



## *Draft RMP and Draft EIS Fact Sheet*

### **Alternative A (Current Management)**

Alternative A, the No Action Alternative, represents the management approach established by the 1987 Lander Field Office Resource Management Plan (RMP) and applied for the last 24 years.

- Oil and gas leasing is closed on less than 1 percent of federal mineral estate and subject to moderate and major constraints on 73 percent of federal mineral estate.
- Renewable energy projects are excluded on 9 percent of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) managed surface.
- Livestock grazing is allowed on all but 69,276 acres, or less than 3 percent of BLM managed surface.
- Greater sage-grouse management prohibits surface-disturbing activity near leks on less than 1 percent of BLM managed surface, while activities are subject to seasonal limitations near nesting habitat on 33 percent of BLM managed surface.
- Nine Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) encompass 119,621 acres, or 5 percent of BLM managed surface.
- Motorized vehicle use is limited to existing roads and trails across the majority of the planning area.

### **Alternative B (Most Resource Conservation)**

Alternative B emphasizes conservation of physical, biological, heritage and visual resources while managing the public lands for multiple use.

- Oil and gas leasing is closed on 81 percent of federal mineral estate and subject to moderate and major constraints on 18 percent of federal mineral estate.
- Renewable energy projects are excluded on 97 percent of BLM managed surface.
- Livestock grazing is available on all but 82,115 acres, or 3.4 percent of BLM managed surface.
- Greater sage-grouse management prohibits surface-disturbing activity near leks on 4 percent of BLM managed surface, while activities are subject to seasonal limitations near nesting habitat on 56 percent of BLM managed surface.
- Fifteen ACECs encompass 1,492,990 acres, or 62 percent of BLM managed surface.
- Motorized vehicle use is limited to existing roads and trails across the majority of the planning area.

### **Alternative C (Most Resource Utilization)**

Alternative C emphasizes resource uses such as mineral development and reduces protections of biological, heritage and visual resources.

- Oil and gas leasing is closed on less than 1 percent of federal mineral estate and subject to moderate and major constraints on 71 percent of federal mineral estate.
- Renewable energy projects are excluded on 4 percent of BLM managed surface.
- Livestock grazing is allowed on all but 69,276 acres, or less than 3 percent of BLM managed surface.
- Greater sage-grouse management prohibits surface-disturbing activity near leks on less than 1 percent of BLM managed surface, while activities are subject to seasonal limitations near nesting habitat on 33 percent of BLM managed surface.
- No ACECs would be recognized under Alternative C.
- Motorized vehicle use is limited to existing roads and trails across the majority of the planning area.



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## Alternative D (Agency Preferred Alternative)

Alternative D represents the BLM's Preferred Alternative at this stage of the process. It applies a more balanced approach than alternatives B and C, and generally increases conservation of physical, biological, heritage and visual resources compared to current management. The use of range improvement projects is authorized pursuant only to a Comprehensive Grazing Strategy that would help to meet Wyoming Standards for Healthy Rangelands. Alternative D designates the second largest land area as Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs) and ACECs and emphasizes moderate constraints on resource uses (e.g., mineral development) to reduce adverse impacts to resource values.

Alternative D's management approach supports economic development, such as identifying priority areas for oil and gas development, and traditional land uses like mining and livestock grazing. Important resource values are protected by constraining resource uses in areas where conflicts exist such as by applying a Master Leasing Plan in the Beaver Rim area and limiting disturbance in greater sage-grouse Core Area. A variety of recreational opportunities, including off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, are provided across the planning area.

- Oil and gas leasing is closed on 4 percent of federal mineral estate and subject to moderate and major constraints on 94 percent of federal mineral estate.
- 2,125 new oil and gas wells/pads are projected during the life of the plan.
- Renewable energy projects are excluded on 41 percent of BLM managed surface.
- Rights-of-way avoidance areas encompass 44 percent of BLM managed surface while exclusion areas encompass only 35 percent of BLM managed surface.
- Livestock grazing is available on all but 75,589 acres, or 3 percent of BLM managed surface.
- Greater sage-grouse management prohibits surface-disturbing activity near leks on 4 percent of BLM managed surface, while activities are subject to seasonal limitations near nesting habitat on 73 percent of BLM managed surface.
- Eight ACECs encompass 245,037 acres, or 10 percent of BLM managed surface.
- Motorized vehicle use is limited to existing roads and trails across the majority of the planning area.

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## *How to Comment on the Lander Draft RMP and Draft EIS*

<i>How do I comment?</i>	<i>Tips for Making Effective Comments:</i>
During the 90-day 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Be specific. State particular reasons for your concerns instead of making broad statements and provide detail.</li><li>✓ If possible, refer to specific portions of the document and provide section or page numbers.</li><li>✓ Provide suggestions for how the BLM can improve the document.</li></ul>

### Where can I obtain a copy of the Draft RMP and Draft EIS?

- Download the document from the RMP website listed below.
- 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.

### Where can I submit comments?

**Email:** LRMP\_WYMail@blm.gov

### Send written comments to:

**Lander Field Office**  
1335 Main Street  
Lander, WY 82520

**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)

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