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From: Lander RMP
Subject: Comments on the Lander RMP

From: Jeff Wendt [mailto:jeffwendt@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2012 1:13 PM
To: BLM_WY_LRMP_WYMail
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Dear Sirs:

As a longtime resident of Lander and a Wyoming Native, I would like to make a few comments regarding development of BLM Lands.

Of special interest to me are the lands in and around the Wind River Mountains, including but not limited to the Red Desert, Beaver Rim, and all other lands proximal to Lander, Riverton, Farson, Rock Springs, Green River, Pinedale, and Dubois, as well as any other local communities.

I especially prefer to see zero oil and gas exploration and recovery allowed on our public lands at this time. I work for the State of Wyoming at the Department of Environmental Quality as an Air Quality Engineer, and through my duties am quite familiar with oil and gas exploration and recovery and the resulting impacts on our lands and air. Sublette County is already a non-attainment zone due to ozone pollution, most likely a direct result of oil and gas recovery in that region. That is a stone's throw over the mountains from Lander.

Any further development of our precious lands for the purpose of fossil fuel recovery is unnecessary at this time due to an abundance of the resources in other already developed areas. Oil and gas as resources will be more valuable later, as fossil fuels become even more scarce, so let's keep them where they are, safely ensconced in the earth.

I have watched the evolution of oil and gas recovery over the past few years. I argue that such activities will be cleaner, less invasive, and cause less impact in the future as compared to the present or the past. As such, we should wait until techniques and technology have developed to a greater level of maturity, one that will guarantee our lands and air and water will remain pristine. This is certainly twenty or more years in the future.

In addition to limiting development aimed at oil and gas recovery, I also ask that you do not support or allow any other activities which alter the landscape. This includes road building, utility allowances and rights of way, etc. I ask you humbly that you do not allow development of any kind on public lands, and that the lands remain at least as they are now so that our children and our children's children may enjoy them as we do.

Sincerely,

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