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To: Field Managers Cody, Kemmerer, Lander, Pinedale, Rock Springs, Worland and Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands  
From: Associate State Director  
Subject: Resource Management Plan (RMP) Maintenance Action: Incorporation of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Programmatic Biological Assessment (BA) for the Rocky Mountain Experimental Non-Essential Population of the Gray Wolf and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Informal Conference (IC) into Field Office RMPs.

The attached document transmits the FWS Informal Conference (concurrence) based on a review of potential activities and conservation measures described under the Cody, Kemmerer, Lander, Pinedale, Rock Springs, and Worland RMPs of the BLM and the statewide Programmatic Gray Wolf Biological Assessment (BA) in Wyoming and their potential effects on the Rocky Mountain Experimental Non-Essential Population of the Gray Wolf 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). The FWS concurred with the “will not jeopardize the continued existence of the gray wolf” determination presented in the September 2004 Gray Wolf Statewide Programmatic BA.

The Wyoming BLM Statewide Programmatic BA for the Rocky Mountain Experimental Non-Essential Population of the Gray Wolf and the Informal Conference response memorandum from the FWS can be found on the on the internet at <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Wildlife.html> .

The preliminary determination is that this action is an RMP *Maintenance Action* as defined in 43 CFR 1610.5-4. The Cody, Kemmerer, Lander, Pinedale, Rock Springs, and Worland Field Offices should review their existing RMPs, the Programmatic BA, and the FWS Informal Conference memorandum. 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.

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1 Attachment:  
1 - Fish and Wildlife Service Memorandum (ES-61411/W.02/WY8797) with concurrence statement. (21 pp.)