

THE WIND RIVER BREEZE

SEPTEMBER 2009

FROM THE NEW FIELD MANAGER JIM CAGNEY

Dear Neighbor,

On March 1st, I had the honor of becoming the Lander Field Office Manager. I have been with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for 32 years and in Wyoming for 23 of those years, so I have already had the pleasure of meeting and working with many of you. Like all of you, I care deeply about this area and am proud to have the opportunity to take a prominent role in its stewardship.

As Field Office Manager, I will be deeply involved in the ongoing Lander Resource Management Plan (RMP) Revision that will shape the management of your public lands for the next 10 to 15 years. I offer my sincere thanks to all local citizens, agencies, organizations, and tribes that have already provided so much valuable input to this planning process. I hope that all of you will continue to actively participate, and I look forward to working with you on this and other projects in the future.

Please let me or any member of the RMP Revision team know any comments or questions you have about the planning process, or suggestions on how we can help to better manage your public lands.



Sincerely,

Jim Cagney
Lander Field Office Manager

NEW RMP-RELATED DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Please note that several new documents related to the RMP Revision have been posted to the BLM Lander Field Office website. These documents include:

- *Travel Management Summary – January 2009*
- *Mineral Occurrence & Development Potential Report – April 2009*
- *Geothermal Reasonable Foreseeable Development – May 2009*
- *Draft Oil & Gas Reasonable Foreseeable Development – May 2009*
- *National Historic Trails Visitor Survey – June 2007*

These and other RMP Revision documents can be accessed online at: http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/lfodocs/lander_rmp/docs.html#releases. If you have not done so already, please take a look! For more information or to comment on any of this material, please contact Kristin Yannone at (307) 332-8400 or via email at LRMP_WYMail@blm.gov. Inquires can also be sent via U.S. mail to Kristin Yannone, BLM Lander Field Office, P.O. Box 589, Lander, WY 82520.

The RMP/EIS Timeline

Notice of Intent Published in
Federal Register
February 13, 2007

Scoping Meetings in Lander, WY/
surrounding areas
March 19 to 23, 2007

Community Meetings in Lander
and Dubois, WY
November 5 to 8, 2007

Develop Draft RMP/EIS
2007 – 2011
WHERE WE ARE NOW

Release Draft RMP/EIS
2011

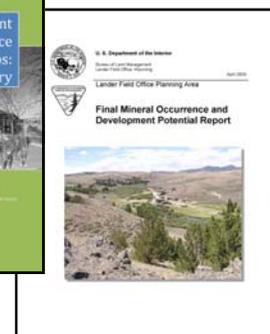
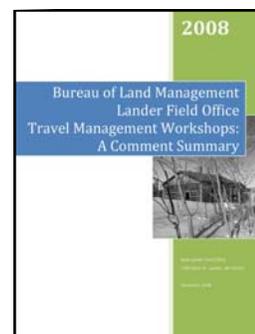
90-Day Public Comment Period
2011

Prepare Proposed RMP/Final EIS
2011

Release Proposed RMP/Final EIS
2011

30-Day Protest Period
2011

Expected Record of Decision
2011



Where are we in the process?

The BLM and cooperating agencies are currently working to develop a reasonable range of alternatives for the management of BLM-administered land in the Lander planning area. Each alternative is being designed to provide a different emphasis for managing the public lands and resources within the planning area, such as managing for a high level of resource development or primarily for resource conservation. Once completed, each alternative will represent a complete and reasonable land use plan. The alternatives will prescribe management for all resources and resource uses on BLM-administered lands and federal mineral estate in the planning area to meet identified management goals and objectives.

Following the development of the reasonable range of alternatives, the BLM will begin its effects analysis. This analysis will look at each alternative to determine how it could potentially affect the environment and the management of public lands in the Lander planning area. The effects analysis is scheduled to begin in Fall 2009; the results will be part of the Draft RMP/EIS scheduled for release in 2011.

The Lander RMP Revision Mailing List

Individuals and groups that are already receiving this type of information in the mail will continue to be on the mailing list. Anyone who wishes to be added to or deleted from the list should inform BLM Project Manager Kristin Yannone using the contact information provided to the right.

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COMMON ACRONYMS:

BLM: Bureau of Land Management

EIS: Environmental Impact Statement

RMP: Resource Management Plan



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