

## **Appendix A**

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**Release Date:** 04/12/12  
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Shelley Gregory, 307-315-0612

**BLM Rawlins Launches Visual Resources Scoping  
and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern Documentation**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Rawlins Field Office launches a 30-day public scoping period with today's Federal Register publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a visual resource amendment and to document Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) for the 2008 Rawlins Resource Management Plan (RMP).

The RFO completed a new visual resource quality inventory in 2010. That inventory, along with other resource information, will be included in the analysis for visual resource management (VRM) decisions to be incorporated into the Rawlins RMP. This review will not include the decision area for the Chokecherry/Sierra Madre Wind Energy Development Project since that proposal included its own VRM Amendment to the Rawlins RMP.

In addition, certain ACECs recommended for designation in the Rawlins RMP were not adequately documented in the administrative record. Areas under consideration are: McCarty Canyon, areas surrounding the North Platte Reservoirs, Flattop Mountain, Ferris Dunes and Ferris Mountain.

Comments are most helpful if they cite specific issues or activities, and offer supporting information. Written comments should be submitted by May 11 via mail, email or fax, or hand delivered during regular business hours (7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) to:

John Spehar, Planning and Environmental Coordinator  
BLM Rawlins Field Office  
1300 N. Third St.  
P.O. Box 2407  
Rawlins, WY 82301-2407  
Facsimile: 307-328-4224  
Email: BLM\_WY\_RL\_RMP\_VRM@blm.gov  
Please include "Rawlins VRM Review" in the subject line

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Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

For more information, visit <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/rmps/rawlins/VRM.html>.

For specific questions, or to have your name added to the RMP mailing list, contact John Spehar at 307-328-4264.

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**Dina L. Torres,**

*Land Transfer Resolution Specialist, Branch of Land Transfer Adjudication II.*

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reserves to be offered consist of all D seam reserves recoverable by underground mining methods in the following described lands located in Gunnison County, Colorado:

**Sixth Principal Meridian**

T. 13 S. R. 90 W.,

Sec. 3, lots 8, 9, and 16;

Sec. 4, lots 5 to 16, inclusive;

Sec. 5, lots 12, 13, 20, and 24.

Containing approximately 725.90 acres, more or less.

The tract contains an estimated 3.96 million tons of recoverable coal reserves. The underground minable coal is ranked as bituminous B coal. The estimated coal quality on an as-received basis for the seam is as follows:

**D SEAM:**

British Thermal Unit (BTU).	12,005 BTU/lb.
Volatile Matter .....	34.72%
Moisture .....	7.47
Fixed Carbon .....	45.87
Sulfur Content .....	0.67
Ash Content .....	11.27

The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount provided that the high bid meets or exceeds the BLM's estimate of the fair market value of the tract. The minimum bid for the tract is \$100 per acre or fraction thereof. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value. The fair market value will be determined by the authorized officer after the sale.

The sealed bids should be sent by certified mail, return-receipt requested, or be hand delivered to the Cashier, BLM Colorado State Office, at the address given above and clearly marked "Sealed Bid for COC-70615 Coal Sale—Not to be opened before 10 a.m., May 15, 2012." The cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after 10 a.m., May 15, 2012, will not be considered. If identical high bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed bids until a high bid is received. All tie-breaking sealed-bids must be submitted within 15 minutes following the sale official's announcement at the sale that identical high bids have been received.

Prior to lease issuance, the high bidder, if other than the applicant, must pay to the BLM the cost recovery fees in the amount of \$10,347.10 in addition to all processing costs the BLM incurs after the date of this sale notice (43 CFR 3473.2).

A lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an

annual rental of \$3 per acre, or fraction thereof, and a royalty payable to the United States of 8 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods.

Bidding instructions for the LBA tract offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale and available from the BLM Colorado State Office at the address above. Case file documents, COC-70615, are available for inspection at the BLM Colorado State Office Public Room.

**Steven Hall,**

*Acting State Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[LLCO921000-L51100000-GA0000-LVEMC09CC005, COC-70615]

**Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale, Colorado**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that certain coal reserves in the Elk Creek East Tract described below in Gunnison County, Colorado, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended.

**DATES:** The lease sale will be held at 10 a.m., May 15, 2012. The sealed bid must be submitted on or before 10 a.m., May 15, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The lease sale will be held in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, BLM Colorado State Office, at the address given above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kurt Barton, Land Law Examiner, at 303-239-3714, or [kbarton@blm.gov](mailto:kbarton@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This coal lease sale is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Oxbow Mining, LLC. The Federal coal

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**Notice of Intent To Amend the Resource Management Plan for the Rawlins Field Office and Associated Environmental Assessment, Wyoming**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Rawlins Field Office (RFO), Rawlins, Wyoming, intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) amendment with an associated Environmental Assessment (EA) for the RFO and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process for the RMP amendment with associated EA.

Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until May 11, 2012. The dates and locations of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through the local news media, newspapers, and the BLM Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/rmps/rawlins.html>. In order to be included in the analysis, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 30 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation, as appropriate.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the Rawlins RMP Visual Resource

Management Amendment and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern Documentation/EA by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/rmps/rawlins.html>.

- *Email:*

*BLM\_WY\_RL\_RMP\_VRM@blm.gov.*

Please reference "Rawlins VRM Review" in the subject line.

- *Fax:* 307-328-4224

- *Mail:* Bureau of Land Management, Rawlins Field Office, 1300 North Third Street, P.O. Box 2407, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301-2407.

All comments must include a legible full name and address on the envelope, letter, fax, postcard, or email.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Rawlins Field Office, 1300 North Third Street, Rawlins, Wyoming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact John Spehar, Rawlins Field Office Plan Amendment Team Leader, telephone 307-328-4200; address, Bureau of Land Management, Rawlins Field Office, 1300 North Third Street, P.O. Box 2407, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301-2407; email, [jspehar@blm.gov](mailto:jspehar@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document provides notice that the BLM RFO, Rawlins, Wyoming, intends to prepare an RMP amendment with an associated EA for the RFO, announces the beginning of the scoping process, and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria. The planning area is located in Albany, Carbon, Laramie and eastern Sweetwater counties, Wyoming, and encompasses approximately 3.5 million acres of BLM-administered public land and 4.5 million acres of Federal sub-surface mineral estate.

The BLM completed the Rawlins RMP revision in December 2008. However, the BLM's resolution of two protest issues—one regarding visual resource management (VRM) and the other regarding Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs)—required the RFO to conduct additional planning. In response to the first issue, the RFO has updated the visual resources inventory within the planning area. The BLM will use this updated

inventory as a baseline to consider, analyze, and designate VRM classes for BLM-administered lands in the planning area.

This review will not include the decision area for the Chokeycherry/Sierra Madre wind energy project, however, as a VRM amendment to the Rawlins RMP is being separately considered in the NEPA process associated with that project's review. Second, the BLM received nominations for ACECs from the public that were not reviewed or considered during the RMP revision process. The BLM will use this planning process to review and consider these nominations for potential designation as ACECs.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the planning process. Preliminary issues for the plan amendment area have been identified by BLM personnel; Federal, State, and local agencies; and other stakeholders. The issues include: Energy development; special designations; resource accessibility; public land-urban interface; special status species; water quality; vegetation management; recreation, cultural resource, and paleontological resource management.

Preliminary planning criteria include:

- The RMP amendment will focus only on VRM class designations and review of previously submitted ACEC nominations;
- The RMP amendment will comply with NEPA, FLPMA, and other applicable laws, executive orders, regulations and policy;
- The RMP amendment will recognize valid existing rights;
- Lands covered in the EA for the plan amendment include any/all lands that may affect, or be affected by, the management occurring on the BLM-administered public lands in the RFO. However, planning decisions in the RMP and the VRM-targeted amendment will apply only to the BLM-administered public lands and Federal mineral estate in the planning area; and

- A collaborative and multi-jurisdictional approach will be used, where possible, to jointly determine the desired future condition and management direction for the public lands. To the extent possible and within legal and regulatory parameters, the BLM management and planning decisions will complement the planning and management decisions of other agencies, State and local governments, and Native American tribes, with jurisdictions intermingled with, and adjacent to, the planning area.

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you should submit comments by the close of the 30-day scoping period or within 30 days of the last public meeting, whichever is later.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. The minutes and list of attendees for each scoping meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days after the meeting to any participant who wishes to clarify the views he or she expressed. The BLM will evaluate identified issues to be addressed in the plan, and will place them into one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan amendment;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan amendment.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the Draft RMP Amendment/EA as to why an issue was placed in category two or three. The public is also encouraged to help identify any management questions and concerns that should be addressed in the plan amendment. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional and national needs and concerns.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach during the plan amendment process in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: Air quality, cultural resources, fire and fuels management, forest management, lands and realty, rangeland management, minerals and geology, outdoor recreation, paleontology, wildlife and fisheries, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, sociology and economics, and wild horses.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7, 43 CFR 1610.2

**Larry Claypool,**

*Acting State Director, Wyoming.*

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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Rawlins Field Office is preparing a resource management plan amendment and environmental assessment for visual resource management. You are invited to attend any of the public scoping meetings to learn more and to provide your comments.

**Meeting Dates, Times and Locations**

**Monday, April 30, 2012**

4 pm – 7 pm  
BLM Rawlins Field Office  
1300 N. Third St.  
Rawlins, Wyoming 82301

**Tuesday, May 1, 2012**

4 pm – 7 pm  
LSRV Higher Education Center  
360 Whippoorwill  
Baggs, Wyoming 82321

**Wednesday, May 2, 2012**

4 pm – 7 pm  
Platte Valley Community Center  
210 W. Elm Ave.  
Saratoga, Wyoming 82331

**Thursday, May 3, 2012**

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Laramie Hilton Garden Inn  
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Laramie, Wyoming 82070

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Rawlins, WY 82301



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The Scoping Period has been extended until July 5, 2012 to provide the public with more information. Please visit the project website at:  
<http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/rmps/rawlins/VRM.html>.

Certain Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) proposed for designation in the 2008 Rawlins RMP were not adequately documented in the administrative record. These areas include: Ferris Mountains, Ferris Dunes, McCarty Canyon, Flat Top Mountain and lands around North Platte Reservoirs.

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# Police blow bunker open, find dead fugitive

Suspect in death of his wife and daughter evidently killed himself in his Washington mountain retreat

By **DAVE JOHNSON**  
and **TED HARRIS**  
The Associated Press

**NORTH BEND, Wash.** — Peter Keller spent eight years carving his hole in the side of the mountain, camouflaging the rugged underground bunker with ferns and sticks and stocking it with a generator and armor-plated boxes stashed in ziploc bags. In-spectored in the slatting of his wife, daughter and pets last weekend, he headed there prepared for the long haul with high-powered rifles, scope and body armor.

Swatting tactical officers who dogged for hours over dangerously steep, slickly ground to find him were prepared too. They pruned in low gas, called for him over loud horns, and after 22 hours, set off explosives along the top of the bunker Saturday.

Keller was inside, already dead of a self-inflicted gunshot. A handgun was next to his body.

The 41-year-old hadn't been seen since his wife, 37-year-old, and 18-year-old daughter Kaylene were found shot dead in their home last weekend.

The raid ended a tense week for law enforcement officials who tried to track down Keller, a gun enthusiast described by his family as having a "survivalist mentality." That Keller was likely armed and on the loose in an extremely popular hiking and mountain biking area east of Seattle kept many people on edge.

"The gas didn't work, we've got fresh people here, it was time to take the next step," said King County Sheriff's Sgt. Katie Larson. "There's been a huge sigh of relief. Our people are out safe, and the trails are now safe for the community to use."

The bunker, tucked into karst-like ridge, was "amazingly fortified" with at least 15 guns inside, propane tanks, a large gas scope, gas cans and binoculars, said sheriff's Sgt. Cindy Mink. Photos released by police showed stacks of ammunition in plastic bags and rifles.



A bunker in the Cascade foothills east of Seattle belonged to a man suspected of killing his wife and daughter, King County Sheriff's deputies said.



Ammunition boxes in ziploc bags are stacked on a shelf inside the Cascade foothills bunker.



PETER KELLER

SWAT teams spent a grueling seven hours in the Cascade Mountains foothills Friday morning, virtually crawling over terrain slick with mud from recent rains, before they found the bunker. A number of officers were treated intensively for dehydration, and one broke his ankle, said sheriff's Sgt. Cindy Mink.

The officers appeared exhausted, their faces smeared with camouflage paint, as they rode down the mountain in sport utility vehicles or ar-

med carriers to be replaced by brother teams. SWAT officers who kept watch on the bunker through Friday night said they saw lights going on and off, and they believed the occupant had everything necessary to remain inside for a long time — including a generator, food, gas tank, toilet — restaurant restrooms.

Photographs found in Keller's home after they found his wife and daughter gave authorities an idea of where it was, in one picture

ing their belief that he was somewhere on the ridge. They could smell smoke from its woodstove before they found it.

Authorities pumped tear gas into the structure Friday, but it failed to flush the man out, either because it didn't penetrate deep enough into the structure or because the person had a gas mask.

Court documents described Keller as a loner who has a survivalist mentality and has been stockpiling supplies in the woods.

An arrest warrant issued Wednesday accuses Keller of two counts of first-degree murder and one count of first-degree assault. The home was set on fire after Lynnette Keller, 41, and Kaylene were shot in the head.

Their bodies were found in their bedrooms April 21,

The fire at Keller's North Bend, Wash., home was stopped before the house burned down, and authorities said they found seven gasoline cans placed in different areas of the home.

The family cat and dog were also killed.

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Kaylene's boyfriend told detectives that Peter Keller had stolen him his gun collection and several larger-caliber rifles and handguns, court documents said.

The boyfriend, who was not identified, said Kaylene had told him her father had been looking for her on the weekends and was stockpiling supplies at a farm in the woods.

Peter Keller withdrew \$6,200 from a bank last week and told one of his co-workers at a computer refurbishing store in Preston that he might not return, according to court documents.



**Rawlins Resource Management Plan Amendment Environmental Assessment**

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**Meeting Dates, Times and Locations**

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For more information contact: Jane Spitzer, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, 300 Wagonwheel Center, P.O. Box 100, Rawlins, WY 82301. E-mail: jspitzer@blm.gov or visit the project website at: <http://www.blm.gov/planning/ra/ra.html>

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## Rawlins Resource Management Plan Amendment Environmental Assessment *Public Scoping Meetings*

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### **Published on 4/25/2012**

This ad for City and Public Notices in Casper may contain time-sensitive information and offers.

Please check with Bureau of Land Management to confirm availability.

**Rawlins Resource Management Plan Amendment Environmental Assessment**

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**Five - Day Forecast**

**Rawlins**

<b>Wednesday</b>  Fair conditions, warm <b>High 75</b>
<b>Wednesday night</b>  Chance of a late-day shower <b>Low 48</b>
<b>Thursday</b>  Good chance for showers and a thunderstorm <b>High 70 Low 39</b>
<b>Friday</b>  Much cooler, showers possible <b>High 54 Low 30</b>
<b>Saturday</b>  Partial sunshine, chance of a shower <b>High 51 Low 31</b>
<b>Sunday</b>  A few showers likely <b>High 51 Low 33</b>

**Rawlins Almanac**

<b>Temperature</b> Yesterday's High 77 Yesterday's Low 47 Normal High/Low 57 / 31 Record High 73 in 1967 Record Low 17 in 1958 Temperature data valid through 5 pm yesterday, and taken from Rawlins Airport	<b>Sunrise and Sunset</b> Wednesday Sunrise: 6:13 AM Sunset: 8:01 PM Thursday Sunrise: 6:11 AM Sunset: 8:03 PM Friday Sunrise: 6:10 AM Sunset: 8:04 PM
<b>Precipitation</b> Yesterday's 0.00" Month to Date 0.53" Normal Month to Date 0.79" Year to Date 1.70" Normal Year to Date 2.31" Precipitation data valid through 7 am yesterday, and taken from a DayWeather cooperative observer	<b>Moonrise and Moonset</b> Wednesday Moonrise: 8:59 AM Moonset: none Thursday Moonrise: 8:58 AM Moonset: none
<b>Moon Phases</b> First April 26 Full May 6 Last May 12 New May 21 © 2012 DayWeather, Inc. Cheyenne, WY www.dayweather.com	

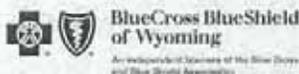
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**Recreation Forecast**

**Sierra Madre and Snowy Range Discussion:**  
A much more active spring pattern arrives today and tomorrow. Expect afternoon showers and perhaps some thunder. Temperatures will quickly cool to more seasonable conditions by tomorrow.

<b>Baggs Forecast</b> Wednesday 75 / 44 Thursday 72 / 35 Friday 59 / 28	<b>Saratoga's Forecast</b> Wednesday 73 / 48 Thursday 69 / 39 Friday 53 / 31	<b>Seminole's Forecast</b> Wednesday 74 / 47 Thursday 69 / 42 Friday 54 / 31
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**Regional Forecast**

City	Wednesday			Thursday			Friday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Big Piney	70	38	th	63	33	th	47	22	sh
Casper	77	51	th	76	47	th	60	35	th
Cheyenne	78	48	th	70	43	th	61	36	sh
Cody	71	48	th	71	45	th	51	24	sh
Evanston	70	41	th	57	31	th	44	24	ts
Gillette	72	48	th	71	49	th	58	35	sh
Jackson	65	40	th	57	32	th	37	26	sh
Lander	75	49	th	72	42	th	58	34	sh
Laramie	74	42	th	70	38	th	56	30	sh
Medicine Bow	73	46	th	70	41	th	56	32	sh
Rock Springs	73	45	sh	67	36	th	50	29	pc
Sinclair	77	48	pc	73	39	th	58	30	sh
Walcott	75	50	pc	71	45	th	58	35	sh
Wamsutter	71	47	sh	67	38	th	49	28	sh

W: sun-sunny, pc: partly cloudy, mo: mostly cloudy, c: cloudy, w: wind, sh: showers, th: thunderstorms, r: rain, sh- snow, ts: tsunamis, m: missing

**Home and Yard**

Courtesy of Cheyenne Botanic Gardens

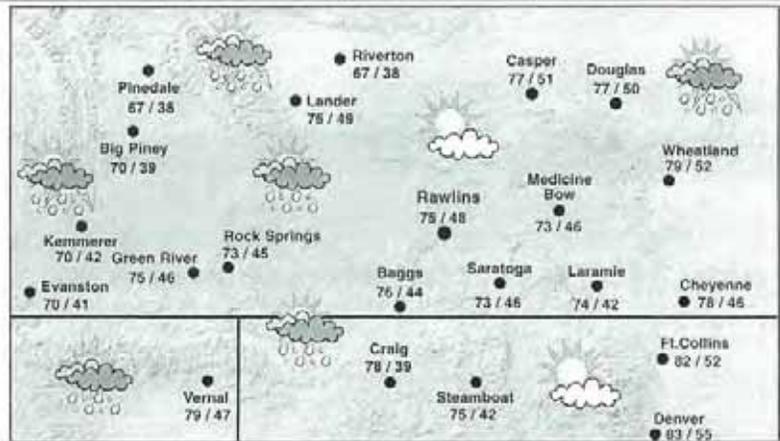
Tomatoes, eggplant, beans, squash and peppers all love warm soil. Unfortunately, this time of year we can still have very cool soil temperatures. By simply spreading out clear plastic over the top of the soil you can warm the soil temperature for earlier planting and harvests. Seal the edges of the plastic with rocks and soil. Cut holes in the plastic for later planting.

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**Wyoming's Forecast Discussion**

Another abnormally warm afternoon is expected across southeast Wyoming today. A more active weather pattern sets up across the area also, with a few showers or isolated thunderstorms by the afternoon and evening hours. A disturbance brings more persistent rain showers and cooler temperatures for Thursday into Friday.

**Today's Forecast Map**



# BLM urges fire caution

**Staff Report**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) High Desert District urges the public to exercise caution and be fire safe on public lands.

"A warm, dry spring has primed lighter fuels such as grass and shrubs for fire," Fire Management Officer Frank Keeler wrote in a press release. The district has already experienced 14 wildfires, with 1,640

acres burned.

As the spring ditch and field burning season gets underway, Keeler reminds the public wind and temperature can dramatically affect fire behavior.

"Keep fuel conditions in mind, check weather forecasts and, if in doubt, call your local fire department," Keeler wrote.

Campfire safety remains a priority. Maintain campfires within fire rings and never

leave a fire unattended. Drown all embers with water and stir with a shovel to ensure fires are properly extinguished.

The BLM also reminds the public fireworks are illegal on public lands at all times and off-highway vehicles must be equipped with approved spark arresters.

Please report wildfires to the Rawlins Interagency Dispatch Center at 1-800-295-9953.

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# College on the brain



Photo courtesy of Deb Burke

The Encampment School staff shows off their college shirts last week.

**Staff Report**

Last week, Encampment High School celebrated "College Days" in an effort to increase interest in some form of college education for middle and high schoolers.

Thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, staff members got college apparel so they could

represent their alma mater and get students asking questions about life after high school. Students used that information to help fill out a "college questionnaire".

They also had to research information about colleges online.

At lunch, the students

played college trivia for prizes from different colleges across Wyoming and surrounding regions. Students who completed the questionnaires and take home online activity had their names put into a drawing for a 16GB iPad purchased through the grant. Junior Lucas Jarrett won the grand prize.

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**Rawlins Resource Management Plan Amendment**  
**Environmental Assessment**  
*Public Scoping Meetings*



**Please Join Us!**  
The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Rawlins Field Office is preparing a resource management plan amendment and environmental assessment for visual resource management. You are invited to attend any of the public scoping meetings to learn more and to provide your comments.

**Meeting Dates, Times and Locations**

<b>Monday, April 30, 2012</b> 4 pm - 7 pm BLM Rawlins Field Office 1300 N. Third St. Rawlins, Wyoming 82301	<b>Tuesday, May 1, 2012</b> 4 pm - 7 pm LSRV Higher Education Center 360 Whippoorwill Baggs, Wyoming 82321
<b>Wednesday, May 2, 2012</b> 4 pm - 7 pm Platte Valley Community Center 210 W. Elm Ave. Saratoga, Wyoming 82331	<b>Thursday, May 3, 2012</b> 4 pm - 7 pm Laramie Hilton Garden Inn 2229 Grand Ave. Laramie, Wyoming 82070

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