

Maintenance Change No. 2542

MAINTENANCE CHANGE SHEET

PLAN NAME: Record of Decision and Approved Rawlins Resource Management Plan

AREA: Rawlins Field Office

LOCATION OF CHANGE

Page No. 2-54 Paragraph No. 14 (Column n/a) Line No. 1-2

Page No. 2-55 Paragraph No. 1 (Column n/a) Line No. 1-3

CHANGE

Insert: This sentence at the end of line 2 on page 2-54, paragraph 14 and at the end of line 3 on page 2-55, paragraph 1:

PYGMY RABBIT HABITAT PROTECTION MEASURES

To protect identified pygmy rabbit habitat, identified pygmy rabbit habitat patches will be avoided by 100 meters, when possible.

In the event identified pygmy rabbit habitat can't be avoided by 100 meters, a fence will be constructed in areas identified by the BLM wildlife biologist, between the pygmy rabbit habitat and the project area, prior to any ground disturbing activities, to reduce disturbance to pygmy rabbit habitat during project construction. The fence shall remain in place through project construction. In addition, a pre-construction presence/absence survey for pygmy rabbits will be conducted prior to any surface disturbing activities within ¼-mile of the edge of the proposed surface disturbance. The surveys must be completed by a BLM, or BLM-approved, wildlife biologist. The current survey protocol is available from the BLM Rawlins Field Office. Monitoring will be required by a BLM, or BLM-approved, wildlife biologist for two years post-construction to identify any pygmy rabbit changes in habitat use and to determine if development impacted the local pygmy rabbit population. A report will be submitted to the BLM within 180-days after post-construction monitoring has been completed.

REASON

This change incorporates IM No. WY-2010-027 (April 5, 2010) Subject: Update of the Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming Sensitive Species List-2010 (This IM supersedes IB WY-2003-001) and Attachment 2: BLM Wyoming Sensitive Species Policy and List. Using criteria set forth in Manual 6840, BLM Wyoming is designating the pygmy rabbit (*Brachylagus idahoensis*) as a Sensitive Species: Pygmy Rabbit is appropriate for inclusion under criterion number 1b. Specialized ecological refugia are threatened on BLM-administered lands and Pygmy Rabbit is thereby designated as Sensitive in Wyoming.

SIGNATURE AS APPROPRIATE

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