

Appendix R. Lands Proposed by the Public for Land Tenure Adjustment(s)

The following lands have been identified by the public for land tenure adjustment. These lands are not on the list of lands being carried forward from the existing plan as lands that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has identified for land tenure adjustment under any alternative. The BLM's land tenure program 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. These properties are depicted on Map 141. Legal property descriptors of lands identified for land tenure adjustment are as follows:

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

Sec. 13: W2SW, SWSE;

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, SW, S2SE;

31: All;

32: All;

33: NWNE, S2NE, NW, S2;

34: All Except NWNW;

35: W2W2, SENW, E2SW, W2SE.

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

Sec. 17: W2SW;

18: E2E2, SWSE;

19: All Except NWNW;

20: W2;

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

Sec. 24: SENE;

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

Sec. 5: NWNE, NW, N2SW;

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

Sec. 32: SWNW, W2SW, SESW, SWSE

The lands identified in T. 29 N., R. 101 W., are in proximity to Big Atlantic Gulch and Little Atlantic Gulch. There are springs and water developments in the area and the lands are part of the Atlantic City Common grazing allotment and are located northeast of Atlantic City, Wyoming.

Recreation is the major factor in the area — hence, the Big Atlantic Gulch campground. The campground is used in the summer by tourists and campers in the area as well as in the fall, particularly during hunting season. The area also has use in the wintertime by winter sports enthusiasts (i.e., snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, etc.) The area is known for its historic mining. These lands are located within the South Pass Historic Mining Area Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).

The lands located in T. 29 N., R. 96, 97, 98 W., and T. 30 N., R. 97 W., are in proximity to numerous cultural, historic, and recreational values east/northeast of Atlantic City, Wyoming. The lands are located within the Silver Creek grazing allotment. Portions of these lands are located within the National Historic Trails (NHTs) ACEC. Schoettlin Mountain was nominated as an ACEC, but was not carried forward. There are a number of historical mining operations within the area as well as the NHTs. Beaver Creek is located within a portion of the private and state lands as well as Strawberry Creek. Strawberry Creek joins in the Sweetwater River which is adjacent to the lands identified.

The lands located in T. 33 N., R. 98 and 99 W. are in a portion of BLM blocked up lands with public access from Johnny Behind the Rocks from the south and from the Coal Mine Road to the north. These lands are located 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 located within greater sage-grouse Core Area and comprise deer and pronghorn habitat.

The lands located in T. 33 and 34 N., R. 100 W. are located west of Lander, Wyoming with Red Butte to the south and the North Fork Road to the north. These lands have been identified for the purpose of protecting wildlife and open space resources of the adjoining private property owner.

Further, land tenure adjustments (purchase, donation, exchange, and sales) are to be in the public's interest and to the public's benefit.