

CHAPTER 5—CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) decision-making process is conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA, and Department of Interior (DOI) and BLM policies and procedures implementing NEPA. NEPA and the associated regulatory/policy framework require that all federal agencies involve interested general public in their decision-making, consider reasonable alternatives to proposed actions, and prepare environmental documents that disclose the potential impacts of proposed actions and alternatives.

Public involvement, consultation, and coordination have been at the heart of the planning process leading to this draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP). This was accomplished through public meetings, informal meetings, individual contacts, news releases, planning bulletins, a planning website, and Federal Register notices.

A Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the Federal Register on February 25, 2002, to formally announce that the BLM Rawlins Field Office (RFO) was preparing an RMP and associated EIS. The notice invited the participation of the affected and interested agencies, organizations, and members of the general public in determining the scope and significant issues to be addressed in the planning alternatives and analyzed in the EIS. Additional public involvement was solicited to help identify issues to be addressed in developing a full range of land management alternatives (see Table 5-1 for a list of public involvement, coordination, and consultation events). This chapter describes this public involvement process as well as other key consultation and coordination activities undertaken for the preparation of a comprehensive draft EIS for the Rawlins Field Office.

Table 5-1. Public Involvement, Coordination, and Consultation Events

Date	Location	Type
February 5, 2003	Rawlins, Wyoming	Cooperators Meeting
March 3, 2003	Rock Springs, Wyoming	Joint Public Scoping Meeting for Rawlins RMP/Pinedale RMP
March 4, 2003	Rawlins, Wyoming	Public Scoping Meeting
March 5, 2003	Baggs, Wyoming	Public Scoping Meeting
March 6, 2003	Laramie, Wyoming	Public Scoping Meeting
July 14–18, 2003	Rawlins, Wyoming	Cooperators Meeting/Alternatives Development Workshop
December 1–5, 2003	Rawlins, Wyoming	Cooperators Meeting/Development of the Preferred Alternative

5.1 CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

Because of jurisdictional responsibilities, BLM is required to consult with certain federal, Native American, and state agencies and entities (40 CFR 1502.25) during the NEPA decision-making process. BLM is also directed to integrate NEPA requirements with other environmental review and consultation requirements to reduce paperwork and delays (40 CFR 1500.4–5).

Title II, Section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs BLM to coordinate planning efforts with Native American Indian tribes, other federal departments, and agencies of the state and local governments as part of its land use planning process. This section documents the consultation and coordination efforts undertaken by BLM throughout the entire process of developing the Proposed RMP and draft EIS.

Coordination with other agencies and consistency with other plans were accomplished through frequent communications, meetings, and cooperative efforts between the BLM interdisciplinary team and involved federal, state, and local agencies and organizations. Coordination and consistency for the draft EIS was primarily accomplished through the assistance of cooperating agencies formally involved in the project (see Section 5.1.1 for a list of cooperating agencies and a description of their involvement).

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) was consulted for Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultation and provided threatened and endangered species lists. An updated species list dated August 2003 was received.

Coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through various meetings has occurred throughout the Rawlins RMP process. BLM also participated as a member of the Air Quality Protocol Group, which includes USFS, the State of Wyoming, and the National Park Service (NPS) as participants.

5.1.1 Cooperating Agencies

The Rawlins Field Office extended cooperating agency status to the State of Wyoming, Carbon County, Albany County, Sweetwater County, and various Conservation Districts for the Rawlins RMP planning effort. These agencies were invited to participate because they have jurisdiction by law or could offer special expertise. A list of the Cooperating Agencies that have actively participated in cooperators meetings leading up to the development of the Proposed RMP/draft EIS is included below:

- Carbon County
- Albany County
- Sweetwater County
- Representative from the Wyoming Governor's Office
- State of Wyoming
- Wyoming State Lands and Investments
- Wyoming Department of Agriculture
- Wyoming Game and Fish Commission
- Wyoming Oil and Gas Commission
- Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ)–Water/Air
- State Historic Preservation Office
- Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins Conservation District
- Medicine Bow Conservation District
- Little Snake River Conservation District
- Sweetwater County Conservation District
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The cooperating agencies were formally invited to participate in the development of the alternatives and to provide existing data and other information relative to their agency responsibilities, goals, and mandates. The RFO held meetings with the cooperating agencies on February 5, 2003, and December 1–5, 2003, concerning the approach to the planning process and development of alternatives. The cooperating agencies were invited to work with the BLM interdisciplinary team in developing the alternatives.

5.1.2 Coordination and Consistency

Coordination with other agencies and consistency with other agency and local and state government plans were accomplished through frequent communications and cooperative efforts between BLM and involved federal, state, and local agencies. The Wyoming Governor's Clearinghouse will receive 20 copies of this

draft EIS for review to ensure consistency with ongoing state plans. The interdisciplinary team will review county land use plans to ensure consistency. Table 5-2 summarizes coordination actions undertaken by various federal, state, and local agencies for the RMP development process.

Table 5-2. Key Coordination Actions

Agency	Coordination/Responsibility
FEDERAL AGENCIES	
U.S. Department of the Interior	
Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)	Coordinates mineral leasing and other activities that affect lands administered by the BOR. Reviews the Rawlins RMP/EIS for consistency with BOR planning.
Fish and Wildlife Service	Reviews actions affecting threatened or endangered species of fish, wildlife, or plants. Section 7 consultation, coordination, and review.
Geological Survey	Reviews Rawlins RMP/EIS for consistency with USGS planning.
Minerals Management Service	Reviews Rawlins RMP/EIS for consistency with MMS planning.
U.S. Department of Agriculture	
Forest Service	Coordinates mineral leasing and other activities that affect lands administered by the Forest Service. Reviews the Rawlins RMP/EIS for consistency with Forest Service planning. Coordinates and cooperates with EPA and WDEQ on monitoring and collection of air quality data.
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service–Wildlife Services	Coordinates annual management plan for animal damage control activities on public lands.
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Coordinates with BLM, Forest Service, and WDEQ on monitoring and collecting air quality data. Reviews air quality monitoring data. Files Federal Register notices.
STATE AGENCIES	
State of Wyoming	Participates in the environmental analysis and documentation process by providing information concerning environmental issues for which the State of Wyoming has jurisdiction by law or special expertise. Provides information from state records on matters including, but not limited to, Rawlins RMP/EIS project impacts on air quality and Class 1 air sheds, fish and wildlife, domestic livestock grazing, social and economic impacts, minerals, and State of Wyoming permitting requirements. The state has primacy on water rights and determines the use and allocation of water resources in the state in terms of groundwater and surface water
WDEQ	Coordinates and cooperates on water quality, development of monitoring for visibility standards and guidelines, and collecting of air quality data. WDEQ administers the NPDES program and issues permits for surface discharge in the state, and sets the water quality standards for water bodies within the state.
Wyoming State Forestry, Emergency Management Agency, State Fire Marshall's Office	Coordinates on forest management of prescribed fire and wildland fire.
Wyoming Game and Fish Department	Coordinates and cooperates on vegetation treatment projects, wildlife habitat management, big game herd objectives, and special status species.
Wyoming Department of Transportation	Coordinates and cooperates on transportation planning and highway access.
State Historic Preservation Office	Consults on compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in accordance with the National Programmatic Agreement, as implemented in the Wyoming Protocol to that agreement.

Agency	Coordination/Responsibility
COUNTY AGENCIES	
Carbon County Albany County Sweetwater County	Participate in the environmental analysis and documentation process by providing information concerning environmental issues for which each specified county has jurisdiction by law or special expertise. Provide information on Rawlins RMP/EIS project impacts on domestic livestock grazing and social and economic impacts relating to each specified county.
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS	
Medicine Bow Conservation District Little Snake River Conservation District Sweetwater County Conservation District	Assist with the conservation of Wyoming's soil and water resources; promote the control of soil erosion; promote and protect the quality of Wyoming's waters; reduce siltation of stream channels and reservoirs; promote wise use of Wyoming's water and all other natural resources; preserve and enhance wildlife habitat; protect the tax base; and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of this state through a responsible conservation ethic.

5.1.3 Native American Interests

As part of the general scoping process and the requirement to consult with Native Americans, letters were sent to the Arapaho, Comanche, Crow, Eastern Shoshone, Shoshone-Bannock, and Ute tribes. The letters requested information to be considered in the planning process.

As a result of these letters, the BLM received comments from the Ute tribe requesting that the BLM consider and protect cultural resources and sites sensitive to Native Americans in the planning document.

Following the scoping process, a letter was sent to all of the tribes listed above and in addition to the Northern Cheyenne. This letter more specifically requested information regarding any concerns the tribes might have within the Rawlins Resource Management Planning Area (RMPPA) and presented the opportunity for meetings or field trips with representatives from the tribes. These letters were followed up with telephone calls. The need for the tribes to review and comment on the draft EIS was also stressed in the letters and during the follow-up telephone calls.

As a result of these calls, Vernon Hill of the Eastern Shoshone expressed his concerns that the BLM consider cultural resources in the planning process and requested that the BLM continue to contact the tribes on a project-specific level so that the tribes could provide input on sacred sites that might be impacted at that time.

5.2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation in the BLM planning process includes a variety of efforts to identify and address public concerns and needs. The public involvement process assists the agencies in—

- Broadening the information base for decision-making
- Informing the public about the RMP/EIS and the potential impacts associated with various management decisions
- Ensuring that public needs and viewpoints are brought to the attention of the agency.

5.2.1 Scoping Period

The public is provided a scoping period to identify potential issues and concerns associated with the RMP/EIS. Information obtained by BLM during public scoping is combined with issues identified by the agencies to form the scope of the EIS.

Publication of an NOI on February 25, 2002, announced BLM's intention of revising the Great Divide RMP.

Scoping Notice

The official 60-day scoping period began when a public scoping notice was prepared and mailed to federal, state, and local agencies; interest groups; and members of the general public on January 31, 2003. The notice invited the public to participate in the scoping process and requested input in identifying resource issues and concerns, management alternatives, and other information valuable in determining future land use decisions for the Rawlins RMPPA. The notice also announced the availability of the Management Situation Analysis (MSA) on the Rawlins RMP project website. The scoping period ran from February 3, 2003, through April 7, 2003. Also included with the Scoping Notice was information on the Rawlins Field Office management area, background information on the planning process, as well as preliminary planning issues and planning criteria.

Scoping Meetings

Public scoping meetings were held in Rock Springs, Rawlins, Baggs, and Laramie, Wyoming, on March 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2003, respectively. During the four scoping meetings, more than 80 people registered their attendance. The meetings were structured in an open house format, with BLM specialists representing issues such as livestock grazing, mineral and gas development, and other resource areas. BLM specialists were available to provide information and responses to questions. Comments from the public were collected during the scoping meetings and throughout the scoping period through a variety of methods—mail, fax, e-mail, and through the project website.

Approximately 26,745 comments were received through the various methods. Comments were categorized by topic for analysis purposes. The category receiving the most comments was “mining and oil and gas development.” A large number of comments expressed a desire for preservation over continued development. A major concern identified in the comments dealt with the disruption of migration corridors for big-game herd animals and the degradation of environmentally sensitive areas.

The second category receiving the most comments was “Wildlife and Fisheries.” Although fewer in number, comments were also received dealing with Range Management and Livestock Grazing, Recreation and OHV Use, Cultural and Historic Resources, Special Management Areas, Wilderness, Transportation and Access, and General Comments. A summary of all comments was then compiled and made available as the *Rawlins RMP Scoping Report*, May 2003, which can be viewed at: <http://www.rawlinsrmp.com>.

5.2.2 Mailing List

The mailing list for public scoping was developed initially from the Rawlins Field Office mailing list and supplemented throughout the planning process. Scoping meeting participants were given the option to be added to the mailing list. In addition, individuals were able to add themselves to the project mailing list by registering on the project website, as well as through requests to be placed on the mailing list by

contacting BLM staff. The RFO mailing list has been used as the basis for the distribution of the Draft RMP/EIS (see Section 5.3).

5.2.3 Newsletters

Periodic newsletters have been developed to keep the public informed of the Rawlins RMP/EIS planning process. The April 2002 Rawlins RMP/EIS planning bulletin provided basic background information on the project, including the purpose and need for updating the RMP and issues that the plan may address. The newsletter also extended an invitation to the public to be involved in the process and advertised the Rawlins RMP project website.

The December 2003 Rawlins RMP/EIS planning bulletin described the scoping meetings that took place in March, and gave a brief summary of the main issues that were brought forward through public comment. The bulletin also described the process of working with cooperating agencies, alternatives development, and impact analysis, and discussed future public involvement opportunities.

5.2.4 Website

The Rawlins RMP/EIS project website can be found at <http://www.rawlinsrmp.com>. The site serves as a virtual repository for documents related to RMP development, including announcements, bulletins, and draft and final documents. These documents are available in .pdf format to ensure that they are available to the widest range of users.

During the scoping period, the website also provided the opportunity for the general public to submit their comments for consideration as part of scoping as well as add themselves to the project mailing list to receive periodic newsletters and announcements.

5.2.5 Future Public Participation

Public participation will be ongoing throughout the remainder of the Rawlins RMP planning process. One substantial part of this effort will be the opportunity for members of the public to comment on the content of this draft EIS during the specified comment period. The FEIS will respond to all substantive oral and written comments received during the 90-day comment period. The Record of Decision (ROD) is issued by the BLM after the release of the FEIS, the Governor's Consistency Review, and Protest Resolution.

5.3 DISTRIBUTION LIST

Tribal Governments

Crow Tribe

- Crow Tribal Cultural Committee
- Crow Traditional Leader
- Crow Tribal Administration
- Crow Tribal Council

Eastern Shoshone Tribe

- Eastern Shoshone Business Council
- Eastern Shoshone Tribal Council

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

- Fort Hall Business Council

Ute Tribe

- Ute Tribe
- Uinta Ute Cultural Rights and Protection Office
- Ute Mountain Tribe

Shoshone Tribe

- Shoshone Tribal Preservation Officer
- Shoshone Tribal Cultural Center

Northern Cheyenne Tribe

- Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council
- Northern Cheyenne Cultural Committee

Sioux Tribe

- Sisseton Sioux Spokesperson
- Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council

Northern Arapaho

- Northern Arapaho Business Council
- Traditional Elders Representative

Local Governments (Counties, Cities, Towns)***Albany County, Wyoming***

- Albany County Commissioners
- City of Laramie
- Town of Rock River

Carbon County, Wyoming

- Carbon County Commissioners
 - Carbon County Museum
 - Carbon County Planning Commission
 - Carbon County Road and Bridge
 - Carbon County School District #1 and #2
 - Little Snake River Conservation District
 - Medicine Bow Conservation District
 - Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins Conservation District
- Carbon County Chamber of Commerce
- Town of Bairoil
- Town of Baggs
 - Baggs Solid Waste District
- Town of Dixon
- Town of Elk Mountain
- Town of Encampment
- Town of Hanna
- Town of Medicine Bow
- City of Rawlins
 - Rawlins Chamber of Commerce

- Town of Riverside
- Town of Saratoga
 - Saratoga Platte Valley Chamber of Commerce
 - Upper Platte River Solid Waste District
- Town of Sinclair

Laramie County, Wyoming

- Laramie County Commissioners
 - Laramie County School District #1
- Town of Burns
- City of Cheyenne
- Town of Pine Bluffs

Sweetwater County, Wyoming

- Sweetwater County Commissioners
 - Sweetwater County Conservation District
 - Sweetwater County Historical Society
 - Sweetwater County Planning
 - Sweetwater County Solid Waste District
- City of Green River
- City of Rock Springs
 - Rock Springs Chamber of Commerce
- Town of Wamsutter

Town of Walden, Colorado

Wheatland Irrigation District

State of Wyoming

- Senator Tex Boggs, Sweetwater
- Senator Rich Cathcart, Laramie
- Senator Irene Devin, Albany
- Senator John Hanes, Laramie
- Senator Rae Lynn Job, Sweetwater/Fremont
- Senator April Brimmer Kunz, Laramie
- Senator Mike Massie, Albany
- Senator E. Jayne Mockler, Laramie
- Senator Kathryn Sessions, Laramie
- Senator Bill Vasey, Albany/Carbon
- Representative Rodney “Pete” Anderson, Laramie
- Representative George Bagby, Carbon
- Representative Kurt Bucholz, Carbon/Albany
- Representative Floyd A. Esquibel, Laramie
- Representative John M. Hastert, Sweetwater
- Representative Becket Hinckley, Laramie
- Representative Pete Illoway, Laramie
- Representative Lorna Johnson, Albany
- Representative Wayne H. Johnson, Laramie
- Representative Marty Martin, SW Fremont/Sweetwater
- Representative Larry Meuli, Laramie
- Representative Layton Morgan, Laramie

- Representative Philip A. Nicholas, Albany
- Representative Fred Parady, Sweetwater
- Representative Ed Prosser, Laramie
- Representative Wayne Reese, Laramie
- Representative Tony Ross, Laramie
- Representative James J. Slater, Albany
- Representative Bill Thompson, Sweetwater
- Representative Jane Warren, Albany

Wyoming State Agencies

- Office of the Governor, Environmental Policy Division
- Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
 - Air Quality Division
 - Land Quality Division
- Wyoming Department of Agriculture
- Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources
- Wyoming Department of Transportation
- Wyoming State Planning Office
- Wyoming Business Council
- Wyoming Game and Fish Department
 - Cheyenne, Green River, Lander, Rawlins, Savery, and Sinclair
- Wyoming State Geologic Survey
- Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments
- Wyoming State Engineer’s Office
- Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office
- Wyoming Department of Employment, Research, and Planning Division

Wyoming State Boards/Commissions

- Wyoming Public Service Commission
- Wyoming Water Development Commission
- Wyoming Recreation Commission
- Wyoming State Grazing Board
- Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation
- Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
- Wyoming State Board of Outfitters and Professional Guides
- Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities

Associations/Councils

- Wyoming Association of Municipalities
- Council of Governments
- Petroleum Association of Wyoming
- Powder River Basin Resource Council
- Southwest Wyoming Mineral Association
- Southwest Wyoming Industrial Association
- Wyoming Stockgrowers Association
 - Carbon County Stockgrowers
- Wyoming Mining Association
- Wyoming Sportsman’s Association

- Wyoming Association of Professional Historians
- Wyoming Association of Professional Archeologists
- Wyoming Wilderness Association
- Wyoming Woolgrowers Association
- Wheatland Rural Electric Association
- Coalbed Methane Coordination Coalition
- Natural Diversity Database
- Yampa Valley Electrical Association, Colorado
- American Wind Energy Association
- American Horse Protection Association
- American Mustang and Burro Association
- American Mustang Association
- North American Mustang Association
- Motorcycle Industry Council
- Oregon-California Trails Association
- Wyoming Outdoor Council
- The Natural Resources Defense Council
- Wildlife Habitat Council
- Adventure Cycling Association
- Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States
- Jeffrey City Community TV Association
- Powder River Basin Resource Council
- Sweetwater Wildlife Association
- Southwest Wyoming Minerals Association
- Southwest Wyoming Industrial Association
- Mormon Trails Association
- National Mustang Association
- National Wild Horse Association

Clubs/Alliances/Societies/Groups

- American Lands Alliance
- Biodiversity Conservation Alliance
- Sierra Club
- Western Watersheds Project
- Centennial Valley Concerned Citizens
- Carbon County Economic Development Corporation
- Friends of the West
- Doris Day Animal League
- Wildlife Management Institute
- Defenders of Wildlife
- The Wilderness Society
- Rails to Trails Conservancy
- National Wildlife Federation
- Wyoming Wildlife Federation
- Humane Society of the United States
- Continental Divide Trail Society
- Wolfe Continental Divide Trail Society
- Predator Project
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Wildland Center for Preventing Roads

- Hooved Animal Humane Society
- Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund, Inc.
- Environmental Defense
- Safari Club International
- Oil and Gas Accountability Project
- Center for Native Ecosystems
- Wyoming Advocates for Animals
- Audubon Society
- Land and Water Fund of the Rockies
- Izaak Walton League
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Wildlife Society
- Overland Trail Property Owners
- Rawlins Downtown Development Authority
- Carbon County Amateur Radio
- Carbon County Coalition
- 3-Shot Sage Grouse Foundation
- Saratoga Lions Club
- Wind River Multiple Use Advocates
- National Outdoor Leadership School
- People for Wyoming
- Wyoming People for the USA
- Murie Audubon Society
- Conservancy of the Phoenix
- Grassroots Advocate
- The International Society for the Protection of Mustang and Burros
- Southwest Wyoming Mule Deer Foundation
- Western Wyoming Mule Deer Foundation
- Trout Unlimited
- Fund for Animals
- People for the West
- Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum
- Medicine Wheel Coalition for Sacred Sites of North America
- Wild Horse Organized Assistance
- Dream Catcher Wild Horse and Burro Sanctuary
- Animal Protection Institute
- Western Land Exchange Project
- American Lands
- Whole Horse Institute
- Public Lands Advocacy

Congressional Delegation

- U.S. Senator Mike Enzi
 - Washington, D.C. and Casper, Cheyenne, Gillette, and Jackson, Wyoming, offices
- U.S. Senator Craig Thomas
 - Washington, D.C. and Cheyenne and Rock Springs, Wyoming, offices
- U.S. Representative Barbara Cubin
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Department of the Interior Agencies

- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Reclamation
 - Washington, D.C. and Casper and Provo, Wyoming, offices
- Minerals Management Service
- National Park Service
 - Washington, D.C. and Denver, Colorado, offices
- Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
- Natural Resources Library
- Office of Surface Mining
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Washington, D.C. and Denver, Colorado; and Cheyenne, Wyoming, offices
- U.S. Geological Survey
 - Washington, D.C. and Cheyenne, Wyoming, offices

Other Federal Agencies

- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of Agriculture
 - Forest Service
 - » Big Horn National Forest
 - » Black Hills National Forest
 - » Bridger-Teton National Forest
 - » Medicine Bow/Routt National Forest
 - » Shoshone National Forest
 - Natural Resource Conservation Service
 - » Casper and Baggs, Wyoming, offices
- Army Corp of Engineers
- Department of Energy
 - Western Area Power Area
 - » Loveland and Lakewood, Colorado, offices
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- U.S. Government Printing Office
- National Weather Service

Other Governmental Agencies

- Colorado Division of Water Resources
- State of Colorado, Department of Public Health and Environment, Air Pollution Control Division
- Colorado State Forest Service
- Routt County Planning Director
- Platte River Power Authority

Media

- Casper Star Tribune
- Grassroots Advocate
- Green River Star
- Lander Journal

- Laramie Daily Boomerang
- Laramie News Service
- Northwest Colorado Daily Press
- Pine Bluffs Post
- Rawlins Daily Times
- Rocket Miner
- Rocky Mountain Energy
- Saratoga Sun
- Wyoming State Tribune-Eagle
- KCNC-Western Inspirational Broadcast
- KCWY TV
- KFBC/Cowboy News Network
- Wyomedia KFNB-TV
- KGWN TV
- KING/KOLT
- KOWB
- KRAL/KIQZ
- KRSV
- KTWO TV/KTWO Radio
- KUGR/KYCS
- KUWR

Libraries

- Library of Congress
- Laramie County Library System
- Burns Branch Library
- Centennial Branch Library
- Albany County Library
- University of Wyoming Library
- Carbon County Public Library
- Bairoil Branch Library
- Elk Mountain Branch Library
- Encampment/Riverside Branch Library
- Hanna Branch Library
- Medicine Bow Branch Library
- Saratoga Branch Library
- Sinclair Branch Library
- Rock Springs Library
- White Mountain Library
- Western Wyoming Community College Library
- Sweetwater County Library System
- Utah State University—Merrill Library and Learning

Educational Institutes

- Mississippi State University
 - Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
- Metropolitan State College
- Laramie County Community College
- University of Wyoming

- Trustees
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- Department of Range Land Ecology
- Department of Geology and Geophysics
- Western Wyoming Community College
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As required by National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Part 1502.17), this section lists the people primarily responsible for preparing this Draft Environmental Impact Statement (draft EIS) and presents their qualifications. Booz Allen Hamilton, a contractor selected to prepare the EIS as directed by Bureau of Land Management (BLM), has, in accordance with 40 CFR 1506.5(c), certified that it does not have any financial or other interest in the outcome of decisions to be made pursuant to this EIS. In addition to the specific responsibilities listed, many BLM employees also contributed substantial time consulting with other agency personnel in preparing this EIS (refer to Section 5.3, Agency Consultation and Coordination) (see Table 6-1).

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