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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Rock Springs Field Office will be hosting an economic strategies workshop as part of the initial stages, and continued outreach effort, of our resource management planning (RMP) process. The objectives of this workshop include:

1. Reviewing and discussing historical and current local and regional economic and social conditions and trends and identifying any existing factors that may impact these conditions in the future;
2. Reviewing and discussing the influence of BLM-administered lands on local and regional economic activity and discussing the dependency of the local/regional economy on BLM lands and minerals management;
3. Assisting community members to identify desired economic and social conditions; and
4. Collaborating to identify opportunities to advance local economic and social goals through planning and policy decisions within the authority of BLM, cooperating agencies, or other partners.

Successful resource management must involve those communities close to public lands. This workshop is an excellent way to promote understanding of how the social and economic analysis fits into the BLM RMP process. We feel you would be a valuable participant at this workshop and would like to directly extend an invitation to you.

The workshop will be held January 9, 2012 at the Holiday Inn in Rock Springs, Wyoming. It will begin promptly at 6:00 PM and conclude at 8:30 PM. BLM will be available following the workshop to answer any additional questions.

If you are interested in attending the workshop, please contact Darren Cook at (307)352-0241 or [decook@blm.gov](mailto:decook@blm.gov). If you have any questions specific to the Rock Springs RMP Revision, please contact Lynn Harrison, RMP Team Leader at (307) 352-0259 or [vharrison@blm.gov](mailto:vharrison@blm.gov).

Sincerely,

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# **Agenda**

## ***Socioeconomic Strategies Workshop***

**January 9<sup>th</sup>  
2012**

- 6:00 **Welcome, Introductions and Expectations**
- Brief introduction to the workshop and its purpose.
  - Explanation of where we are in the planning process and how this workshop will be part of that process.
- 6:20 **Overview of land use decisions to be made**
- Overview of land use decisions to be made in the Rock Springs FO RMP.
- 6:30 **Area Social and Economic Conditions and trends**
- What trends have you observed? What questions, issues, or concerns do you have about the county's economy? What's the relationship to public lands?
  - Proposals, initiatives, and trends that the audience foresees influencing land use decisions to be made.
- 7:00 **BLM Land Uses that Influence Local Economic Activity**
- Brief overview of current BLM management and dependency of local economy on those activities
- 7:20 **Break**
- 7:30 **Group Discussion**
- How are you (and the interests you represent) being affected now by activities that occur on BLM managed lands (either positively or negatively)?
  - What are your and your community's economic or community development aspirations for the future? How does the management of BLM lands relate to those aspirations?
  - What works well, or not so well, in terms of how these lands are currently being managed?
  - What are your hopes or concerns in looking forward in regards to future activities on BLM lands and/or the management of those lands?
- 8:25 **Information Request & Evaluation**
- Please help us identify and provide us with contact information for local leaders, stakeholders and industry representatives who we can contact to discuss topics applicable to this RMP.
  - Evaluation of the workshop
- 8:30 **Closure and Thanks**

**BLM staff will be available after the workshop to answer questions**