

**THE WIND RIVER BREEZE**

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**FROM THE NEW FIELD MANAGER, RICK VANDER VOET**

Dear Neighbor,

The Lander Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is ready for your review and comment. A notice of availability announcing the release of the draft RMP and draft EIS was published in the *Federal Register* on September 9, 2011, initiating the 90-day public comment period.

I recently had the honor of becoming the Lander Field Manager. I have been with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for 24 years and look forward to working with you on the RMP revision project and on other projects and issues in the Lander Field Office. Like all of you, I care deeply about this area and am proud to have the opportunity to take a role in its stewardship.

I would like to thank those who have participated in the RMP revision process this far by providing valuable input that helped inform and guide the development of the draft RMP and draft EIS.

We would now like to hear from you again. The RMP, once approved, will guide the management of public lands administered by the Lander Field Office and it is important that the BLM receive your comments on the draft RMP.

During the comment period the BLM will hold commenting workshops and a series of public meetings across the planning area. You are encouraged to attend the workshops and meetings to learn more about the draft RMP and how to comment effectively. At these meetings, BLM managers and resource specialists will be available to answer questions. The commenting workshops, which will be held later this month, will provide attendees a brief overview of the plan, tips on document navigation, and helpful information about making effective comments. Information about the locations, dates and times of these meetings and how to comment are provided later in this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued participation in the Lander RMP Revision process.

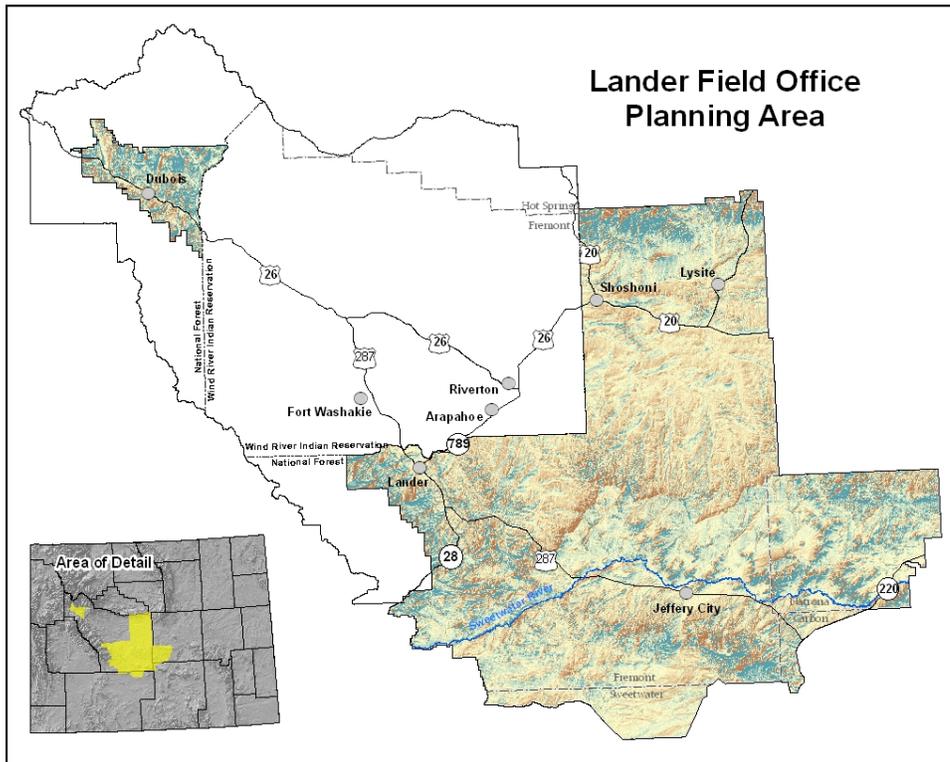
Sincerely,

Rick Vander Voet  
Lander Field Manager

**The Lander Draft RMP and EIS is available for comment Sept. 9 – Dec. 7, 2011**

- View and download a copy at [www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/rmps/lander.html](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/rmps/lander.html)
- Visit your local library where hardcopies are available for public review.
- Stop by the Lander Field Office to pick up a CD of the document.
- Attend an upcoming public meeting (see calendar on backside of newsletter).





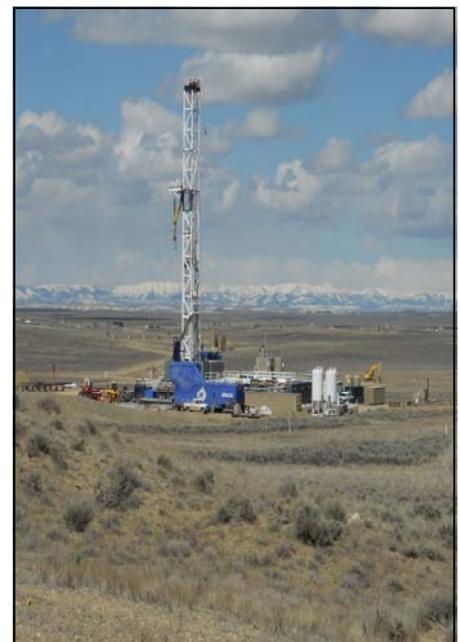
## Future Steps

The release of the draft RMP and draft EIS initiates a 90-day public comment period during which time the public may comment on any portion of the document. After the comment period, the BLM will consider all of the comments received and issue a proposed RMP and final EIS. Following the Governor's consistency review and protest period, the BLM will issue the approved RMP with a record of decision. Once revised, the RMP will guide the management of public lands managed by the Lander Field Office for the next 10-15 years.

## Navigating the Draft RMP and EIS

The draft RMP and draft EIS is more than 1,700 pages with six chapters and 21 appendices. The following highlights some of the more important sections:

- **Executive Summary**  
Provides a summary of why the RMP is being revised, descriptions of the alternatives, and the potential effects of the alternatives.
- **Chapter 1. Introduction**  
This chapter introduces the draft RMP and draft EIS and describes the purpose and need to which the BLM is responding.
- **Chapter 2. Resource Management Alternatives**  
This chapter discusses how the three alternatives (B, C, and D) were developed compared to current management (A), and provides the components and content of each alternative.
- **Chapter 3. Affected Environment**  
This chapter describes the Lander Field Office planning area and the existing environmental conditions that could be impacted by the alternatives.
- **Chapter 4. Environmental Consequences**  
This chapter describes how the environment would be affected by the alternatives.
- **Maps** Available electronically in volume three, included on the document CD, or on the Lander RMP Website. ([www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/rmps/lander.html](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/rmps/lander.html))



## Upcoming Commenting Workshops and Public Meetings

The BLM will be hosting public commenting workshops and public meetings during the 90-day public comment period. The commenting workshops, to be held in September, will focus on how to formulate effective comments and will feature a presentation and question and answer session about commenting and navigating the document.

The public meetings, to be held in October, will provide further opportunity to ask questions of BLM staff, learn about the RMP in greater depth, and to submit comments. At both meetings BLM managers and specialists will be in attendance to answer questions. You are encouraged to attend both sets of meetings. The dates, times, and locations of the meetings are displayed on the backside of this newsletter.



### How to submit comments on the draft RMP and EIS:

- Submit comments online at [www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/rmps/lander.html](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/rmps/lander.html)
- Email [LRMP\\_WYMail@blm.gov](mailto:LRMP_WYMail@blm.gov)
- Attend a public meeting (see schedule on backside of newsletter)
- Send written comments to:

Bureau of Land Management  
Lander Field Office  
1335 Main Street  
Lander, WY 82520

## How to Comment

During the 90-day public comment period (September 9, 2011–December 7, 2011) you are encouraged to comment on any aspect of the document. Comments received during this period will be considered before the BLM issues the proposed RMP and final EIS. We encourage you to submit your comments electronically via email or on-line, but they may also be submitted by mail, in person at the Lander Field Office, or at a public meeting.

Consider the following tips when writing your comments:

- ✓ Be specific. State particular reasons for your concerns instead of making broad statements, and provide detail.
- ✓ If possible, refer to specific portions of the document and provide section or page numbers.
- ✓ Provide back-up documentation and references to support your comments if reasonable.
- ✓ Provide suggestions for how the BLM can improve the document.

## Calendar of Public Meetings and Workshops

The BLM will host a series of public meetings and commenting workshops across the planning area. The commenting workshops will be held September 19-21. The public meetings will be held October 24-28.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>19 - SEPTEMBER</b> (Commenting Workshop)  <b>Lander</b> Best Western Wind River & Fremont Rooms 260 Grandview Dr.  4:00 pm -7:00 pm	<b>20 - SEPTEMBER</b> (Commenting Workshop)  <b>Riverton</b> Holiday Inn Taggarts Room (Rooms 1&2) 900 E. Sunset Dr.  4:00 pm -7:00 pm	<b>21 - SEPTEMBER</b> (Commenting Workshop)  <b>Dubois</b> Headwaters Arts & Conf. Center Wind River Room 20 Stalnaker St.  4:00 pm -7:00 pm	<b>22 - SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>23 - SEPTEMBER</b>
<b>24 - OCTOBER</b> (Public Meeting)  <b>Shoshoni</b> Shoshoni Senior Citizen Center 214 E. 2nd Street  5:00 pm -7:00 pm	<b>25 - OCTOBER</b> (Public Meeting)  <b>Lander</b> Best Western Wind River & Fremont Rooms 260 Grandview Dr.  5:00 pm -7:00 pm	<b>26 - OCTOBER</b> (Public Meeting)  <b>Dubois</b> Headwaters Arts & Conf. Center Wind River Room 20 Stalnaker St.  5:00 pm -7:00 pm	<b>27 - OCTOBER</b> (Public Meeting)  <b>Riverton</b> Holiday Inn Taggarts Room (Rooms 1&2) 900 E. Sunset Dr.  5:00 pm -7:00 pm	<b>28 - OCTOBER</b> (Public Meeting)  <b>Jeffrey City</b> Jeffrey City Fire Hall 140 Coyoto Drive  5:00 pm -7:00 pm

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