, the Kemmerer revision scoping period remained open for 5 months.

The BLM utilized the public scoping process to identify planning issues to direct (drive) the formulation of alternatives and to frame the scope of analysis in the EIS. The scoping process also was used to introduce the public to preliminary planning criteria, which set limits to the scope of the RMP revision. Fifty-four comment letters were received during the scoping period. The scoping report provides a general summary of the issues found in these letters.

## **Scoping Notice**

The BLM prepared a public scoping notice and mailed the notice to 779 federal, state, and local agencies, interest groups, and members of the public on October 27, 2003. In the scoping notice, the BLM solicited written comments on the RMP revision process, issues, and impacts and invited the public to a series of three public scoping meetings held throughout the planning area. The scoping notice served to remind the public of the opportunity to view the Summary of the Management Situation Analysis (MSA), the project schedule, and other relevant project information on the Kemmerer RMP website. In addition, the scoping notice provided general information on the planning area, background information on the planning process, and dates and locations scheduled for the public scoping meetings.

## **Scoping Meetings**

Public scoping meetings were held in Kemmerer, Evanston, and Rock Springs, Wyoming, on November 17, 18, and 19, 2003, respectively (Table C-1). The BLM structured the meetings in an open-house format, with two formal presentations made by the Kemmerer Field Office Assistant Manager for Resources. Resource specialists and other representatives of the BLM were on hand to personally address questions and provide information to meeting participants. The BLM provided four fact sheets, a summary of the MSA, and a series of four display boards at each scoping meeting. The BLM encouraged attendees to comment using a variety of media, including written comment forms, flip charts, planning area maps, and a computer kiosk.

**Table C-1. Public Involvement, Coordination, and Consultation Meetings**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Type of Meeting</b>
November 17, 2003	Kemmerer, Wyoming	Public Scoping Meeting
November 18, 2003	Evanston, Wyoming	Public Scoping Meeting
November 19, 2003	Rock Springs, Wyoming	Public Scoping Meeting
August 6, 2007	Cokeville, Wyoming	Open House
August 7, 2007	Kemmerer, Wyoming	Public Meeting
August 8, 2007	Rock Springs, Wyoming	Public Meeting
August 9, 2007	Evanston, Wyoming	Public Meeting
August 10, 2007	Lyman, Wyoming	Open House

## **Public Meetings/Open Houses**

Two open houses and three public meetings were held during the 90-day public comment period for the Draft RMP and EIS in Cokeville, Kemmerer, Rock Springs, Evanston, and Lyman, Wyoming (Table C-1). Similar to the public scoping meetings, resource specialists and other representatives of the BLM were on hand to personally address questions and provide information to meeting participants. The BLM provided four fact sheets and a series of four display boards at each public meeting describing the RMP revision process, key planning issues, formulation of alternatives, and how to provide effective

comments. The BLM encouraged attendees to comment using a variety of media including written comment forms, planning area maps, and a computer kiosk. A court reporter was also available to record verbal comments and the testimony of all attendees taking part in the public testimony portion of the meeting.

## **Opportunities to Comment**

The BLM provided a variety of avenues through which the public could comment during the scoping period and the 90-day comment period. These avenues are listed below.

- **Mail** – The NOI and the scoping notice invited interested parties to submit comments by mail to the Kemmerer Field Office.
- **E-mail** – The NOI provided the following e-mail address for submitting comments electronically: [krmppwmail@blm.gov](mailto:krmppwmail@blm.gov).
- **Online** – The Kemmerer RMP revision website at [www.blm.gov/rmp/kemmerer/](http://www.blm.gov/rmp/kemmerer/) was launched on November 3, 2003. The website provides history about the project, a project schedule, a document library, a mailing-list screen, and a comment screen. During the comment period, the public could enter their comments on the website and submit them electronically. The capability to submit comments via the website continued through the 90-day comment period for the Draft EIS.
- **Telephone** – The scoping notice and all four fact sheets provided a phone number so interested parties could call and submit leave oral comments.
- **In Person at Meetings** – The BLM provided the public the opportunity to comment at all three scoping meetings, two open houses, and three public meetings. Comment methods included a computer kiosk, through which interested individuals could type their comments; paper comment forms that could be filled out and submitted at the meetings or mailed in at a later date; and flip charts and planning area maps upon which comments could be written to share with the BLM and with other members of the public.

## **Mailing List**

The project mailing list for the public scoping process was initially developed from the Kemmerer Field Office mailing list, but was updated throughout the planning process. The BLM encouraged scoping meeting participants to add their names to the mailing list. Some individuals added their names and addresses to the project mailing list by registering on the project website, as well as through personally contacting the BLM. Currently, the Kemmerer Field Office mailing list includes 916 addresses.

## **Newsletters**

Periodic newsletters have been and are being developed and distributed to keep the public informed of the Kemmerer RMP revision process. The January 2004 newsletter provided basic background information on the project, including the purpose and need for updating the RMP and issues that the plan may address. The newsletter also extended an invitation to the public to be involved in the process, advertised the Kemmerer RMP revision website, and summarized public scoping comments.

A second newsletter (summer 2006) described the development of the alternatives, the process of selecting a preferred alternative, announced the schedule of the Draft EIS, and offered avenues for public involvement. A third newsletter was distributed in June 2007, prior to the release of the Draft EIS, to announce the publication of the Draft EIS, and to provide details on how to provide comments.

## **Website**

The Kemmerer RMP revision website is located at [www.blm.gov/rmp/kemmerer/](http://www.blm.gov/rmp/kemmerer/). The site serves as a virtual repository for documents related to the development of the RMP revision, including announcements, bulletins, and documents. These documents are available in PDF format to ensure that they are available to the widest range of interested parties. The website gives the public the opportunity to submit their comments for consideration as part of the planning process. The website also offers the public an opportunity to be added to the project mailing list.

## **Future Public Involvement**

Public participation is ongoing throughout the planning process. The Final EIS considered all substantive oral and written comments received during the 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS. Members of the public with standing will have the opportunity to protest the content of the Proposed RMP and Final EIS during the specified 30-day protest period. The ROD will be issued by the BLM after the release of the Final EIS, the Governor’s Consistency Review, and protest resolution.

## **CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**

This section documents the consultation and coordination efforts undertaken by the BLM throughout the process of revising the RMP and developing the EIS. Title II, Section 202, of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the BLM to coordinate planning efforts with Native American tribes, other federal departments, and agencies of the state and local governments as part of its land use planning process. The BLM is directed to integrate NEPA requirements with other environmental review and consultation requirements to reduce paperwork and delays (40 Code of Federal Regulations 1500.4-5). The BLM accomplished coordination with other agencies and consistency with other plans through ongoing communications, meetings, and collaborative efforts with the Interdisciplinary Team, which includes BLM specialists and federal, state, and local agencies.

## **Cooperating Agencies**

The Kemmerer Field Office extended cooperating agency status to the State of Wyoming, Lincoln County, Uinta County, Sweetwater County, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation various conservation districts, and tribal governments. The BLM invited these entities to participate because they have jurisdiction by law or because they could offer special expertise. A list of the cooperating agencies that have actively participated in cooperators’ meetings leading up to the development of the RMP revision and EIS include the following:

### **Local Governments**

- Lincoln County Commissioners
- Lincoln Conservation District
- Uinta County Commissioners
- Uinta County Conservation District
- Sweetwater County Commissioners
- Sweetwater County Conservation District

### **State of Wyoming**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Environmental Quality

- Game and Fish Department
- Office of State Lands and Investments
- State Planning Coordinator’s Office

**Federal Government**

- Bureau of Reclamation

BLM formally invited the cooperating agencies to participate in developing the alternatives and to provide existing data and other information relative to their agency responsibilities, goals, mandates, and expertise. Cooperating agencies provided input during the initial scoping process on issues of special expertise or legal jurisdiction. In addition, cooperating agencies participated in a series of alternative formulation workshops, reviewed draft information and documents, and met with BLM management and resource specialists periodically throughout the revision process to discuss planning issues and provide input to the process. Table C-2 lists these meetings and workshops.

**Table C-2. Meetings with Cooperating Agencies**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Type of Meeting</b>
January 28, 2004	Kemmerer, Wyoming	Meeting with Shoshone-Bannock Tribes for an Overview of the RMP Process
February 2-6, 2004	Kemmerer, Wyoming	Workshop #1: Alternative Development (All Cooperating Agencies)
February 23-27, 2004	Kemmerer, Wyoming	Workshop #2: Alternative Formulation (All Cooperating Agencies)
April 12, 2004	Kemmerer, Wyoming	Meeting with Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Technical Staff and Business Council
June 29-30, 2004	Kemmerer, Wyoming	Field Manager’s Meeting with Shoshone-Bannock and Eastern Shoshone Tribes
December 13-15, 2004	Kemmerer, Wyoming	Workshop #3: Cooperators’ Input for the Preferred Alternative (All Cooperating Agencies)
April 20-21, 2005	Kemmerer, Wyoming	Field Manager’s Open House Meeting with Cooperators
May 11, 2005	Kemmerer, Wyoming	Cooperating Agency Work Session
September 14-15, 2005	Kemmerer, Wyoming	Workshop #4: Preferred Alternative Formulation (All Cooperating Agencies)
September 26-30, 2005	Kemmerer, Wyoming	Cooperating Agency Work Session
October 31 - November 2, 2006	Kemmerer, Wyoming	Review of comments on Preliminary Draft RMP/EIS Version 1

**Section 7 Consultation**

The Kemmerer Field Office contacted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. The BLM sent a letter to the USFWS concerning the Section 7 consultations, presenting the method and approach of how consultation would be conducted and providing details on the process of Programmatic Species-Specific Section 7 Consultations on Wyoming

BLM RMPs. The USFWS provided the following lists as a general reference for the Kemmerer Field Office when evaluating BLM Section 7 responsibilities:

- List of Endangered, Threatened, and Candidate species for the Bureau of Land Management, Kemmerer Field Office, dated March 17, 2004.
- Endangered, Threatened, Proposed and Candidate Species, and Designated Critical Habitat in Wyoming State, dated March 23, 2004.

Consultation letters between the USFWS and the Kemmerer Field Office are located at the end of this appendix. The Kemmerer Field Office will continue consulting with the USFWS through completion of the final biological assessment and final RMP.

## **Native American Interests**

Consultation with Native American tribes is part of the NEPA scoping process and a requirement of FLPMA. The Kemmerer Field Office took multiple steps to contact the tribes and include them in the scoping process. On September 12, 2003, the BLM sent letters to the following tribes inviting them to be a part of the planning process through consultation and public scoping meetings, as well as requesting information to be considered in the planning process:

- Eastern Shoshone Tribes
- Northern Arapaho Tribes
- Northern Ute Tribes
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

Following the scoping process, the BLM sent a letter to each of the above-listed tribes on November 21, 2003, requesting specific information to identify areas of special concern for the tribes. The letter also offered the opportunity for meetings or field trips between representatives from the tribes and the Kemmerer Field Office. Representatives from the Kemmerer Field Office followed up on these letters with telephone calls to each tribe. In the letters and during the follow-up telephone calls, the BLM stressed the need for the tribes to review and comment on the Draft EIS.

Representatives of the Kemmerer Field Office met with members of the Shoshone-Bannock tribes several times to solicit input from the tribes concerning the RMP revision. A meeting with Shoshone-Bannock Technical Staff on January 28, 2004, included the BLM giving an overview of the RMP process, a description of land use planning procedures, and a PowerPoint presentation outlining some of the major issues that will be addressed in the RMP. A similar meeting was held on April 12, 2004; however, on this occasion, the BLM presentation was given before a larger group of representatives from the Shoshone-Bannock tribe, representing several technical staff departments and including four of the seven Business Council members. Members of the Shoshone-Bannock and Eastern Shoshone tribes met with representatives from the Kemmerer Field Office on June 29 and 30, 2004, to discuss the RMP revision. The tribes received maps of the general locations of cultural and spiritual interest to the tribes, as well as a tour of the planning area. Native American consultation letters can be found at the end of this appendix.

## **DISTRIBUTION LIST**

Local and regional media outlets (radio stations, newspapers, and television stations) received notification of the release of the Proposed RMP and Final EIS:

### **Tribal Governments**

- Eastern Shoshone Tribes
- Northern Arapaho Tribes
- Northern Ute Tribes
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

### **Local Governments (Counties, Cities, Towns)**

#### **Lincoln County, Wyoming**

- Lincoln County Commissioners
- Lincoln Conservation District

#### **Sweetwater County, Wyoming**

- Sweetwater County Commissioners
- Sweetwater County Conservation District

#### **Uinta County, Wyoming**

- Uinta County Commissioners
- Uinta County Conservation District

### **State of Wyoming**

- Senator Rae Lynn Job, Sweetwater/Fremont
- Senator John M. Hastert, Sweetwater
- Senator Stan Cooper, Lincoln/Sublette/Sweetwater/Uinta
- Senator Ken Decaria, Sweetwater
- Representative Bernadine Craft, Sweetwater
- Representative Allen Jaggi, Uinta/Sweetwater
- Representative Owen Petersen, Uinta
- Representative Kathy Davison, Lincoln/Sublette/Sweetwater
- Representative Dan Dockstader, Lincoln
- Representative Stan Blake, Sweetwater
- Representative Marty Martin, SW Fremont/Sweetwater
- Representative Sandra Meyer, Uinta
- Representative Bill Thompson, Sweetwater

### **Wyoming State Agencies**

- Historic Preservation Office
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Environmental Quality
- Game and Fish Department
- State Geological Survey
- Office of State Lands and Investments
- Planning Coordinator's Office

### **Wyoming State Boards/Commissions**

- Air Quality Advisory Board
- Board of Wildlife Commissioners
- Natural Gas Pipeline Authority
- Agriculture Board
- Environmental Quality Council
- Farm Bureau Federation
- Land Quality Advisory Board
- Livestock Board
- Mining Council
- Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
- Recreation Commission
- State Board of Outfitters and Professional Guides
- State Grazing Board
- Trails Advisory Council

### **Associations/Councils**

- Coalbed Methane Coordination Coalition
- Mormon Trails Association
- Oregon-California Trails Association
- Petroleum Association of Wyoming
- Powder River Basin Resource Council
- Wildlife Habitat Council
- Wyoming Association of Municipalities
- Wyoming County Commissioners Association
- Wyoming Mining Association
- Wyoming Natural Diversity Database
- Wyoming Outdoor Council
- Wyoming Sportsmen’s Association
- Wyoming Stockgrowers Association
- Wyoming Wilderness Association
- Wyoming Woolgrowers Association
- Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States

### **Clubs/Alliances/Societies/Groups**

- American Lands Alliance
- Animal Protection Institute of America
- Audubon Society
- Audubon Wyoming
- Biodiversity Conservation Alliance
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Earthjustice
- Environmental Defense
- Foundation for North American Wild Sheep
- Friends of Fort Bridger
- Humane Society of the United States
- Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance
- Medicine Butte Wildlife Association
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- National Trust for Historic Preservation
- National Wildlife Federation
- People for the USA
- People for Wyoming
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Sierra Club (Northern Plains and Wyoming Chapters)
- Southwest Wyoming Dirt Riders
- Southwest Wyoming Industrial Association
- Southwest Wyoming Mineral Association
- Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife – Star Valley
- Sweetwater Wildlife Association
- The Fund for Animals
- The Land and Water Fund of the Rockies
- The Land Trust Alliance
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Mule Deer Foundation (Western and Southwest Wyoming)
- The Wilderness Society
- The Wildlife Society
- Trout Unlimited
- Western Watersheds Project
- Wyoming Advocates for Animals
- Wyoming Nature Conservancy
- Wyoming Wildlife Federation

### **Congressional Delegation**

- U.S. Senator Mike Enzi
  - Washington, D.C.
  - Jackson, Wyoming
- U.S. Senator John Barrasso
  - Washington, D.C.
  - Rock Springs, Wyoming
- U.S. Representative Barbara Cubin
  - Washington, D.C.
  - Rock Springs, Wyoming

### **U.S. Department of the Interior Agencies**

- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Reclamation
  - Washington, D.C.
  - Provo, Utah
- Minerals Management Service
- National Park Service
  - Washington, D.C.
  - Denver, Colorado
  - Salt Lake City, Utah

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## **Appendix C – Public Involvement, Consultation, and Coordination**

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- Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
- Natural Resources Library
- Office of Surface Mining
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Washington, D.C.
  - Denver, Colorado
  - Cheyenne, Wyoming
- U.S. Geological Survey
  - Washington, D.C.
  - Cheyenne, Wyoming
- Bureau of Land Management
  - Washington, D.C.
  - Wyoming State Office
  - Wyoming Field Offices
    - Buffalo, Casper, Cody, Lander, Newcastle, Pinedale, Rawlins, Rock Springs, and Worland
  - Utah Field Office
    - Salt Lake City
  - Idaho Field Office
    - Pocatello

### **Other Federal Agencies**

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
  - Forest Service
    - Bighorn National Forest
    - Bridger-Teton National Forest
    - Medicine Bow/Routt National Forest
    - Shoshone National Forest
  - Natural Resources Conservation Service
    - Casper, Wyoming
    - Baggs, Wyoming
- U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
- U.S. Department of Energy
  - Western Area Power Administration
    - Loveland, Colorado
    - Lakewood, Colorado
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- U.S. Government Printing Office
- Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service

### **Libraries**

- Library of Congress
- University of Wyoming Library
- Lincoln County Public Library
- Sweetwater County Public Library
- Sublette County Library
- Uinta County Public Library
- Western Wyoming College Library

### **Educational Institutions**

- Eastern Wyoming College
- Western Wyoming Community College
  - Archeological Services
- University of Wyoming
  - Trustees
  - Geology Museum
  - Department of Rangeland Ecology
  - Department of Geology and Geophysics

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**SECTION 7 CONSULTATION LETTERS**

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Mr. Brian T. Kelly  
Wyoming Field Supervisor  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service/Ecological Services  
4000 Airport Parkway  
Cheyenne, WY 82001

Re: Programmatic Consultation between the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Wyoming Resource Management Plans

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Evaluations of Wyoming Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) 11 current Resource Management Plans (RMPs) indicated that Section 7 Consultations under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) had not been completed or were not complete to current standards. Therefore, Wyoming BLM needed to re-initiate consultation on these RMPs. Due to the enormity of this task, the FWS and BLM decided to conduct the Section 7 Consultations via a species-by-species programmatic approach on 17 (now 16) listed, proposed and candidate species (since initiation of this process, the listing of the mountain plover was determined to be not warranted). Consultation for each species is to be considered within the boundary of the State of Wyoming and activities approved by the BLM analyzed for each respective RMP.

This process is consistent with the August 30, 2000, Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), signed by the BLM, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service and National Marine Fisheries Service. That MOA committed the signatory agencies to work closer to improve the interagency consultation process under the Endangered Species Act (Act) – in effect to streamline the process and to work together cooperatively. The attached process is an excellent example of the premises of the MOA, and the cooperative and effective way our two agencies can work together.

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Attached are two copies of the process. Please sign and date each copy and return to the State BLM Office. We will provide a signed copy for your records.

If you have any questions regarding this programmatic Section 7 Consultation process, please feel free to contact Jeff Carroll (307) 775-6090.

Sincerely,

  
for Robert A. Bennett  
State Director

Attachment



**United States Department of the Interior**

**FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**

**Ecological Services  
4000 Airport Parkway  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001**

In Reply Refer To:  
ES-61411/W.02/WY8018

March 17, 2004

**Memorandum**

**To:** Mary Jo Rugwell, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Kemmerer Field Office, Kemmerer, Wyoming

**From:** Brian T. Kelly, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wyoming Field Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming

**Subject:** Species List for Kemmerer Field Office

This is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) current list of endangered, threatened, and candidate species which may occur within the Bureau of Land Management, Kemmerer Field Office's (Bureau) area of management. This list is provided as a general reference for the Bureau to use when evaluating their responsibilities under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended, 50 CFR §402.13. In addition, we have included information that may be useful in the development of a project assessment for listed species, as well as other areas of Service trust authorities such as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), 16 U.S.C. 703, the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA), 16 U.S.C. 668., and wetlands.

Though we intend to update this list biannually or when additions or changes in species' status occur, the Bureau should contact this office to verify the list before completing any major Federal construction activity as identified under section 7(c) of the Act. If you have any questions regarding this letter or your responsibilities under the Act, please contact Kathleen Erwin at the letterhead address or phone (307) 772-2374, extension 28.

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cc: BLM, T&E Coordinator, Cheyenne (J. Carroll)  
WGFD, Statewide Habitat Protection Coordinator, Cheyenne (T. Collins)  
WGFD, Non-Game Coordinator, Lander (B. Oakleaf)

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**Threatened and Endangered Species  
Bureau of Land Management, Kemmerer Field Office  
Updated March 17, 2004**

<b>Species</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Expected Occurrence</b>
Bald eagle <i>(Haliaeetus leucocephalus)</i>	Threatened	Found throughout state
Black-footed ferret <i>(Mustela nigripes)</i>	Endangered	Prairie dog towns
Gray wolf <i>(Canis lupus)</i>	Experimental	Greater Yellowstone ecosystem
Grizzly bear <i>(Ursus arctos horribilis)</i>	Threatened	Montane forests
Canada lynx <i>(Lynx canadensis)</i>	Threatened	Montane forests
Ute ladies'-tresses <i>(Spiranthes diluvialis)</i>	Threatened	Seasonally moist soils and wet meadows of drainages below 7000 feet elevation.

If the proposed action will lead to water depletions (consumption) in the Colorado River System, impacts to threatened and endangered species inhabiting the downstream reaches of the system should be included in the evaluation.

Colorado River fish	Endangered	Downstream riverine habitat of the Yampa, Green and Colorado river systems
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**Federal Agency Responsibilities**

The Service has responsibility, under a number of Federal laws, treaties, Executive Orders, and memoranda of agreement, for the conservation and management of fish and wildlife resources. Some of these same authorities also require other Federal agencies to consider, avoid, or prevent adverse impacts to fish, wildlife, and wetland resources. To ensure resources are afforded adequate consideration and protection, Federal agencies are often required to consult with the Service regarding potential impacts their actions may have on fish and wildlife resources.

When reviewing proposed actions of other agencies, this office normally focuses on three broad categories of trust resources: (1) threatened, endangered, and candidate species, (2) migratory birds, and (3) wetlands and riparian areas. The Service provides recommendations for protective measures for threatened and endangered species in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.* Protective measures for migratory birds are provided pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), 16 U.S.C. 703 and Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA), 16 U.S.C. 668. Wetlands should be protected pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Executive Order 11990 (wetland protection) and Executive Order 11988 (floodplain management) as well as the goal of "no net loss of wetlands." Other fish and wildlife resources are considered under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 *et seq.*, and the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, as amended, 70 Stat. 1119, 16 U.S.C. 742a-742j.

Federal agency actions may range from small, site specific, short duration projects to expansive, long-term programs. Because of the wide range of possible actions, the Service provides the following comments with the understanding that this list of comments may not be all inclusive or may not be applicable for each Federal project.

Section 7(c) of the Act requires the preparation of a biological assessment for any Federal action that is a major construction activity to determine the effects of the proposed action on listed and proposed species. If a biological assessment is not required (i.e., all other actions), the lead Federal agency is responsible for review of proposed activities to determine whether listed species will be affected. If it is determined that the proposed activities may affect a listed species, you should contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss consultation requirements:

If it is determined that any Federal agency program or project "is likely to adversely affect" any listed species, formal consultation should be initiated with this office. Alternatively, informal consultation can be continued so the Service can assist you to determine how the project could be modified to reduce impacts to listed species to the "not likely to adversely affect" threshold. If it is concluded that the project "is not likely to adversely affect" listed species, you should request the Service to review the assessment and concur with the determination of not likely to adversely affect.

For those actions where a biological assessment is necessary, it should be completed within **180 days** of receipt of a species list, but can be extended by mutual agreement between the lead agency and the Service. If the assessment is not initiated within 90 days of receipt of a species list, the list of threatened and endangered species should be verified with the Service prior to

Enclosure 2

initiation of the assessment. The biological assessment may be undertaken as part of the agency's compliance of section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and incorporated into the NEPA documents. The Service recommends that biological assessments include:

1. A description of the project.
2. A description of the specific area potentially affected by the action.
3. The current status and habitat use of threatened and endangered species in the project area.
4. Discussion of the methods used to determine the information in item 3.
5. Direct and indirect impacts of the project to threatened and endangered species.
6. An analysis of the effects of the action on listed and proposed species and their habitats including cumulative impacts (pursuant to the Act) from State, or private projects in the area.
7. Measures that can potentially reduce or eliminate adverse impacts to threatened and endangered species.
8. The expected status of threatened and endangered species in the future (short and long term) during and after project completion.
9. Determination of "is likely to adversely affect" or "is not likely to adversely affect" for listed species.
10. Determination of "is likely to jeopardize" or "is not likely to jeopardize" for proposed species.
11. Alternatives to the proposed action considered, a summary of how impacts of those alternatives on listed and proposed species would differ from the proposed actions, and the reasons for not selecting those alternatives.
12. Citation of literature and personal contacts used in the assessment.

**Migratory Birds**

Under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 U.S.C. 703 and Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, 16 U.S.C. 668, the Federal agency has a mandatory obligation to protect the many species of migratory birds, including eagles and other raptors which may occur on lands under their jurisdiction. In order to promote the conservation of migratory bird populations and their habitats, the Service recommends that the Federal agency implement those strategies outlined within the Memorandum of Understanding directed by the President of the U.S. under the Executive Order 13186, where possible.

During project planning analysis of the following information is recommended to determine project effects to migratory birds:

1. The current status and habitat use of migratory birds in the project area. This may include number of individuals, breeding pairs, population trends, active nests within and adjacent to the project area.
2. An analysis of the effects of the proposed action on migratory bird species and their habitats.
3. Measures that will reduce or eliminate adverse impacts to migratory birds including

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protective buffers, seasonal restrictions, maintenance of habitat within project area, raptor-proofing designs for powerlines, and netting of waste pits.

4. The projected short and long term impacts to migratory birds and their trends during and after project completion using monitoring, modeling and current literature.

Potential adverse effects to migratory birds from power lines should be identified and every attempt to mitigate such effects should be implemented. Structures that are identified as affecting birds should be made safe to prevent subsequent mortalities. If you determine that power poles and/or stretches of power line are resulting in electrocution of migratory birds, especially raptors, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) requests that specific information be documented regarding these mortalities. Based on regulations pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), 16 U.S.C. 703 and Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA), 16 U.S.C. 668., collecting, possessing, or moving the carcass can only be done by, State Game Wardens, Service Refuge Officers, Service Special Agents or persons holding a valid salvage permits issued by the Service and the applicable State. When a migratory bird mortality is observed the Service recommends that as much of the following information as possible be documented: legal location, all identifying numbers from the nearest power pole, date of observation, species, GPS location, photographs (pole number, top section of the pole, and the dead bird) and directions to the scene. Additionally, call and email Dominic Domenici of the Service's Law Enforcement Office at 307-261-6365 / [dominic\\_domenici@fws.gov](mailto:dominic_domenici@fws.gov) to report your observation and obtain further guidance. The Service appreciates your efforts to protect migratory birds.

**Candidate Species**

Many Federal agencies have policies to protect candidate species from further population declines. The Service would appreciate receiving any information available on the status of the yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*), which may occur in riparian areas west of the continental divide. In addition, if this species is listed prior to the completion of a project, unnecessary delays may be avoided by considering project impacts to candidates now.

Should this species be proposed for listing, the Federal agency would be required to confer with the Service if that agency determines their action (e.g. approval of the project) is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any of these species.

**Wetlands**

The functions and values of wetlands are well documented and are especially important in the arid west. Substantial degradation diminishes the effectiveness of wetlands to function as food, cover, and breeding sites for wetland dependent species; sediment transport systems; water retention/storage sites; contaminant sinks; and chemical exchange sites. To ensure the Service has sufficient information to assess project impacts on wetlands, assessments should include:

1. An enumeration of the acreage of wetlands, by type, impacted by the proposed action.
2. A discussion of why wetlands cannot be avoided.

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3. A description of the functions and values of wetlands present including sediment transport, value as water storage sites, value to aquatic and terrestrial organisms, value as contaminant sinks and associated risks of water removal.
4. Measures that will reduce or eliminate adverse impacts to wetlands such as a mitigation plan to offset unavoidable impacts, protective buffers, seasonal and physical restrictions, maintenance of natural hydrograph, and development and implementation of a monitoring program to track the effectiveness of mitigation measures.
5. Results of wetland monitoring or management activities in, or adjacent to, the proposed project site.
6. The anticipated short and long term effects to wetland and riparian areas during and after project completion.

We recommend the Federal agency address each of the above concerns where applicable to the project. Without this information it may be difficult for the Service to effectively review assessments.

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## Wyoming Species List

ENDANGERED, THREATENED, PROPOSED AND  
CANDIDATE SPECIES,  
AND DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT  
IN WYOMING STATE, AS PREPARED BY  
THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, WYOMING FIELD OFFICE  
(March 23, 2004)

### Endangered

Black-footed Ferret (*Mustela nigripes*)  
Kendall warm springs dace (*Rhinichthys osculus thermalis*)  
*Penstemon haydenii* (Blow-out Penstemon)  
Wyoming Toad (*Bufo baxteri*)

### Threatened

Bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)  
Canada lynx (*Lynx canadensis*)  
Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus*) -Only on any unit of National Park or Wildlife Refuge Lands  
Grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos* = *U.a. horribilis*)  
Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*)  
*Gaura neomexicana* ssp. *Coloradensis* (Colorado Butterfly Plant)  
*Spiranthes diluvialis* (Ute ladies'-tresses)  
*Yermo xanthocephalus* (Desert Yellowhead)

### Designated

Critical Habitat for the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse  
Critical Habitat for the *Yermo xanthocephalus* (Desert Yellowhead)

*If the proposed action will lead to water depletion (consumption) in the Colorado or the Platte River systems, impacts to the following species and/or it's critical habitat should be considered.*

### ***COLORADO RIVER SPECIES***

Bonytail (*Gila elegans*) –*endangered*  
Critical Habitat for the Bonytail –*designated*  
Colorado Pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*) –*endangered*  
Critical Habitat for the Pikeminnow –*designated*  
Humpback Chub (*Gila cypha*) –*endangered*  
Critical Habitat for the Humpback Chub –*designated*  
Razorback Sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*) –*endangered*  
Critical Habitat for the Razorback Sucker –*designated*

**PLATTE RIVER SPECIES**

Eskimo Curlew (*Numenius borealis*)-endangered  
Interior Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*) -endangered  
Pallid Sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) -endangered  
Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*)-threatened  
Critical Habitat for the Piping Plover -designated  
Western Prairie Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera praeclara*)-threatened  
Whooping Crane (*Grus Americana*) –endangered  
Critical Habitat for the Whooping Crane -designated  
Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)-threatened

Proposed

Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus*) –Experimental population  
Black-footed Ferret (*Mustela nigripes*) –Shirley Basin Experimental population

Candidate

Arctic Grayling (*Thymallus arcticus*)  
Black-tailed Prairie Dog (*Cynomys ludovicianus*)  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*)  
Western Boreal Toad (*Bufo boreas boreas*)  
*Botrychium lineare* (Slender moonwort)

*Candidate species are those species for which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has sufficient information to propose for listing as threatened or endangered under the Act. Species of concern (some of which are former Category 1 and Category 2 candidates) are those species whose conservation standing is of concern to the Service, but for which status information is still needed. Conservation measures for species of concern and candidate species are voluntary but recommended. Protection provided to these species now may preclude possible listing in the future.*

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Shoshone Cultural Office  
P.O. Box 1008  
Fort Washakie, WY 82514

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Chairman  
Ute Tribe Business Committee  
P.O. Box 190  
Fort Duchesne, UT 84026

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Ms. Betsy Chapoose  
Ute Tribe Cultural Resources  
P.O. Box 190  
Fort Duchesne, UT 84026

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Northern Arapaho Business Council  
P.O. Box 396  
Fort Washakie, WY 82514

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Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Council  
P.O. Box 306  
Fort Hall, ID 83203

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Shoshone-Bannock Tribes  
Cultural Resources Heritage Tribal Office  
P.O. Box 306  
Fort Hall, ID 83203

Dear Ms. Buckskin:

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The Kemmerer Field Office planning area contains a large number of significant archeological sites representing occupation of the area for at least 10,000 years. Well-known sites include the Bridger Antelope Trap, Skull Point, Shute Creek and Taliaferro sites. We have a number of sites with stone alignments and cairns, and several rock art and burial sites identified as respected places by members of your tribe. No specific landforms within the field office planning area have been identified as likely to have been potential focal points of earlier Native American use. The area may contain other significant cultural resources that have yet to be identified.

We are contacting tribes who have oral traditions or have previously expressed cultural concerns relating to the planning area, or who are documented to have occupied or used the area during historic times. We request your comments on any issues or concerns regarding the management of this planning area. We would appreciate any historical information on the use and significance of the planning area, such as places of traditional, religious, or cultural importance that your tribe wishes the BLM to consider in determining tribal needs for use, access, or other special management.

The Kemmerer Field Office requests a consultation with your tribe at a time and location convenient for you. We would like to discuss the Kemmerer RMP revision and why your involvement is vital to the success of this revision. We would also like to receive any information or concerns you may have about the RMP revision. We would be pleased to offer tours of the planning area, including significant archeological sites or other areas of interest.

In addition to our consultation request, we will be conducting a formal public involvement process during the next six months, including public scoping meetings in November of 2003. We would be very pleased if you participate in this process. We will send you invitations to participate in this process, including specific meeting dates and locations.

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While your input and involvement are welcomed throughout the planning process, there are certain points in the process where your participation is very important. Initially, we are requesting data, input, and identification of issues during the formal scoping period. Your input will also be important during the early stage of developing the alternatives for the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Later, during the 90 day public review and comment period for the draft EIS, your input will help us prepare the final EIS and the Record of Decision for the Kemmerer Resource Management Plan.

We will devote careful consideration to all of your comments as we make decisions about the future management of the BLM-administered public lands and resources. We will keep you informed of the status of the planning effort throughout the process. We look forward to working cooperatively to address your tribe's concerns in a thoughtful and respectful manner.

The enclosed Return Form is provided for your convenience in responding to this letter, should you wish to reply in that manner.

If you would like further information or want to request a meeting, please contact Mr. Tom Davis, planning team leader, at (307) 828-4543. With regard to cultural heritage issues, please contact Ms. Lynn Harrell, the cultural resource specialist on the planning team, at (307) 828-4515. We will contact you soon by telephone to discuss your tribe's concerns and issues. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

**ARLAN G. HINER**

Arlan Hiner  
Acting Field Manager

Enclosures:

✓ Map of planning area 09.13.03 RMS  
✓ Return Form

✓ cc: Tom Davis (KFO) RMS 09.13.03

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November 21, 2003

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Mr. Vernon Hill, Chairman  
Shoshone Business Council  
P.O. Box 538  
Fort Washakie, WY 82514

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P.O. Box 538  
Fort Washakie, WY 82514  
  
Mr. Arlen Shoyo  
Shoshone Business Council  
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Ms. Maxine Natchees, Chairman  
Ute Tribal Council  
P.O. Box 190  
Tribal Office Building  
Fort Duchesne, UT 84026

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cc: Ms. Betsy Chapoose, Director  
Cultural Rights and Protection  
Ute Indian Tribe  
P.O. Box 190  
Fort Duchesne, UT 84026

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Arapaho Business Council  
P.O. Box 396  
Fort Washakie, WY 82514

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November 21, 2003

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Mr. Frederick Auck, Chairman  
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall  
Business Council  
P.O. Box 306  
Fort Hall, ID 83203-0306

Dear Mr. Auck:

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We are now providing you and Ms. Tuell with the enclosed *Summary of the Management Situation Analysis*, which describes the planning area, its resources, current management practices and concerns, and preliminary planning issues and criteria, so that you have detailed information from which to develop comments. At your convenience, please review this document prior to our December 17 meeting so that you are familiar with the planning area and our preliminary planning issues and resource concerns. The *Summary of the Management Situation Analysis* will be a valuable reference on which to base our discussions when we meet with your technical staff in December.

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If you would like further information prior to our planned meeting, please contact Mr. Don Ogaard, planning team leader, at (307) 828-4543 or (307) 347-5160. With regard to cultural heritage issues, please contact Ms. Lynn Harrell, the cultural resource specialist on the planning team, at (307) 828-4515. We look forward to meeting with your staff on December 17, 2003. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Arlan Hiner  
Acting Field Manager

Enclosure:  
Summary of the Management Situation Analysis

cc: Ms. Yvette Tuell, Environmental Planner  
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall  
P.O. Box 306  
Fort Hall, ID 83203-0306

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January 30, 2004

Ms. Yvette Tuell  
Environmental Program Manager  
Fish & Wildlife Department  
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall  
P.O. Box 306  
Fort Hall, ID 83203-0306

Dear Ms. Tuell:

We appreciated meeting with you on January 28, 2004, to discuss the Kemmerer Resource Management Plan Revision, and taking time from your busy schedule to see us. You requested that we send you two copies of our 1:100,000-scale topographic maps of the Kemmerer Field Office area. We have enclosed two copies of the seven maps that encompass the Kemmerer Field Office area, the boundaries of which are indicated in green on each map, as appropriate.

We look forward to hearing back from your tribal council in response to our request for tribal input in the planning process for the Kemmerer Resource Management Plan Revision. If you have any questions or further information, please contact Lynn Harrell at 307-828-4515. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Mary J. Rugwell*

Mary Jo Rugwell  
Field Manager

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August 10, 2005

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Arapaho Business Council  
P.O. Box 396  
Fort Washakie, WY 82514

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Mary Jo Rugwell  
Field Manager

cc: Ms. JoAnn White  
Tribal Historic Preservation  
Northern Arapaho Tribe

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Fort Washaker, WY 82514

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Ms. Maxine Natchees, Chairperson  
Ute Tribal Council  
P.O. Box 190  
Tribal Office Building  
Fort Duchesne, UT 84026

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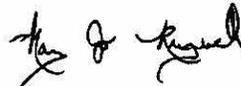
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Mary Jo Rugwell  
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cc: Ms. Betsy Chapoose, Director  
Cultural Rights and Protection  
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Shoshone Business Council  
P.O. Box 538  
Fort Washakie, WY 82514

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cc: Arlen Shoyo  
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Arapaho Business Council  
P.O. Box 396  
Fort Washakie, WY 82514

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Ute Tribal Council  
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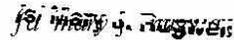
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Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Ft. Hall Business Council  
P.O. Box 306  
Fort Hall, ID 83203-0306

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