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To: District Managers and Field Managers
From: Deputy State Director, Resources Policy and Management
Subject: Stewardship of the National Hydrography and Watershed Boundary Datasets

The attached Washington Office Instruction Memorandum (IM) WO-2009-212 establishes national policy regarding the use and maintenance of the 1:24,000 scale Watershed Boundary (WBD) and National Hydrography (NHD) Datasets. As described in this IM, Wyoming BLM will utilize these datasets as standard data sources where appropriate and work cooperatively with other agencies to maintain standard data consistency and quality.

In Wyoming, the WBD was completed and certified in 2002 and the NHD was completed and certified in 2005. Under pertinent national agreements, the U. S. Geological Survey maintains and serves as the custodian for the national NHD dataset while the Natural Resources Conservation Service performs these services for the national WBD dataset.

Both the NHD and WBD datasets have been posted in the State Office server since 2002 and, as directed in a 2002 Wyoming Instruction Memorandum, have served as standard datasets for use in land health assessments, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) actions, and management decisions. These data sets are posted at the following addresses:

M:\water\statewide\NationalHydrologicDataset, and M:\water\statewide\watrshd-bnds. Each Field Office can access these datasets from the WSO server and download them as necessary to its own server.

Rick Schuler, WSO 1010 Soil/Water/Air Program Leader, will continue to serve as the primary data steward for these datasets and coordinate with other partner agencies in updating cooperative agreements as necessary. An agreement is in place with the University of Wyoming, Wyoming Geographical Information and Science Center (UW/WyGISC) for the update of the NHD on public lands as well as editing coordination with the USGS. Please contact

Rick Schuler at (307) 775-6092 or rick_schuler@blm.gov if your office has edited or anticipates editing the watershed or hydrography datasets within your area. Questions regarding maintenance and editing of these datasets should be directed to him as well.

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1 Attachment

1 - Washington Office Instruction Memorandum No. 2009-212 (5 pp.)

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