

## Appendix R. Lands Identified for Land Tenure Adjustment(s)

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) land tenure program (that is, the acquisition or disposal of land) is designed to: (1) improve management of natural resources through consolidation of federal, state, and private lands; (2) increase recreational opportunities and preserve open space; (3) secure key property necessary to protect endangered species and promote biological diversity; (4) preserve archeological and historical resources; (5) implement specific acquisitions authorized by Acts of Congress; and (6) allow for expansion of communities and consolidation of non-federal land ownership. Alternative A carries forward all of the lands identified for land tenure adjustment or disposal that were identified in the 1987 Resource Management Plan (RMP). Alternatives B, C, and D identify fewer acres for disposal, based on values that were not considered in 1987 or on other issues such as changed land ownership patterns. The lands that were part of the 1987 decision (including ones not carried forward by alternatives B, C, and D) are listed in Appendix S (p. 1629) and displayed in Maps 94 and 95.

Site-specific environmental review and documentation in conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act, including completion of categorical exclusions and plan conformance determinations where appropriate, will be accomplished for each proposed land program action. Interdisciplinary impact analysis will be tiered within the framework of this and other applicable environmental documents. Future shifts in policy and national priorities could result in modifications of these provisions and changes in addressing priority lands actions; the current emphasis on greater sage-grouse is an example of a policy shift that has impacted the land tenure program. Land tenure adjustments must serve the public interest.

The following are some criteria that will be considered in land tenure adjustment proposals, but they are not considered all inclusive. These criteria are meant to guide and streamline consideration of land tenure adjustment proposals.

- Important, crucial, or critical habitat for fish, wildlife, and plants;
- Riparian-wetland areas and designated floodplains;
- Parcels that provide access to larger blocks of public land;
- Lands with special designation or management emphasis, or areas found to meet the relevance and importance criteria for Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) management;
- Significant cultural resources, especially within the Congressionally Designated Trails corridors;
- Recreation opportunities and benefits;
- Visual Resource Management Class I and Class II areas;
- Lands that will improve greater sage-grouse habitat, contain leks, or would facilitate greater sage-grouse management.

Members of the public and others identified additional parcels that were not identified in the 1987 RMP for the BLM to consider for disposal or exchange. These properties are described below and depicted on Map 141.

### **Lands near Big Atlantic Gulch Campground: T. 27 N., R. 90 W.,**

Sec. 34: S2N2, S2, SESW.

These lands are in the South Pass Historic Mining Area ACEC and in the northeast part of the Atlantic City common grazing allotment. Recreation is the major focus in the area, with high seasonal use of the campground (tourists and campers in the summer and hunters in the fall months). Although the campground is not staffed in the winter, the area is frequently visited for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiles.

**Lands near the National Historic Trails: T. 28 N., R. 99 W.,**

Sec. 19: N2NE4, NE4NW4.

**Lands near the Burnt Ranch: T. 28 N., R. 100 W.,**

Sec. 17: SESW;

20: NENW;

23: SE4SE4;

24: S2NE4, NW4SW4, S2SE4;

25: NE4NW4, SW4NW4.

These lands contain many culturally important artifacts and a portion of the main branch of the Oregon National Historic Trail. These lands are part of the Atlantic City Upper Fenced allotment.

**T. 29 N., R. 101 W.,**

Sec. 13: W2SW, SWSE.

Located to the north and east of Atlantic City, these lands are part of the Silver Creek grazing allotment and partially in the National Historic Trails ACEC. Strawberry Creek joins the Sweetwater River adjacent to these lands. The area has a number of old mining operations and many other cultural properties. Recreation is the primary use of the land.

**T. 29 N., R. 91 W.,**

Sec. 6: E2SE, SWSE, SENW;

7: E2SW, SWSE;

18: NENW.

These parcels are associated with retired uranium mill sites, which have been segregated from land use laws in preparation for withdrawal and transfer to the U.S. Department of Energy.

**T. 29 N., R. 92 W.,**

Sec. 1: S2NE, SW, W2SE, SESE;

2: NESW, S2SW, SE;

3: SESE;

11: All;

12: All;

13:N2;

14: NE, NENW.

These parcels are associated with retired uranium mill sites, which have been segregated from land use laws in preparation for withdrawal and transfer to the U.S. Department of Energy.

**T. 29 N., R. 96 W.,**

Sec. 7: SWNW, NWSW.

**T. 29 N., R. 97 W.,**

Sec. 1: SWSW;

2: SE;

3: N2N2, SWNE, SWNW;

4: N2, SWSW, N2SE;

5: N2NE, W2SW, SESW, SWSE;

6: W2NW, S2;

7: SENE, N2NW, SWNW, SE;

8: All;

9: N2, N2S2, SWSW;

10: N2;

11: N2, NESE;

12: All;

17: NE, W2, NWSE;

18: All.

**T. 29 N., R. 98 W.,**

Sec. 12: E2NE, NESE;

13: All;

14: SENE, E2SE.

**T. 30 N., R. 97 W.,**

Sec. 21: E2SE;

22: SW, W2SE, SESE;

26: SWNW, W2SW;

- 27: All Except SWSW;
- 28: N2NE, SENE, SWNW, W2SW, SESW, SWSE;
- 29: S2N2, NWNW, S2;
- 30: NENE, SW4, S2SE;
- 31: All;
- 32: All;
- 33: NWNE, S2NE, NW, S2;
- 34: All Except NWNW;
- 35: W2W2, SENW, E2SW, W2SE.

**T. 33 N., R. 89 W.,**

Sec. 9: SE;

21: NE.

These parcels are associated with retired uranium mill sites, which have been segregated from land use laws in preparation for withdrawal and transfer to the U.S. Department of Energy.

**T. 33 N., R. 90 W.,**

Sec. 9: NESE;

10: NW, W2SE;

15: S2NE, NWNE, N2SE, SESE;

21: E2NE, NESE;

22: NENE.

These parcels are associated with retired uranium mill sites, which have been segregated from land use laws in preparation for withdrawal and transfer to the U.S. Department of Energy.

**T. 33 N., R. 98 W.,**

Sec. 8: NENE;

17: W2SW;

18: E2E2, SWSE;

19: All Except NWNW;

20: W2.

**T. 33 N., R. 99 W.,**

Sec. 24: SENE;

25: NWSW; S2SW;

26: SENE.

The lands in T. 33 N., R. 98 and 99 W. are in a portion of blocked lands with public access from Johnny Behind the Rocks from the south, and from the Coal Mine Road to the north. These lands are southwest of Hudson, Wyoming, and are part of a common grazing allotment. The lands are used for recreation as well as grazing. The lands are within greater sage-grouse Core Area and comprise deer and pronghorn habitat.

**T. 33 N., R. 100 W.,**

Sec. 5: NWNE, NW, N2SW.

**T. 34 N., R. 90 W.,**

Sec. 22: N2N2, S2NE, SENW, S2SW, NESE.

**T. 34 N., R. 100 W.,**

Sec. 32: SWNW, W2SW, SESW, SWSE.

These lands are located west of Lander, Wyoming, with Red Butte to the south and the North Fork Road to the north. They contain important wildlife habitat and open space in an area that has experienced significant residential development.

**T. 36 N., R. 91 W.,**

Sec. 24; All;

25; All;

35. All.

**T. 36 N., R. 92 W.,**

Sec. 22: S2S2;

23: S2S2.