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To: Field Managers and Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands

From: Associate State Director

Subject: Resource Management Plan (RMP) Maintenance Action: Incorporation of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Programmatic Biological Assessment (BA) for Bald Eagle and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Biological Opinion (BO) into Field Office RMPs.

Attached is a copy of the Wyoming BLM Statewide Programmatic BO for the Federally threatened bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) issued in accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et. seq.). The attached document transmits the FWS biological opinion based on a review of potential activities described under the RMPs of the BLM in Wyoming, and their potential effects on the bald eagle. This document also transmits the Service's concurrence with the "not likely to adversely affect" and "no effect" determinations presented in the August 2003 Bald Eagle Statewide Programmatic BA. Please view the programmatic bald eagle BA on the internet at www.wy.blm.gov/wildlife/biodocs.htm.

The preliminary determination is that this action is an RMP Maintenance Action as defined in 43 CFR 1610.5-4. All Wyoming Field Offices should review their existing RMPs, the Programmatic BA, and FWS Biological Opinion. If you agree with the preliminary 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. Contact Bill Daniels, Wyoming State Office, at (307) 775-6105 or Karen Smith at Argonne National Laboratory (303) 986-1140 ext 267 for information updating this platform. If you believe this action may require an RMP amendment, please contact Walt George, Wyoming State Office, at (307) 775-6116.

If you have further questions regarding this IM, please contact Jeff Carroll at (307) 775-6090.

/s/ Alan L. Kesterke

1 - Attachment

1 - Fish and Wildlife Service Memorandum (ES-61411/W.02/WY7682b) and Biological Opinion (ES-6-WY-04-F002) (58 pp.)