

Appendix C

Comprehensive List of Scoping Comments

Alternatives	BLM needs to ensure public land users protect land by researching proper techniques or risk economic stability and growth.
	Encourages visual classification that protect the character of these trails while allowing development to occur.
	Sweetwater county recommends designating this checkerboard region as a VRM class IV.
	Sweetwater county agrees with VRM EA and believes there should be a balance between resoucre development and protection.
	Establish management direction that allowed such impacts may be inconsistent with the 2009 CDNST Comprehensive Plan.
	Establish revised Special Recreation Management Area
	The purpose and need section of the DEIS needs to address the 2009 CDNST Comprehensive Plan.
	The management direction in Chapter III part E of the attached 2009 CDNST Comprehensive Plan should be followed in the development of resource management prescriptions.
	The RMP revision process should not impact ongoing operations or development on existing leases.
	New VRM designations would limit land use. Adobe town is well protected. Remove VRM designations outside Adobe Town.
	There must be positive consideration to maintain traditional Wyoming landscapes with the presence of livestock and ranching operations.
	New ACEC's and new VRM designations are serious decisions the require analysis and public knowledge. BLM is responsible for providing all information pertaining to project.
	Scenic and historic viewsheds ar eimportant to consider.
	Adobe Town Rare or Uncommon Area deserves Class I status. Preserve this viewscape
	Protect Adobe Town and the surrounding area.
	Pedro Mountains, Wild Cow Creek citizens proposed wilderness and proposed expansions for the Ferris Mountains.
	Protect the viewsheds along the Cherokee and Overland Historic Trails.
	Classify the following as VRM Class I: The Adobe Town Very Rare or Uncommon Area.
	Add protections to Adobe Town and the Kinney Rim.
	Co-locate new structures, transmission lines etc. to reduce footprint.
	BLM's visual resource management should provide for the conservation and enjoyment of these qualities'
	The Shirley Basin, the foothills along the Medicine Bow National Forest, and the North Platte River riparian areas should be VRM Class I. Protect scenery recreation, wildlife habitat.
	Rawlins RMP, when amended, cannot defeat or materially restrain Devon's valid and existing rights.
	It is extremely important that energy development be allowed to continue without further constraints or stipulations.
	I oppose the expansion of the VRM Class I area beyond the boundaries of the WSA.
	The BLM should remove all VRM Class II designations to conform to the rights of the existing users.

	The areas surrounding Adobe Town to the east are rich in natural resources and will create numerous economic benefits to our communities in years to come.
	New VRM restrictions will interfere with operations and make the lease impossible to use for oil and gas extraction and agriculture as well as other industries like water/reservoir/pipeline construction.
	Please do not impose more restrictive Visual Resource Management classifications to areas already permitted for grazing or leased to oil and gas.
	Sweetwater County strongly encourages BLM to consider that development of these minerals is important to the local economy and nation.
	BLM must reasonably manage lands in the checkerboard.
	Recommendations and techniques for this analysis must be conducted in a format that appreciates checkerboard ownership.
	The CDNST must be treated as a special designation/management area.
	Checkerboard land tenure does not mandate Class IV VRM. For high sensitivity routes, VRM Class III (or even II) is appropriate.
	Inventory class boundaries may need to be adjusted for certain highly scenic areas.
	VRM review must be consistent with the 2009 CDNST Comprehensive Plan.
	The RFO checkerboard area is excluded from the amendment process due to BLM's limited management jurisdiction to enforce new VRM classes.
	RSGA extends scoping comments above to apply to solid block BLM ownership where all public lands should be managed for multiple uses of resources and access to those resources for the benefit of the State of Wyoming and the Nation.
	In the checkerboard, the authority to create view sheds and include private land to justify a historic setting is idealistic. There is opportunity to have a cooperative effort
	WWF encourages the BLM to adopt buffer zones between areas of high aesthetic value and those areas identified as appropriate for major modification.
	The EQC rare and uncommon designations does not require the BLM to impose new restrictions.
	Protect Our Public lands, waters, wildlife & health.
	Preserve the aesthetic value of scenic natural areas.
	This area deserves at the very least Class II VRM protection. In fact, the entire North Platte corridor ought to receive Class II VRM protection.
	VRM classifications will only deter on-going operations that are vital to our economy.
	We believe the BLM can do this (care for environment) in other ways that don't affect existing leases.
	We ask that you remove all VRM classifications and ACEC designations.
	We urge you to carefully analyze the effects these possible changes could have on our community.

	BLM should not use the Environmental Quality Council's Rare and Uncommon designation to justify new restrictions. No science or proper evidence exists to suggest that the Rare and Uncommon designation should exceed the current boundaries.
	Key concerns are the Class I and II Visual Resource Management designations as well as the Areas of Critical Environmental Concern nominations.
	Adobe Town Dispersed Recreation Use Area should be given at least Class II protection.
	Adobe Town Very Rare or Uncommon Area established to protect scenic values.
	The Kinney Rim North and South units have wilderness characteristics and also should be granted Class I in the Visual Resource Management scheme.
	Adobe Town (make Class I), Kinney Rim (Make Class I), Adobe Town Dispersed Recrea.Use Area (Make Class II), Cherokee/Overland Histor. & Continen.Divide Nat.Scen. Trails, Powder Rim (Areas of Crit.Envir.Conc, Pedro Mts./Wild Cow Cr. Make Class I the (foothills/fringes) Medicine Bow Nat.Forest/Shirley Basin & N Platte River Corridor.
	The Pedro Mountains, Wild Cow Creek, Ferris Mountains, Seminoe Mountain, Red Lake Dunes, and Bennett Peak Wilderness Study Areas should be granted Class I visual resources protection.
	Viewsheds along the Cherokee and Overland Historic Trails and the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, must be protected.
	Adobe Town Very Rare or Uncommon Area should be accorded the strongest level of protection, Class I. Kinney Rim North and South managed as VRM Class I. Adobe Town Dispersed Recreation Use Area has high recreational values.
	The BLM should give the highest level of visual resource protection to the Adobe Town Very Rare or Uncommon Area and other proposed wilderness areas.
	(BLM) should designate areas of critical environmental concern, protect lands with wilderness characteristics, and update the visual resource management for scenic areas in the Rawlins resource area.
	Wild Cow Creek Citizens' Proposed Wilderness and the expansions proposed in the Wilderness Study Areas of Bennett Peak, Seminoe Mountain, the Ferris Mountains, and Red Lake Dunes as well as the Pedro Mountains should be managed as Class I.
	The Powder Rim should be designated as an ACEC with no surface occupancy for oil and gas development and Class II VRM to protect big game winter range, raptor, songbird and wildflower habitat.
	Viewsheds along the Cherokee and Overland Historic Trails must be protected.
	Scenic landscapes on our public lands need to be protected.
	The Amendment should be designed to include specific chapters, within the various alternatives, regarding checkerboard management decisions.
	Tourism, recreation, hunting, fishing, and agriculture must be balanced with energy development.
	BLM must reasonably manage lands in the checkerboard.

	The BLM must consider the impacts of its previous decision to issue oil and gas leases and approve oil and gas projects when developing VRM restrictions during the planning process.
	BLM cannot impose new VRM objectives on areas already leased for oil and gas development.
	Pedro Mountains, Wild Cow Creek citizens; proposed wilderness, and proposed expansions for the Ferris Mountains, Seminole Mountain, Red Lake Dunes, and Bennett Peak Wilderness Study Areas should be granted Class I visual resources protection.
	Protect historic settings and/or landscapes viewsheds along the Cherokee and Overland Historic Trails, and the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail.
	Adobe Town Dispersed Recreation Use Area has high recreational values.
	The Adobe Town Very Rare or Uncommon Area deserves the strongest level of protection, Class I.
	Adobe Town is a Very Rare or Uncommon Area, we need to protect its scenic values.
	WWF encourages the BLM to consider retaining the existing character of any big game crucial winter ranges as well.
	The Shirley Basin ought to receive Class I VRM. This area has suffered well enough for many a decade at the hands of the oil and gas industry.
	The Bennett Peak Wilderness Study Areas should be granted Class I VRM.
	Red Lake Dunes should receive Class I VRM status.
	Seminole Mountain should receive Class I VRM status.
	The Ferris Mountains proposed expansion is a fabulous, wild area that deserves Class I VRM status.
	Wild Cow Creek Citizens' Proposed Wilderness should absolutely receive Class I VRM status.
	The Pedro Mountains should receive Class I VRM status.
	BLM should prohibit oil and gas facilities to occupy lands within 3 miles of these trails; Cherokee and Overland Historic Trails, and the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail.
	Kinney Rim North and South units are wild and have wilderness characteristics.
	View shed analysis and landscape analysis that expands for a radius of 5, 10, and 15 miles outside the perimeter of a proposed project is beyond reasonable analysis when BLM has no authority on the private lands included.
	VRM Class II ratings must consider the other resources and land use potential of the landscape.
	The BLM must manage the Rawlins Field Office for Multiple use - including oil and gas development.
Cultural	Industrialization may be appropriate in some places, but not in the Red Desert. These are areas of personal and cultural value to me and my family.
Cumulative	A cumulative effects analysis is needed to consider reasonably foreseeable projects outside the decision area.
Energy Development	BLM is required to evaluate the impacts any new management options may have on existing leases and operations. Management decisions are required to avoid VRM applications that conflict with ongoing development of energy resources.
	BLM must recognize valid existing rights, including the rights granted by oil and gas leases.

	The proposed amendment to the Rawlins RMP will have significant impacts on oil and gas development operations within the Rawlins Field Office. VRM Class II stipulations and requirements in particular can significantly limit oil and gas operations.
	BLM should not curtail or limit oil and gas development near the adobe town wilderness study area.
	When amending the Rawlins RMP, the BLM cannot attempt to impose more restrictive VRM classifications on existing leases or areas that have been previously leased.
	The RMP revision process should not impact ongoing operations or development on existing leases.
	Potential Impact of visual resource and areas of critical environmental concern on existing oil and gas operations within the Rawlins Field Office.
	An oil and gas lease is a contract between the federal government and the lessee, and that the lessee has certain right thereunder. Although the BLM may be altering the existing RMP for the Rawlins Field Office the BLM cannot alter or modify the terms of existing leases.
	it is of critical importance for these activities to be allowed to proceed without unwarranted constraints and with the least restrictive stipulations.
	The amendment could significantly impact current and future oil and gas activities within the RFO.
	Land use restrictions as a result of VRM and ACEC designations will impact the open space of adjacent landscapes by concentrating pipelines and electrical transmission facilities in active areas of development and creating a congestion of corridors in the checkerboard.
	Sweetwater County does not support establishing more special designations, such as Dispersed Recreation Areas that limit mineral development.
	Class I and II designations will inhibit infrastructure on location. They should be removed completely.
	When amending the Rawlins RMP, the BLM must also acknowledge the existing rights, including oil and gas lease rights.
Land Use	Community uses multiple resources on our public land. W\This was not properly analyzed in the RMP and needs revised.
	The BLM must manage the Rawlins Field Office for multiple use - including oil and gas development.
	EIS needs to assess and disclose possible changes to the VRM that could interfere with plans of CDNST.
	One of the reasons why our economy is so strong is because of our ability to use our public lands.
	The designations could strip the current uses in an area that is rich in natural resources and a solid source of domestic energy for years to come. The checkerboard ownership in the area presents a challenging situation to the BLM but the BLM must realize that if a VRM designation is imposed.
	If their ability to use the land changes, their reason to lease the land changes.
	It is important to me to be able to access public lands to hunt. Handicapped people restricted due to not being able to walk long distances over rugged ground.
NEPA Process	Consider the CDNST within the scope of DEIS due to impacts of proposed VRM change.

	The EIS needs to assess and disclose whether the proposed changes to the Visual Resource Management objectives could lead to developments (other uses) that would substantially interfere with the nature and purposes of the CDNST.
	The field office has failed to release maps that explain where the ACECs are.
	The BLM should consider the goals and principles outlined in the Carbon County Land Use Plan.
	the BLM should clearly disclose how designations will impact existing uses of the land which was not done properly in the RMP.
	The BLM should analyze in detail, how the proposed VRMs will impact the current leasing surrounding Adobe Town and this information should be clearly addressed in the draft RMP so the public can develop comments and participate in a meaningful way.
Public Involvement	The BLM never explained in the draft RMP how these new designations would impact existing leases, making it very difficult for the public to understand and comment.
	How is the public supposed to provide meaningful comments when the BLM is yet to provide maps for the ACEC's?
	Maps for the ACEC designations should be released early on so the public can analyze the change and provide adequate comments.
Purpose and Need	Purpose and need of DEIS needs to address CDNST plan direction to RMP.
	CDNST direction is within the scope of the DEIS.
Recreation	The established CDNST location needs to be addressed in the RMP amendment.
	The DRMP amendment and DEIS appear to have relied on the 1985 CDNST Comprehensive Plan for direction even though the CDNST Comprehensive Plan was amended in 2009.
	BLM's VRM review must accurately reflect the current location of the CDNST.
	Scenic landscapes are of special recreational importance.
	Recreational use in the Adobe Town Dispersed Recreation Use Area deserves a VRM Class II management.
	Scenic landscapes have recreational importance.
Socioeconomic	We depend on the ability to use the land to support a healthy community with good schools, hospitals, and roads.
	If a more restrictive Visual Management class is placed on the checkerboard region, mineral development and consequently the County's and State's tax base may be negatively impacted.
	Our national economy also depends on states rich in resources to provide for the greater good.
	Our economy is directly connected to the ability of people to use the land.
	BLM is required by law to ensure the socioeconomics are carefully analyzed in all possible regulatory changes.
	Developing our natural resources allows us to build new schools for our children, safe roads for our families to travel on and fund community programs that give our citizens the economic support they need.
Special Designation Areas	Devon is opposed to the creation of any new or additional Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in the Rawlins Field Office.
	In the checkerboard, the authority to create view sheds and include private land, to justify a historic setting is idealistic. There is opportunity to have a cooperative effort.

	Apply ACEC protection only to those areas that clearly warrant that level of protection.
	Portions of our public lands should be protected such as historic trails, areas of critical environmental concern, designated wilderness study areas, proposed wilderness study areas, critical wildlife habitat, and landscapes of scenic, cultural, and/or recreational value.
	Above ground transmission lines and utilities should be placed in established corridors reserved for above ground facilities.
	Wild land designations including ACECs, WSA's, Wilderness, and other special designations, can not be implemented in the checkerboard without being considered a potential federal taking of property rights.
	BLM must now evaluate the North Platte Reservoirs, Flattop Mountain, Ferris Dunes and Ferris Mountain as potential ACECs. We reserve the right to supplement these comments, if necessary, once we have had an opportunity to review this information.
	We do not support the creation of new ACECs that would result in new constraints on oil and gas leasing and development in areas which contain opportunities for expansion or new exploration activities.
	The BLM should carefully analyze the proposed ACECs to ensure they meet the relevance and importance criteria necessary for such a designation.
	Because there are already significant restrictions on energy development in the project area, Fidelity discourages the creation of new ACECs.
	Shirley Basin visual protection also provides wildlife habitat protection.
	The location of the proposed ACEC could have significant impact on Devon's future operations.
	The BLM should not alter or modify the manner in which the areas are managed during the pending of the amendment process.
	The nomination of an ACEC should not change or prevent the management of public lands.
	BLM should inventory and protect lands with wilderness characteristics.
	We urge you to manage the Adobe Town Very Rare or Uncommon Area as a VRM Class I.
	The established CDNST location needs to be addressed in the RMP ammendment.
	The BLM should designate all of the proposed ACECs in the resource management plan amendment.
	Within the Adobe Town WSA, Sweetwater County supports a visual management classification that is consistent with the management of this area as a WSA.
	Wild Cow Creek citizens proposed wilderness and visual resources protection to the Pedro Mountains.
	The WSA borders should not be expanded as thousands of acres of productive land will be cut off to the public. The current boundaries for the WSA are adequate.
	Special management is needed for other scenic landscapes, the foothills areas along the fringes of the Medicine Bow National Forest, the Shirley Basin, and the North Platte River corridor.
	Powder Rim should be designated as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern.
	Kinney Rim North and South units also have wilderness characteristics.
	Powder Rim should be designated as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

	I would hope the Class I status could be extended to the farthestmost limit possible.
	The amended RMP should address CDNST integration needs by establishing revised Special Recreation Management Area direction following the guidance in IM No. 2011-004.
	All WSAs should be managed as Class I.
Visual	WWF recommends the following areas for Class I or II classification: Land surrounding the North Platte River, Land surrounding the Laramie River, The Sierra Madres, Area surrounding Elk Mountain, Land along the Medicine Bow National Forest, Land surrounding Seminoe and Pathfinder reservoirs, all Historic Trails, Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, Shirley Mountain, Adobe Town Wilderness Study Area as Class I.
Wildlife	These are precious and rare desert habitats. You are destroying habitat.
	Powder Rim is a landscape of extremely high importance as winter range for big game, raptor nesting habitat, juniper songbirds rare in Wyoming, and the very rare Gibbens' beardtongue wildflower.
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	This area is winter range for big game, raptors, and very rare Gibbens' beardtongue wildflower.