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To: District Managers

From: State Director

Subject: *Resource Management Plan (RMP) Maintenance Action:* Incorporation of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Programmatic Biological Assessment (BA) for the Colorado Butterfly Plant (*Gaura neomexicana* ssp. *coloradensis*) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Biological Opinion (BO) for Field Office (FO) Resource Management Plans (RMPs) by Maintenance Action

The attached document transmits the FWS BO issued on December 13, 2010, based on a review of potential activities and conservation measures described under current Casper and Rawlins Field Office (FO) RMPs; the Wyoming Statewide Programmatic Colorado butterfly plant BA updated on September 16, 2010; and the potential effects of these activities on the Colorado butterfly plant and designated critical habitat in accordance with BLM's 6840 manual. The FWS reviewed the Casper and Rawlins FO activity-specific determinations and was in agreement with our analysis and conservation measures, which should serve to better protect this species from further decline.

The Wyoming BLM Statewide Programmatic BA for the Colorado butterfly plant and the BO covering the FWS review can be found on the internet at:

<http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/pcp/species/t-e/gaura.html>

The preliminary determination is that this action is an RMP *Maintenance Action* as defined in 43 CFR 1610.5-4. The Casper and Rawlins BLM FOs should review their existing RMPs, the programmatic BA, and the FWS BO. If you agree with this determination, please maintain the official hard copy of your RMP within 30 days of the date of this Instruction Memorandum (IM).

Please also maintain the web-based copy of your RMP during the same timeframe. If you believe this action may require an RMP amendment, please contact Ken Peacock, Wyoming State Office, at (307) 775-6329.

If you have questions regarding this IM please contact Tyler Abbott at (307) 775-6090.

Signed by:
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Acting State Director

Authenticated by:
Sherry Dixon
Secretary

2 Attachments:

- 1 - Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion (ES-61411/WY10F0442b) (40 pp.)
- 2 - BLM Wyoming Programmatic Biological Assessment of the Colorado Butterfly Plant (September 2005, with final edits on September 16, 2010) (78 pp.)

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