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BLM Rock Springs RMP Mineral Potential Report Available

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Rock Springs Field Office (RSFO) Resource Management Plan (RMP) Solid Mineral Occurrence and Development Potential Report is now available.

The Solid Mineral Occurrence and Development Potential Report assesses solid leasable, locatable and saleable minerals within the Rock Springs planning area and the importance of these resources in future land use decisions. The report does not include oil, gas, and coal bed natural gas resources in the Rock Springs planning area. Those resources will be analyzed in a future report.

The Rock Springs RMP revision and associated Environment Impact Statement (EIS) process began in February 2011. A comprehensive travel and transportation management plan was incorporated into the planning effort in October 2012. The EIS will analyze the impacts of various resource uses and include alternatives for managing approximately 3.6 million surface land acres and 3.5 million acres of mineral estate administered by the BLM in portions of Lincoln, Sweetwater, Uinta, Sublette and Fremont counties in southwestern Wyoming.

For more information, please contact William West, RMP Project Manager, at 307-352-0259.

Note to editor: A copy of the report can be found at: www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/rmps/RockSprings/docs.html.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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