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To: Field Managers, Casper and Rawlins, and Deputy State Director, (920)

From: State Director

Subject: Resource Management Plan (RMP) Maintenance Action: Incorporation of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Programmatic Biological Evaluation (BE) for the Western Boreal Toad (*Bufo boreas boreas*) (Southern Rocky Mountain Population) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Review into the Great Divide and Platte River RMPs

The attached document transmits the FWS Review (dated June 7, 2005) based on a review of potential activities and conservation measures described under the Wyoming BLM's Great Divide and Platte River RMPs and the statewide Programmatic BE for the Western Boreal Toad, Southern Rocky Mountain Population (SRMP) in Wyoming, and their potential effects on the toad in accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended

(16 U.S.C. 1531 et. seq. and 50 CFR §402.10). Because the Western Boreal Toad SRMP is a *candidate* species under the ESA, the FWS does not provide "concurrence" with the Bureau's impact determinations presented in the April 2005 statewide Programmatic BE, however the FWS has provided a written review of the BE. The FWS is in agreement with our proactive analysis and proactive conservation measures that should serve to better protect the toad from further decline and help reduce the need to list the species. The Wyoming BLM Statewide Programmatic BE for the Western Boreal Toad SRMP can be found on the internet at <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Wildlife.html>.

The preliminary determination is that the information provided in the Western Boreal Toad SRMP BE and FWS Review is new information and the most appropriate action is to update your RMPs through a *Maintenance Action* as defined in 43 CFR 1610.5-4. The Casper and Rawlins Field Offices should review their respective existing RMP (Great Divide and Platte River RMPs), the Programmatic BE, and FWS Review. 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. 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/ Robert A. Bennett

1 Attachment:

1 - Fish and Wildlife Service Memorandum (ES-61411/W.02/WY9488c) "Acknowledgement of receipt and review of the Western Boreal Toad Biological Evaluation." (18 pp.)