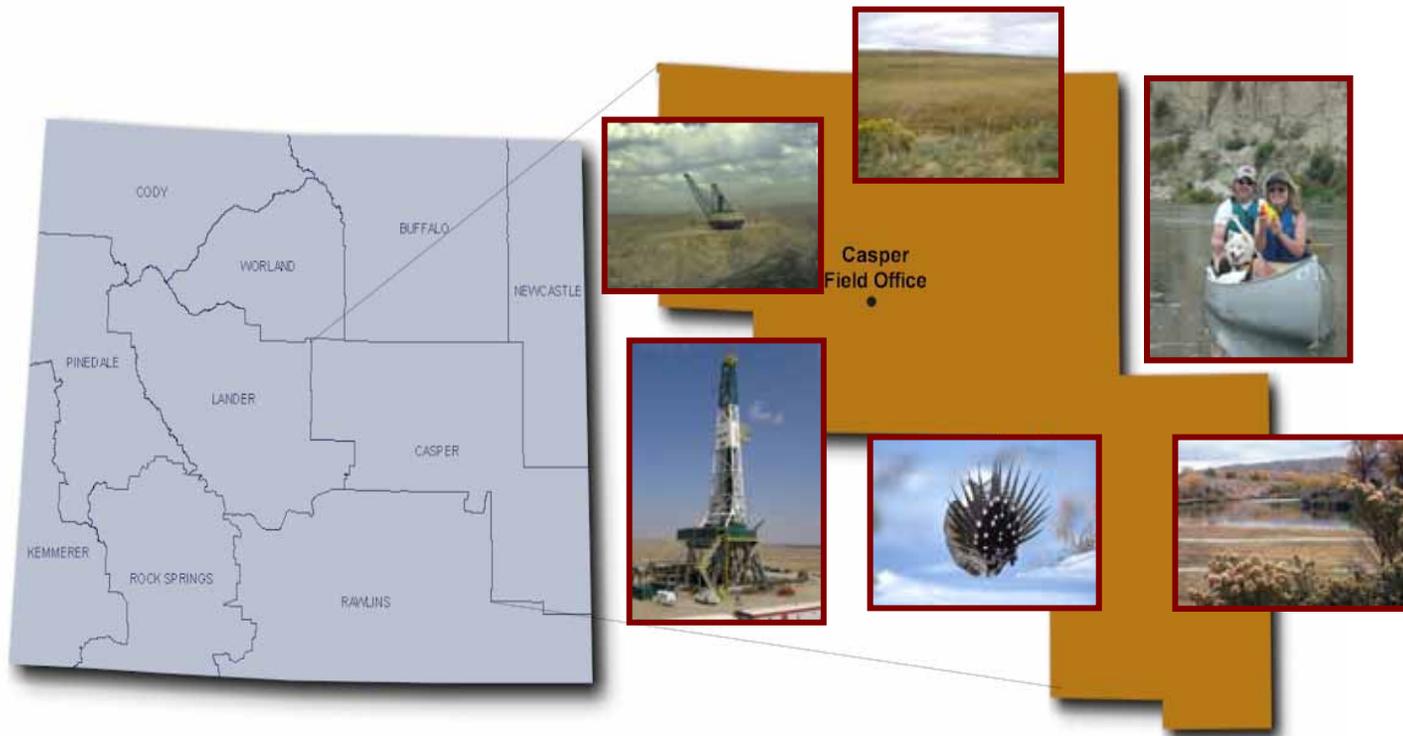


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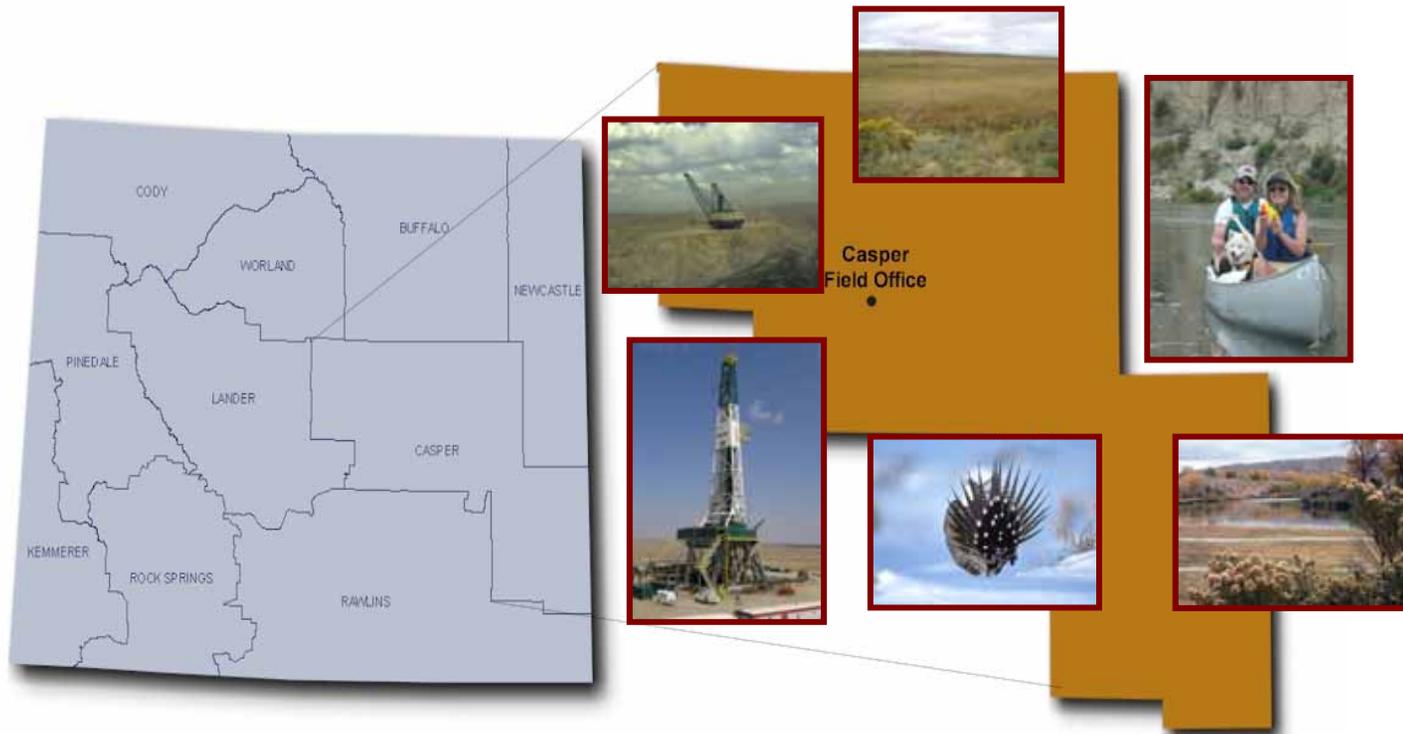
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- Brief Overview of the Casper RMP
- Description of the Implementation Process
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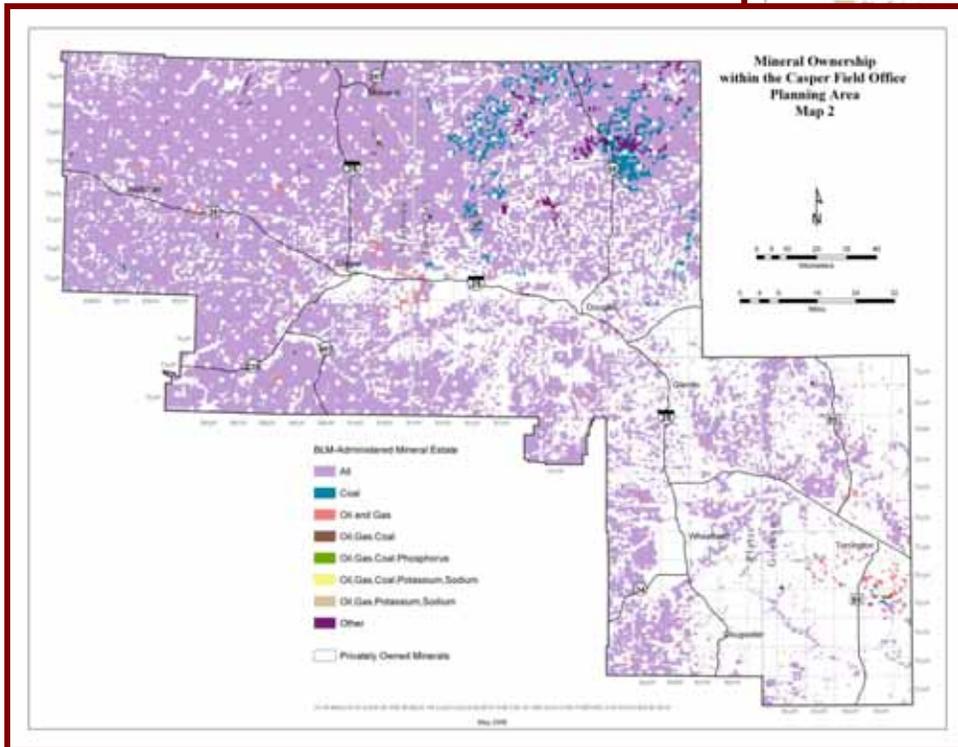
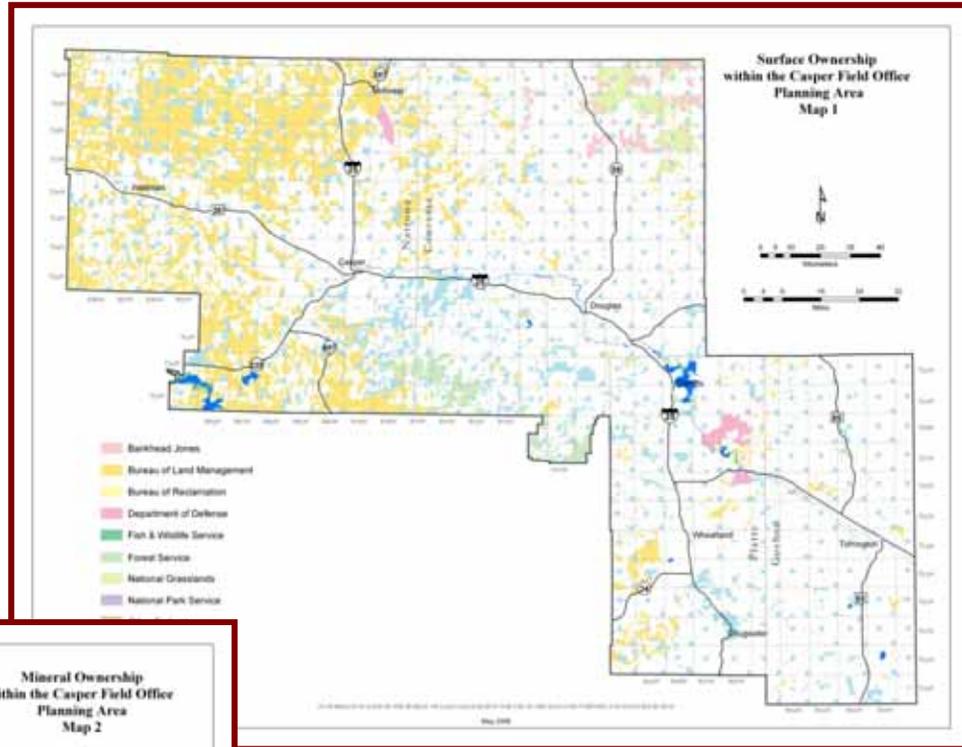
Resource Management Plan - Environmental Impact Statement



PLANNING AREA

8.5 million acres

- 1.4 million acres of public land surface
- 4.7 million acres of Federal mineral estate

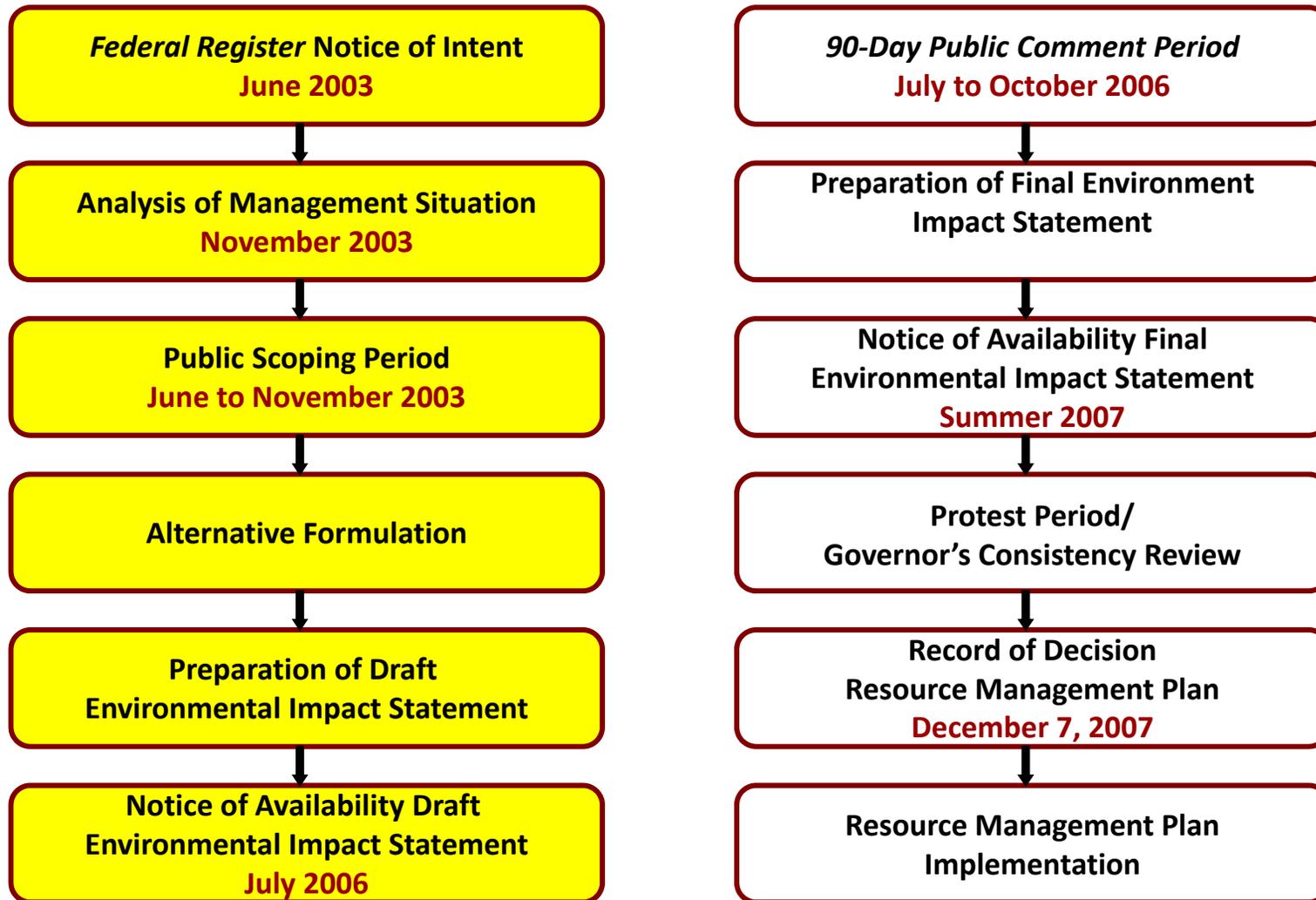


Major Planning Issues

- Energy and Mineral Resources
- Vegetation and Habitat Management
- Land Ownership Adjustments
- Unique Management Areas



CASPER RMP REVISION KEY DATES



Key Team Members

- Jim Murkin – Field Office Manager
- Linda Slone – Project Manager
- Robert Henke – Contractor
- **Frank Eathorne – Converse County Commission**
- **Don Christiansen – Wyoming Department of Agriculture**
- Wyoming Game and Fish Department - Casper



Example Cooperator Comment

This paragraph needs to be rewritten.

“Current management strives to prevent the negative impacts of livestock grazing”.

The BLM staff does not, repeat not, manage to try to avoid failure; they manage to achieve success.

It should be more accurately written to correctly describe what livestock grazing management tries to do, which is to meet rangeland objectives to improve rangeland health and production.



Preliminary Draft RMP -
Approximately 3,000 Comments

Draft RMP –
Approximately 650 Comments



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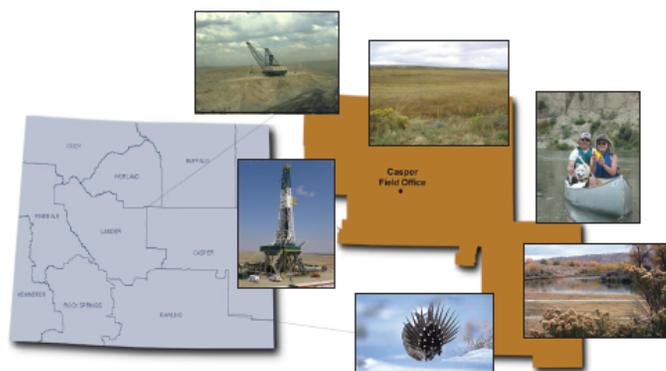


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2.3.1 Public Involvement

After issuing the Approved RMP and ROD, an Implementation Strategy will be developed.

The Implementation Strategy will include an annual coordination meeting between BLM and Cooperating Agencies involved in revising the RMP.

The annual coordination meeting will include an update on implementation of the plan, foreseeable activities for the upcoming year, and opportunities for continued collaboration with the RMP cooperators.

Additional coordination meetings could be held as needed. Specific concerns identified to date include the use of categorical exclusions under Section 390(b)(3) of the Energy Policy Act and implementation of socioeconomic decisions during site-specific project analysis.



What is involved in Plan Implementation?

ROD contains over 300 planning decisions

Decisions vary greatly in terms of measurable outcomes

Decisions can be very specific:

Decision 4017 - *Improve floodplain connectivity of 75 stream miles.*

Decisions can be very broad:

Decision 2014 - *1,080,935 acres of federal oil and gas lease mineral estate are open to leasing considerations and subject to the terms and conditions of the standard lease form only.*



1st Casper RMP Implementation Meeting

What do we want to accomplish?

- Understand the process for implementing a Resource Management Plan (RMP)
- Identify the major workloads associated with implementing a RMP
- Establish Priorities
- Develop a list of projects for the next 3-5 years



Four Step Process:

- **Step 1:** Populating Worksheets (“The Matrix”)
- **Step 2:** Identify priority workloads (Next 3-5 Years)
- **Step 3:** Scoping out projects to accomplish the highest priorities
- **Step 4:** Developing a strategy for communicating priorities



Important Limitations:

- We must consider the day-to-day work in order to determine the remaining capacity of the Field Office to accomplish other priorities.
- The BLM's annual budget process is not necessarily conducive to setting workload priorities.
- Priorities evolve and may need to be updated each year.



Breakout Groups:

- **Breakout Group #1: Ecological Changes**
(Natural Resources, Forage and Forestry)
- **Breakout Group #2: Changes in Demand**
(Energy, Minerals, and Direct Services)
- **Breakout Group #3: Special Areas**
(Heritage and Recreation)



Provide Answers to Three Questions:

- I. What are your Priority Areas?
- II. What are your Priority Trends?
- III. What are Strategies to get things done?



Breakout Group #1:

Ecological Changes

- I. **Priority Areas** – Bates Hole, Active Development Areas, Ensuring Rangeland Health.
- II. **Priority Trends** – Vegetation Treatment, Water Quality and Quantity, Monitoring.
- III. **Strategies** – Baseline Data, Air Quality Monitoring Plan, Partnerships, On-Site Mitigation, Adaptive Management, Land Tenure, Water Management – Monitoring and Inventory, Pest Management, Weed Control, Stipulations.



RMP IMPLEMENTATION AND TRACKING MATRIX

RMP Implementation consists of two types of tracking:

“The Matrix”

(our accomplishments from year to year)

Amendments & Maintenance Actions

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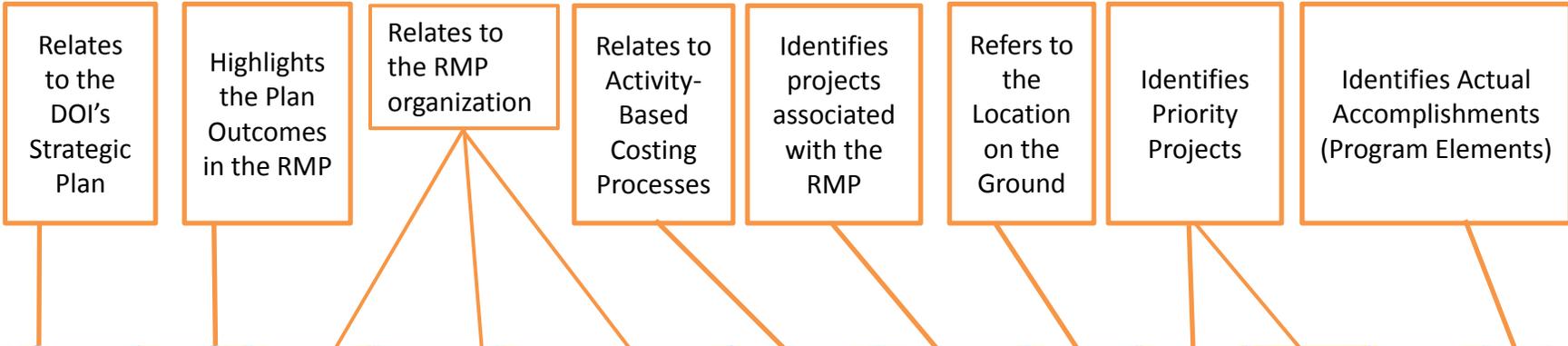
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What is the purpose of the Matrix?

- Align with the BLM Strategic Planning
- Set Priorities
- Track Accomplishments
 - Internal
 - Cooperators
 - Public



RMP IMPLEMENTATION AND TRACKING MATRIX



Strategic Outcome	Plan Outcome	RMP Resource	Decision #	RMP Decisions	Strategies to Accomplish Outcomes	Projects to Implement Strategies	Where	Priority within the Program	Priority Within the Field Office	CFO Point of Contact	PEs
Achieve Desired Biological Communities	Invasive Species	Invasive, Nonnative Plant Species (INPS) and Pest Control	4011	Work with APHIS to control outbreaks of grasshoppers and Mormon crickets on public lands in the planning area in accordance with the MOU between USDI and APHIS.	Partnership/Community Relations	Control Pests; Apply Shrub/Grass Vegetation Treatments (acres treated)	CFO	High	High	Brett Burgess or Matt Roberts	JA
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Partners and projects highlighted:
 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) & control of grasshoppers.



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Decision #	RMP Decisions	Strategies to Accomplish Outcomes	Projects to Implement Strategies	Where	Priority within the Program	Priority Within the Field Office	CFO Point of Contact	PEs	FY08 Planned	FY08 Met	FY09 Planned	FY09 Met
4016	Manage toward PFC and identified DPC on 350 miles of lotic and adjacent riparian habitat and 10,000 acres of lentic habitat to meet fish, wildlife, and special status species habitat requirements.	Collect and Analyze Information	Inventory Streams / Riparian Areas - nules	CFO	High	High	Shane Evans	BV	5	5	0	0
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Partners and projects highlighted:
 Wyoming Game & Fish Department (WGFD) &
 Bates Creek Watershed Restoration.



Any questions regarding the Matrix,
before we move into the second
part of implementing the RMP?



UPDATING THE RMP

Plan Amendments

- Geothermal Leasing in the Western U.S.
- Designation of Energy Corridors on Federal Land in the 11 Western States
- Sand Hills Comprehensive Travel & Transportation Management Plan (CTTMP).

Maintenance Actions

- Sand Hills CTTMP
- Rolling Hills Town Site
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Standard Practices

- Ownership layers
- WGFD wildlife data
- Wildlife data (internal sources)
- Wildland Fire
- Vegetation Treatments
- Conflict Administration Zones
- Recreation Access Sites
- Clean-up of Project analysis layers



Public Version of Amendments & Maintenance Actions

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The Casper RMP provides future direction for managing 1.4 million acres of BLM-administered surface land and 4.7 million acres of BLM-administered mineral estate in Converse, Goshen, Natrona and Platte counties in Wyoming.

The RMP establishes goals and objectives for resource management; identifies lands that are open or available for certain uses, including any restrictions, and lands that are closed to certain uses; provide comprehensive management direction for all resources and uses; and makes broad scale decisions guiding future site-specific implementation decisions.

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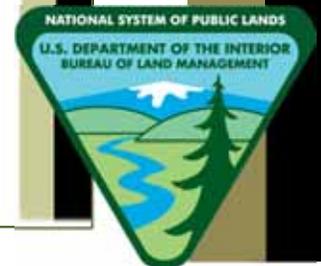
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- Socioeconomic Profile
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Plan Change No.	Name	Number	Source	Date	Synopsis of Action	Source Link	Location
2009-01	Geothermal Leasing in the Western US	D2004	Geothermal PEIS (BLM-WO-GI-09-003-1800) (FES-08-44)	12/17/2008	1)Identify public lands that are administratively and legally closed or open to leasing, and under what conditions. 2)Develop a comprehensive list of stipulations, BMPs, and procedures to serve as consistent guidance for future geothermal leasing and development on public and NFS lands. 3)Provide a reasonably foreseeable development scenario for geothermal development on Federal lands. 4)Amend BLM land use plans to adopt the resource allocations, reasonably foreseeable development scenario, stipulations, BMPs, and procedures.	http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/energy/geothermal/nationwide.html	n/a
2010-01	Designation of Energy Corridors on Federal land in the 11 Western States	D6009	West Wide Energy Corridor PEIS/ (BLM/WO-GI-09-005-1800) (DOE/EIS-0386)	1/14/2009	1)Designates energy transport corridors as preferred locations for development of energy transport projects on public lands. 2)Adopts mandatory IOPs (Interagency Operating Procedures) to meet requirements of Section 368 to expedite the permitting process (see Appendix B).	http://corridoreis.anl.gov	Casper RMP ROD Map 12
2011-01	Sand Hills Comprehensive Travel & Transportation Management Plan (CTTMP)	D7046	Sand Hills CTTMP (WY-060-EA09-04)	2/10/2010	1)Expands the Sand Hills MA boundary to the west and southwest, for Travel & Transportation purposes only, as described in the Sand Hills CTTMP.	http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/cfo/sandhills.html	Casper RMP ROD Map 13



Maintenance Spreadsheet:

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Casper Resource Management Plan (RMP), December 2007						
<i>Maintenance Actions</i>						
Plan Change No.	Name	Number	Date	Action	Source	Location
SOP	Ownership (Surface & Sub-surface)	n/a	5/4/2010	Replaced surface and sub-surface ownership layer with new data from WSO.	WSO	M:\Ownership\CFO
SOP	Greater Sage-grouse Leaks BHFCWC; 3/4 mi	D4050	10/31/2011	Replaced Sage-grouse lek data with 2011 layer from WGFD.	WGFD	M:\Planning\RMP Decisions\TLS.shp
	BHFCWC & 10% canopy cover; 4 mi outside BHFCWC; 1/4 mi	D4051				
	outside BHFCWC; 1/4 mi	D4054				
	outside BHFCWC; 2 mi	D4055				
SOP	Sage-grouse Core Areas V3	n/a	8/3/2010	Replaced Version 2 of Sage-grouse Core Breeding Areas from WY Governor's Executive Order 2010-4.	WGFD	M:\Planning\RMP Decisions\CSU.shp
SOP	Wildland Fire	n/a	11/23/2011	Updated by R. Nelson	Internal	M:\Fire\Wildland\Fire_Points.shp M:\Fire\Wildland\Fire_Polygons.shp
SOP	Raptor Nests	D4047	12/9/2010	Updated TLS shapefile from Raptor database.	Internal	M:\Planning\RMP Decisions\TLS.shp
SOP	Raptor ANS	D4057	10/31/2011	Updated NSO shapefile from Raptor database.	Internal	M:\Planning\RMP Decisions\TLS.shp
2011-01	Sand Hills Comprehensive Transportation & Travel Management Plan (CTTMP)	D6075 D7046	1/7/2011	Maintenance - Added road designations for Sand Hills Travel Managment Area (TMA); Amendment - Increased Sand Hills Managment Area (MA) for transportation and OHV designations only (see Amendments).	Sand Hills CTTMP (WY-060-EA09-04)	M:\Transportation\transportation management Area\Sand Hills\Sand Hills_CTTMP_Boundary; Also Casper RMP ROD, Map 13, as amended.



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Plan Changes:

Reference to the page and plan decision numbers

Brief description of the change to the plan and the rationale.

PLAN CHANGE NO. 2011-01

Page: 2-38 & 2-45, Record of Decision and Approved Casper
Resource Management Plan (RMP)
Decision No: 6075 & 7046

DESCRIBE EXACTLY WHAT IS TO BE DELETED, ADDED, REWRITTEN, ETC. IN MOST CASES, THE NEW TEXT SHOULD BE STATED VERBATIM.

CHANGE:

1. Implementation of designated network of roads and trails for the Sand Hills Management Area (MA), as stated in RMP Decision 6075.
2. Increased Sand Hills Management Area (MA) by 2,460 acres (total 20,090 acres) for transportation and OHV designations only; RMP Decision 7046.

DESCRIBE EXACT RATIONALE FOR THE CHANGE, TO INCLUDE REFERENCE MATERIAL (I.E., EA, RMP, IM, ETC).

REASON:

Sand Hills Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan (CTTMP). The CTTMP implemented the Transportation Plan for the Sand Hills Management Area as stated in RMP Decision 6075 and number 1 above. In addition, the Sand Hills CTTMP amended the Casper RMP as stated in number 2 above by changing the Sand Hills MA boundary for transportation and OHV designations only, which increased the acreage by 2,460 acres for a total of 20,090 acres.

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE

Specialist	_____	Date	_____
Planner	<i>Kathleen Jacko</i>	Date	<i>2-10-2010</i>
Field Manager	<i>Joseph D. Meyer</i>	Date	<i>2-10-10</i>



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In June, 2003, BLM published a "Notice of Intent" to revise the Platte River Resource Management Plan (RMP) and rename it as the Casper RMP. The approved Casper RMP and Record of Decision (ROD) was signed in December, 2007.

The Casper RMP provides future direction for managing 1.4 million acres of BLM-administered surface land and 4.7 million acres of BLM-administered mineral estate in Converse, Goshen, Natrona and Platte counties in Wyoming.

The RMP establishes goals and objectives for resource management; identifies lands that are open or available for certain uses, including any restrictions, and lands that are closed to certain uses; provide comprehensive management direction for all resources and uses; and makes broad scale decisions guiding future site-specific implementation decisions.

As part of the planning process, a supporting environmental impact statement (EIS) was prepared. Both the RMP and EIS were developed concurrently with a full range of public participation.

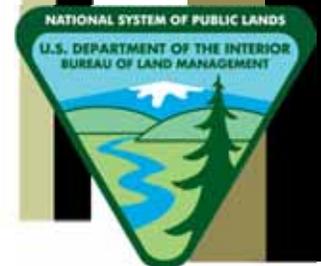
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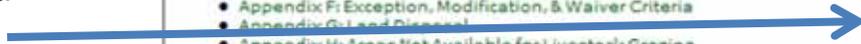
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Limited to Designated Roads and Trails		
6075	LR-4.1 LR-4.2 LR-4.3 LR-4.4 LR-4.5 LR-4.6 LR-4.7 LR-5.3 LR-5.2	<p>Motor vehicle travel in the following areas is limited to a designated network of roads and trails (196,824 199,284 acres):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sand Hills MA - Sand Hills Comprehensive Travel & Transportation Plan (CTTMP) completed 02/10/2010. RMP Amendment No. 2011-01; approved 02/10/2010. Increased boundary for transportation and OHV designations only. • Jackson Canyon ACEC • Alcorns Fossil Area ACEC • Portions of the South Bighorns Red Wall area, as mapped in the Casper Field Office GIS database. • Portions of the Bates Hole area, as mapped in the Casper Field Office GIS database. <p>To determine the authorized road network for the area, the Casper Field Office will complete a Transportation Plan within 5 years of completing this RMP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off-road travel will be allowed up to 300 feet from roads for camping, recovering game animals, collecting fire wood, picnicking, or other uses that do not require specific authorizations or permits as long as resource damage does not occur. • Other necessary tasks that require ORV travel may be allowed, as long as resource damage does not occur or new routes are not created. These tasks include, but are not limited to, such activities as geophysical exploration, maintaining range improvements, animal husbandry activities by the grazing lessee and his or her agents, and surveying ROW or other work-related tasks authorized by, or which lead to, the issuance of a permit or authorization. The authorized officer may allow necessary tasks without issuance of a formal permit. • Designation is effective upon approval of this RMP/ROD and the associated Federal Register notice. • New roads and trails will be approved on a case-by-case basis until completion of the Casper Field Office Transportation Plan.

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5009	HR.1.3	NSO entire and CSU within 300 feet of the following sites: 48NA227, 48NA940, and 48NA84. The restriction on the Rock Chim Trail in the South Bighorn Mountains is not carried forward. Additional sites may be found, which will also be NSO. RMP Maintenance No. 2011-06; Three sites added; Hell Gap (48GO305) and Patten Creek (48PL32 & 48PL68).
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Any questions about the tracking amendments & maintenance actions, updating the RMP, or Plan Changes?

