

Buffalo Field Office Draft RMP Revision



Objectives

Presentation

- Explain the RMP
- Identify the public's role



Meeting

- Staff available for discussion
- Accept written comments



Federal Land Policy & Mgmt. Act

The Congress declares that it is the policy that...

(2) the national interest will be best realized if the public lands and their resources are periodically and systematically inventoried and their **present and future use is projected through a land use planning process ...**



Federal Land Policy & Mgmt. Act

The Secretary shall, with public involvement ... **develop, maintain, and revise land use plans** which provide for the use of the public lands.

- (1) use the principles of multiple use & sustained yield;
- (2) use a systematic interdisciplinary approach;
- (3) give priority to the protection of areas of critical environmental concern;



Federal Land Policy & Mgmt. Act

The Secretary shall (continued) ...

- (4) inventory the public lands, their resources, and other values;
- (5) consider present & potential uses;
- (6) consider the relative scarcity of the values;
- (7) weigh long-term benefits;
- (8) comply with State & Federal pollution laws;
- (9) coordinate with other Federal agencies, the States, and local governments.



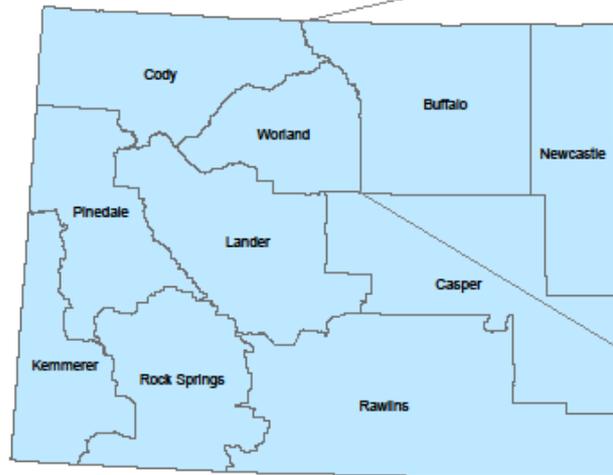
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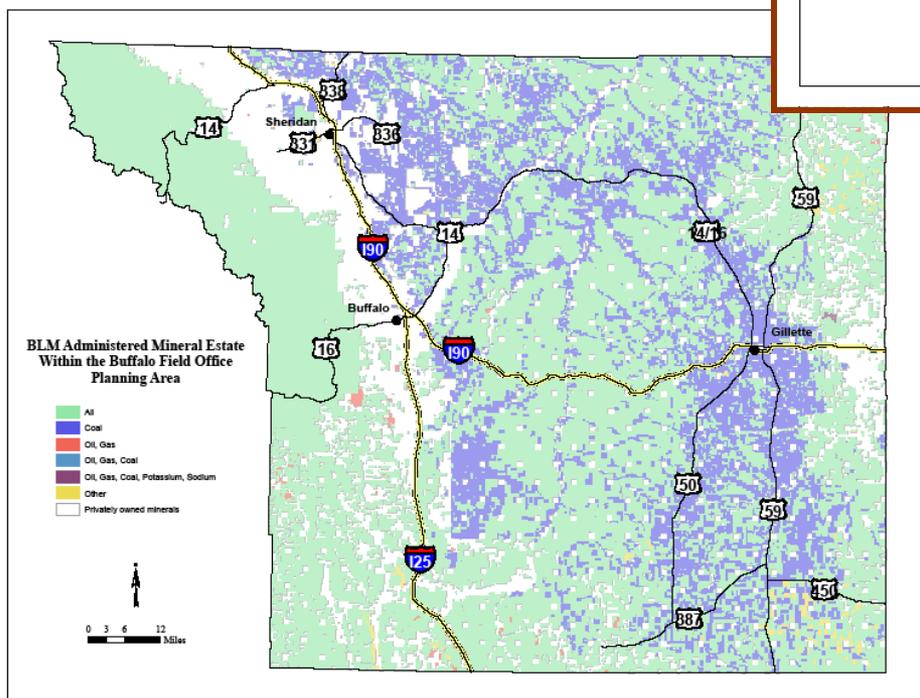
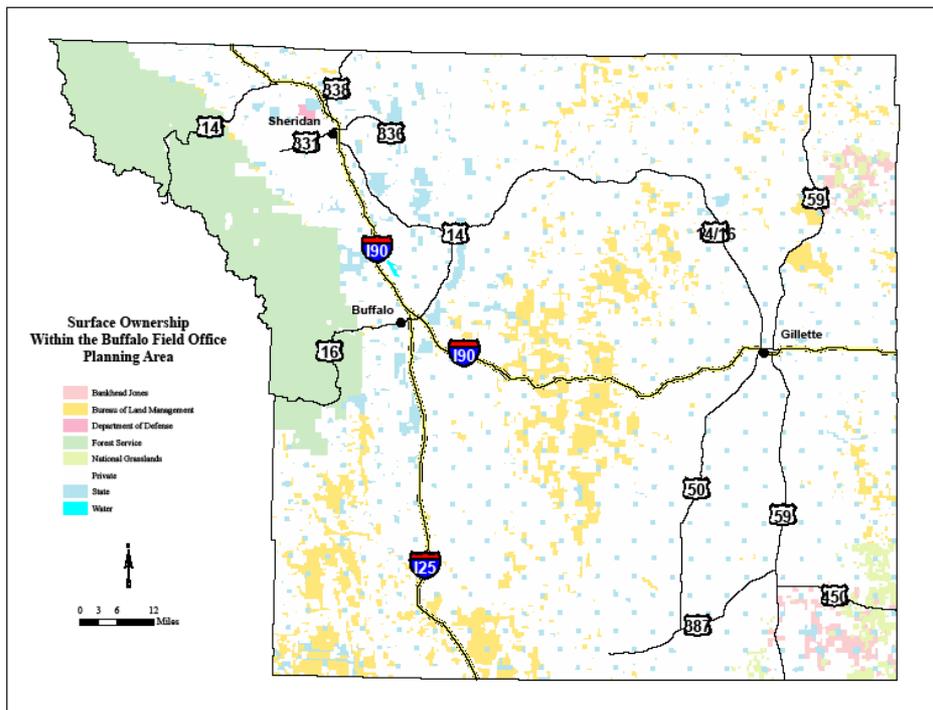
Buffalo Planning Area



PLANNING AREA

7.3 million acres

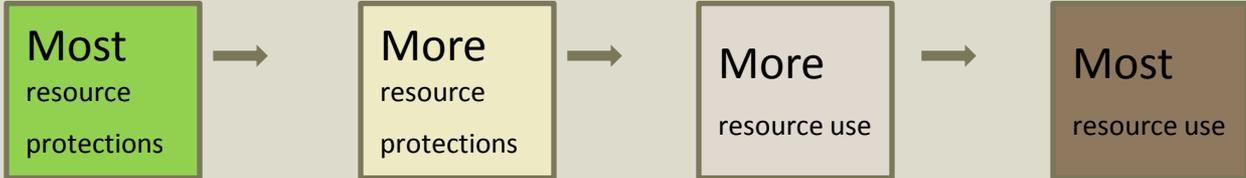
- **782,000** acres of public land surface
- **4.8-million** acres of Federal mineral estate



KEY PLANNING ISSUES

- Energy and Mineral Resources, including significant coal and oil & gas resources
- Vegetation and Habitat Management, including Greater Sage-Grouse habitat
- Land Ownership Adjustments, Access and Transportation
- Special Designations

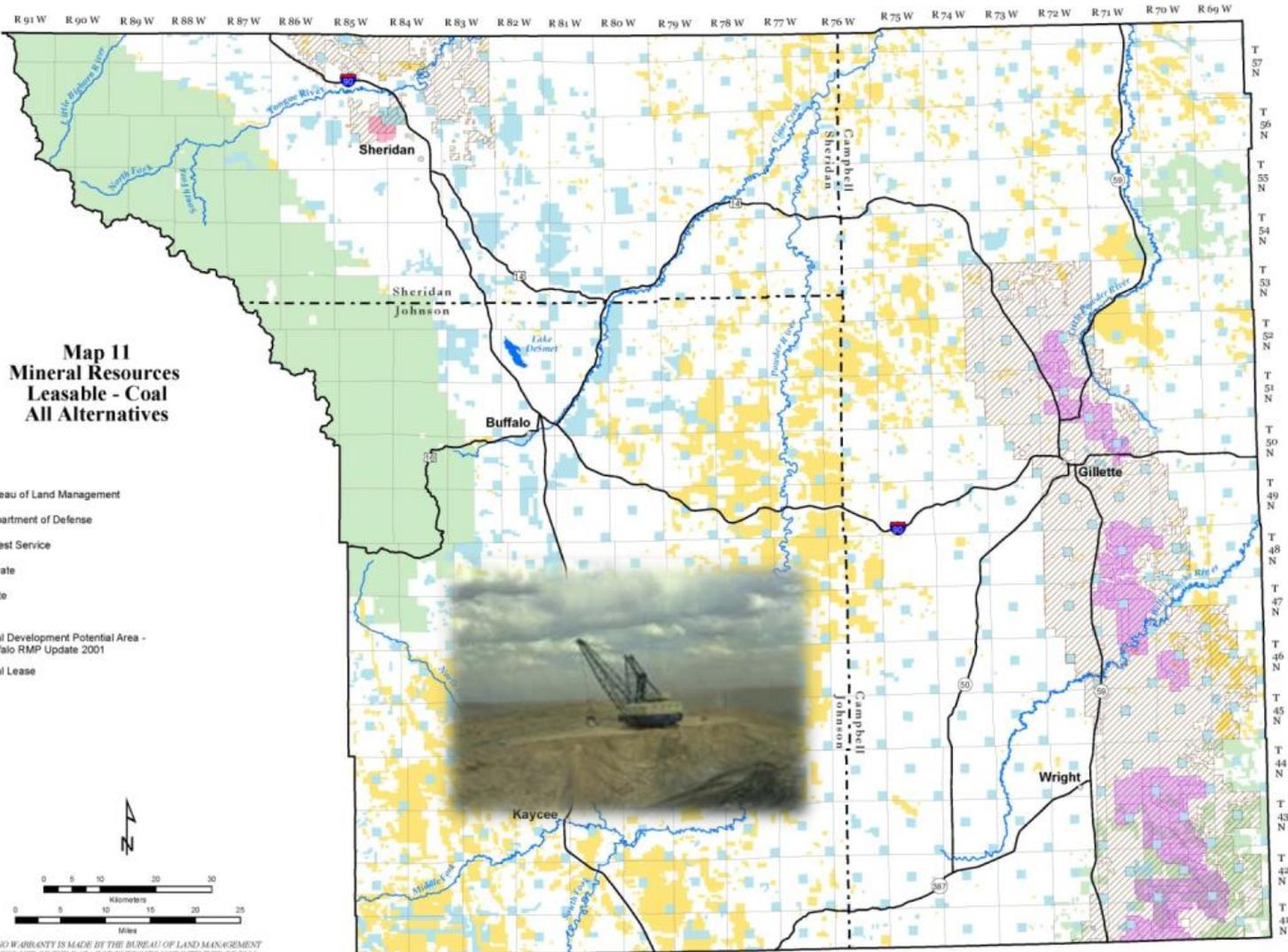




Alternatives	Resource Conservation (Alternative B)	Preferred Alternative (Alternative D)	Existing Management (Alternative A)	Resource Use (Alternative C)
Resource Protections	Maximize resource protection even if economic development limited	Landscape-scale resource conservation	Site level resource conservation	Resource protection limited to statutory requirements (NHPA, ESA); no ACECs
Resource Utilization	Limited opportunity for mineral and realty development	Emphasize multiple use development areas	Development and ROWs allowed throughout planning area.	Resource use developed to fullest extent.

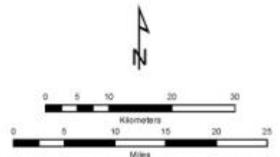


Coal Development Potential



**Map 11
Mineral Resources
Leasable - Coal
All Alternatives**

- Bureau of Land Management
- Department of Defense
- Forest Service
- Private
- State
- Coal Development Potential Area - Buffalo RMP Update 2001
- Coal Lease



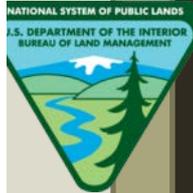
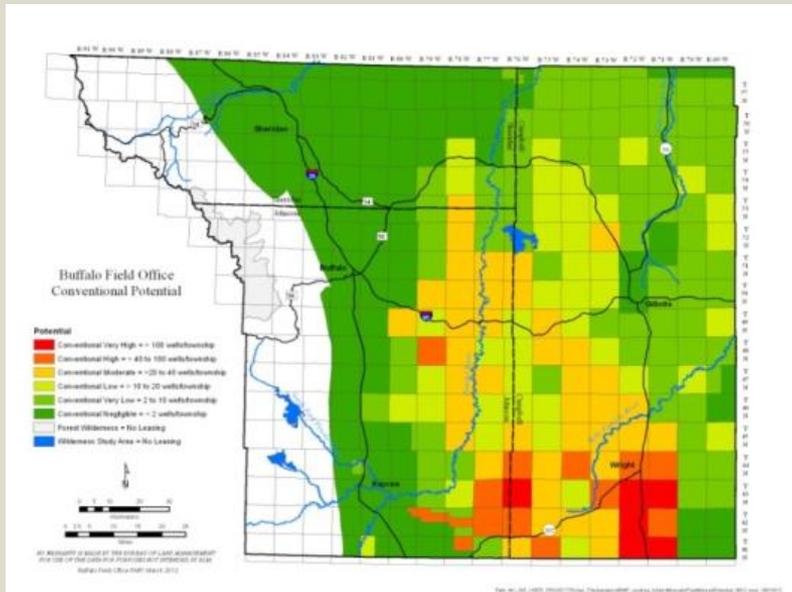
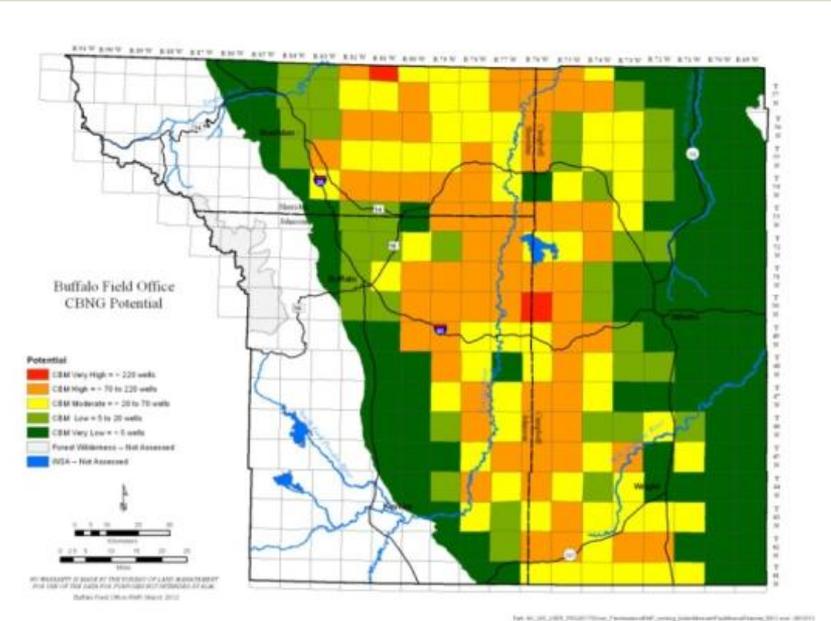
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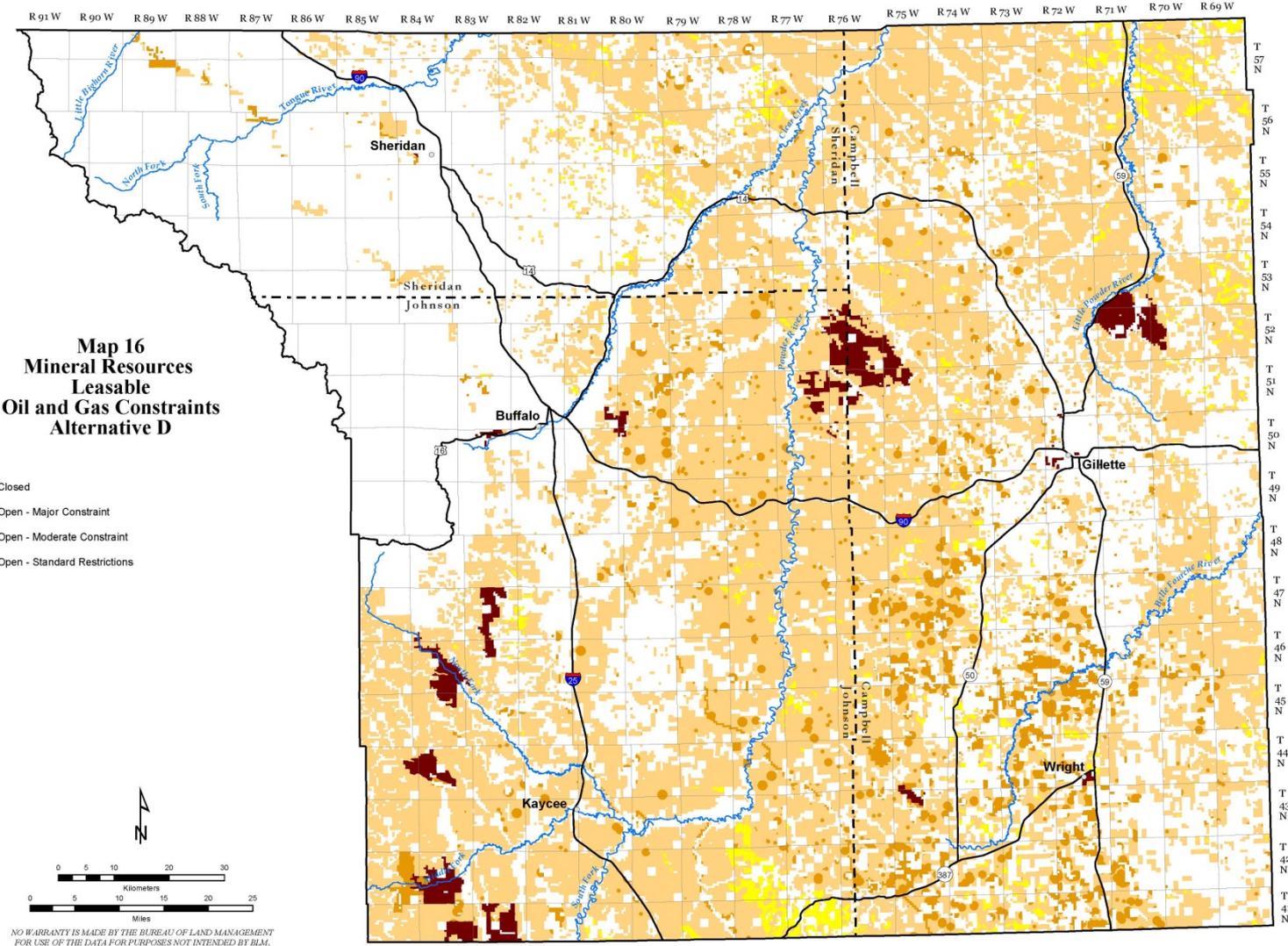
Fluid Mineral Development Potential

CBNG	Acres	Percent
Very High	34,636	0
High	1,431,276	19
Moderate	1,273,288	17
Low	837,101	11
Very Low	2,050,357	28
None	1,729,784	24

Conv.	Acres	Percent
Very High	128,962	2
High	274,797	4
Moderate	917,973	12
Low	948,637	13
Very Low	1,729,547	24
Negligible	2,050,165	28
None	1,306,560	18

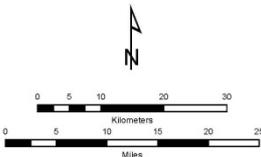


Fluid Mineral Development Constraints



Map 16
Mineral Resources
Leasable
Oil and Gas Constraints
Alternative D

- Closed
- Open - Major Constraint
- Open - Moderate Constraint
- Open - Standard Restrictions



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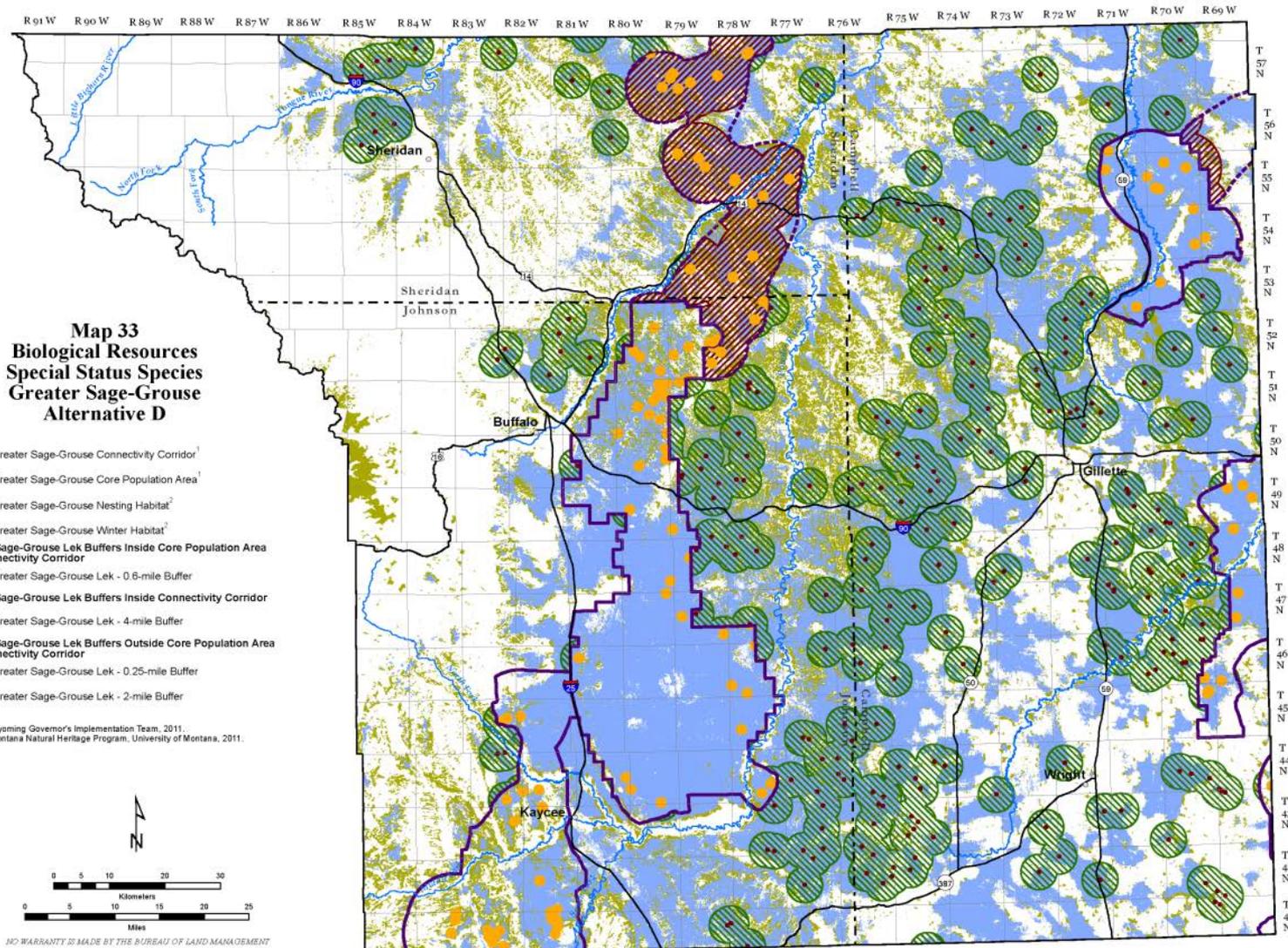
Greater Sage-Grouse Management

No Action A	WO IM/Citizen B	C	WY EO/WYSO IM D
Leks	Landscape Habitat	Local Habitat	Priority Habitat
0.25 mi lek CSU	4.0 mi lek NSO	0.25 mi lek CSU	.25 - 0.6 mi lek NSO
2 mi lek TLS	4+ mi nesting TLS	2 mi lek TLS	2 - 4 mi nesting TLS
no winter TLS	4+ mi winter TLS	winter conc. TLS	winter conc. TLS
no disturbance cap	3% disturbance cap	no disturbance cap	5% disturbance cap
reclamation	restore sagebrush	reclamation	restore sagebrush
No ACEC	ACEC (4 mi leks)	No ACEC	No ACEC
Range Standards	Retire Allotments	Range Standards	Range Standards

WO IM 2012-044, WY IM 2012-019, & public-proposed actions incorporated.
National Policy Team Approval – November 2012



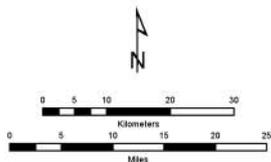
Greater Sage-Grouse Alternative D



Map 33
Biological Resources
Special Status Species
Greater Sage-Grouse
Alternative D

- Greater Sage-Grouse Connectivity Corridor¹
- Greater Sage-Grouse Core Population Area¹
- Greater Sage-Grouse Nesting Habitat²
- Greater Sage-Grouse Winter Habitat²
- Greater Sage-Grouse Lek Buffers Inside Core Population Area and Connectivity Corridor**
- Greater Sage-Grouse Lek - 0.6-mile Buffer
- Greater Sage-Grouse Lek Buffers Inside Connectivity Corridor
- Greater Sage-Grouse Lek - 4-mile Buffer
- Greater Sage-Grouse Lek Buffers Outside Core Population Area and Connectivity Corridor**
- Greater Sage-Grouse Lek - 0.25-mile Buffer
- Greater Sage-Grouse Lek - 2-mile Buffer

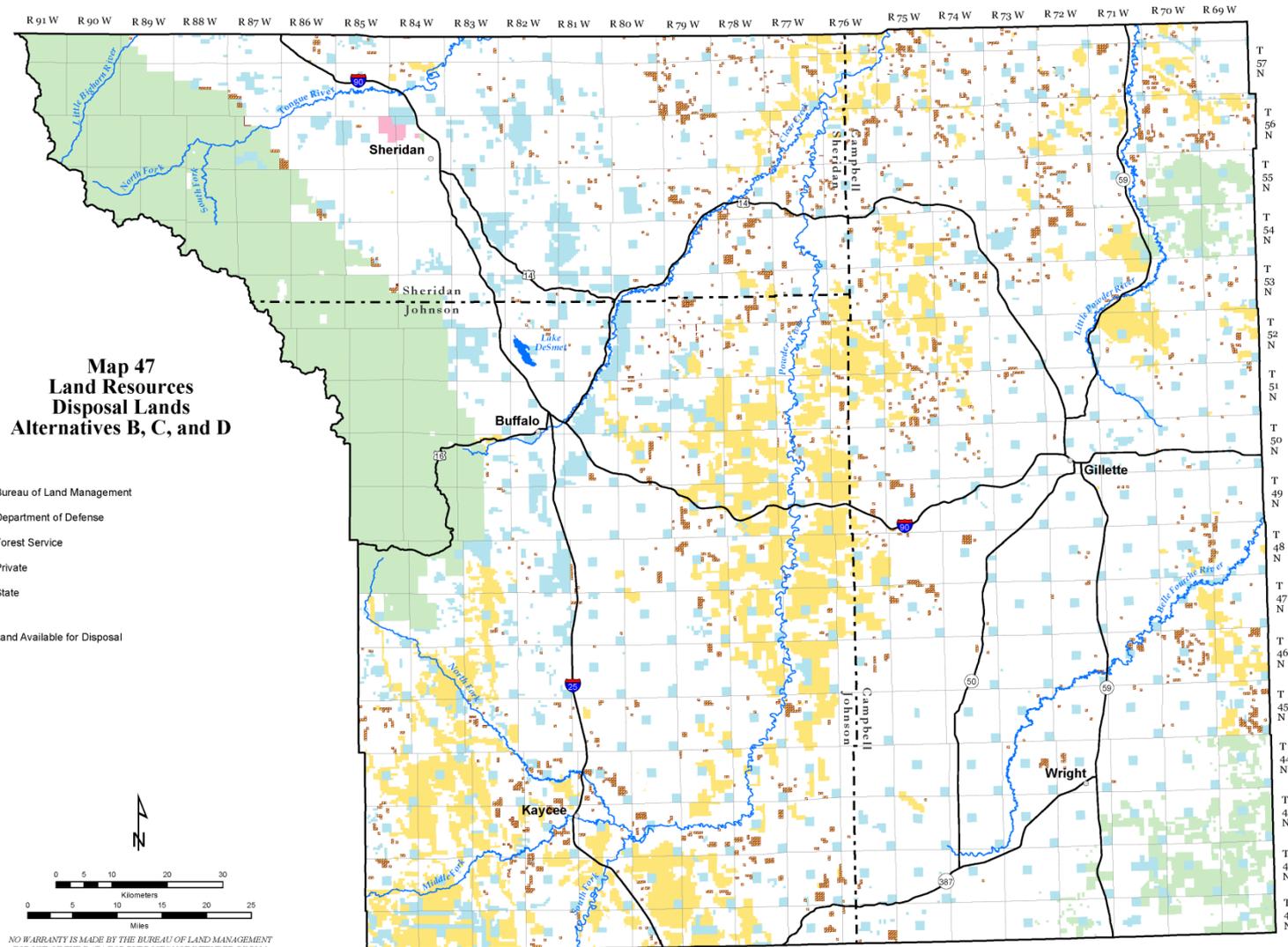
¹Source: Wyoming Governor's Implementation Team, 2011.
²Source: Montana Natural Heritage Program, University of Montana, 2011.



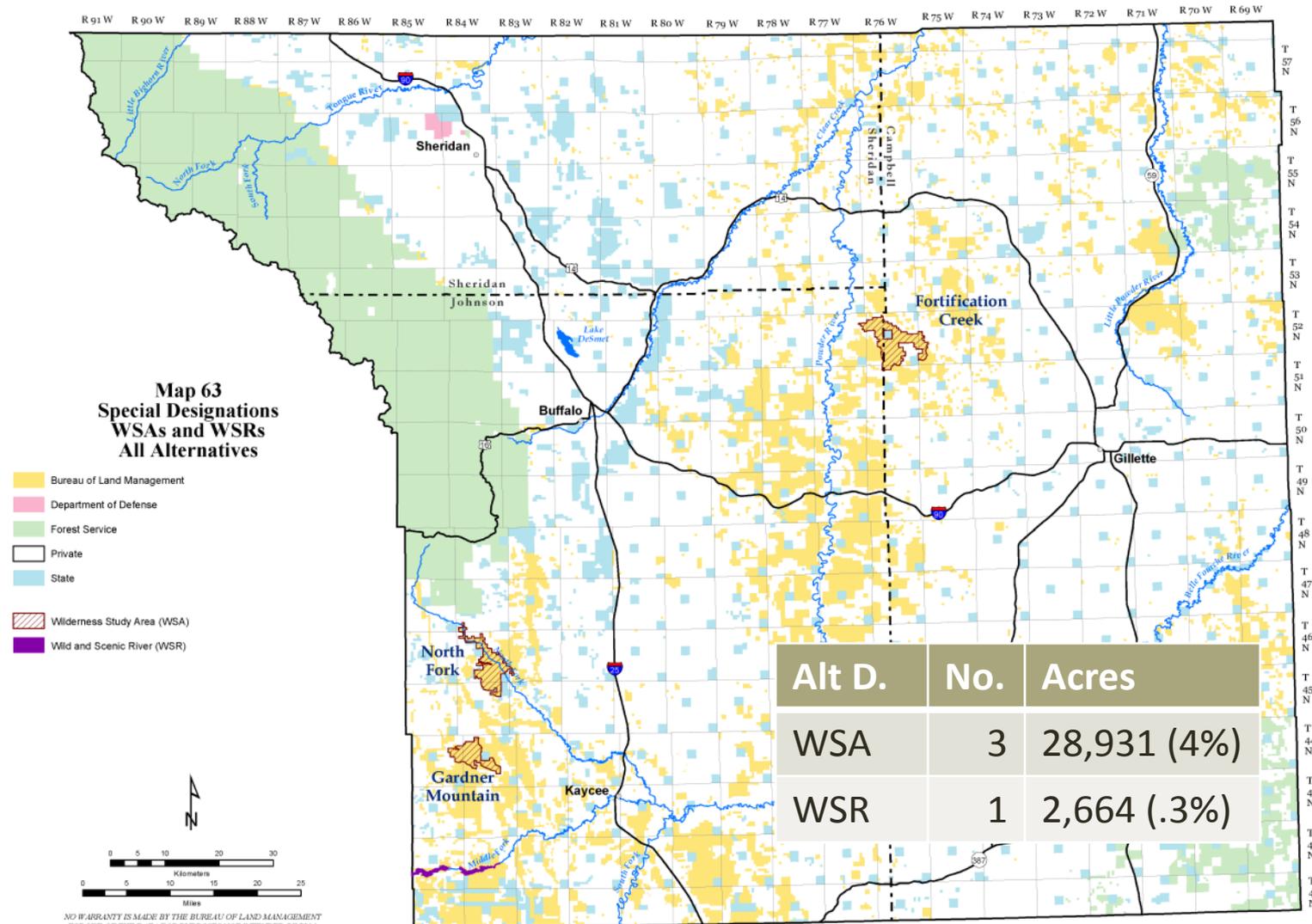
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Lands Ownership Adjustments & Access



WSAs, and WSRs



Map 63
Special Designations
WSAs and WSRs
All Alternatives

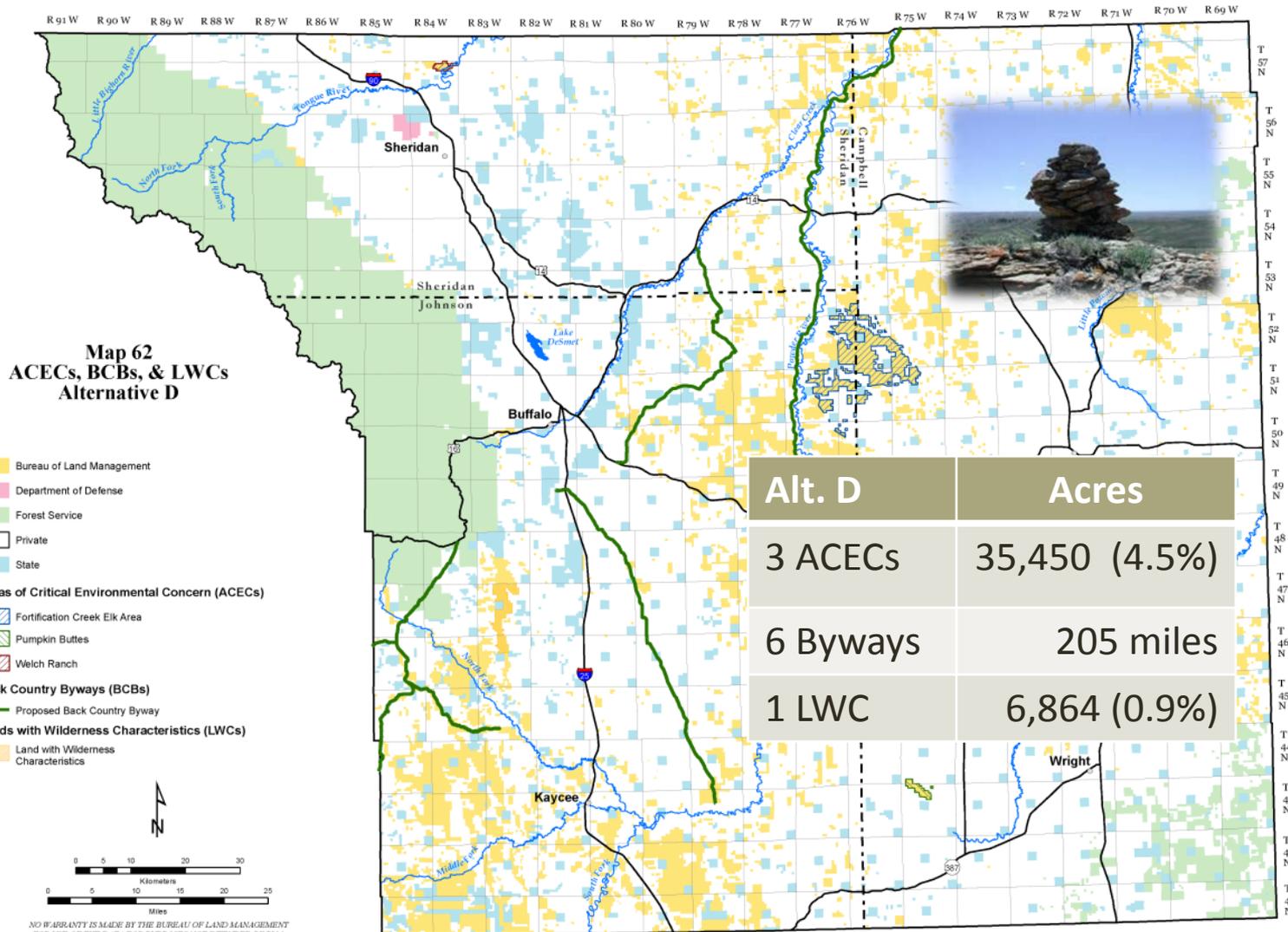
- Bureau of Land Management
- Department of Defense
- Forest Service
- Private
- State
- Wilderness Study Area (WSA)
- Wild and Scenic River (WSR)

Alt D.	No.	Acres
WSA	3	28,931 (4%)
WSR	1	2,664 (.3%)



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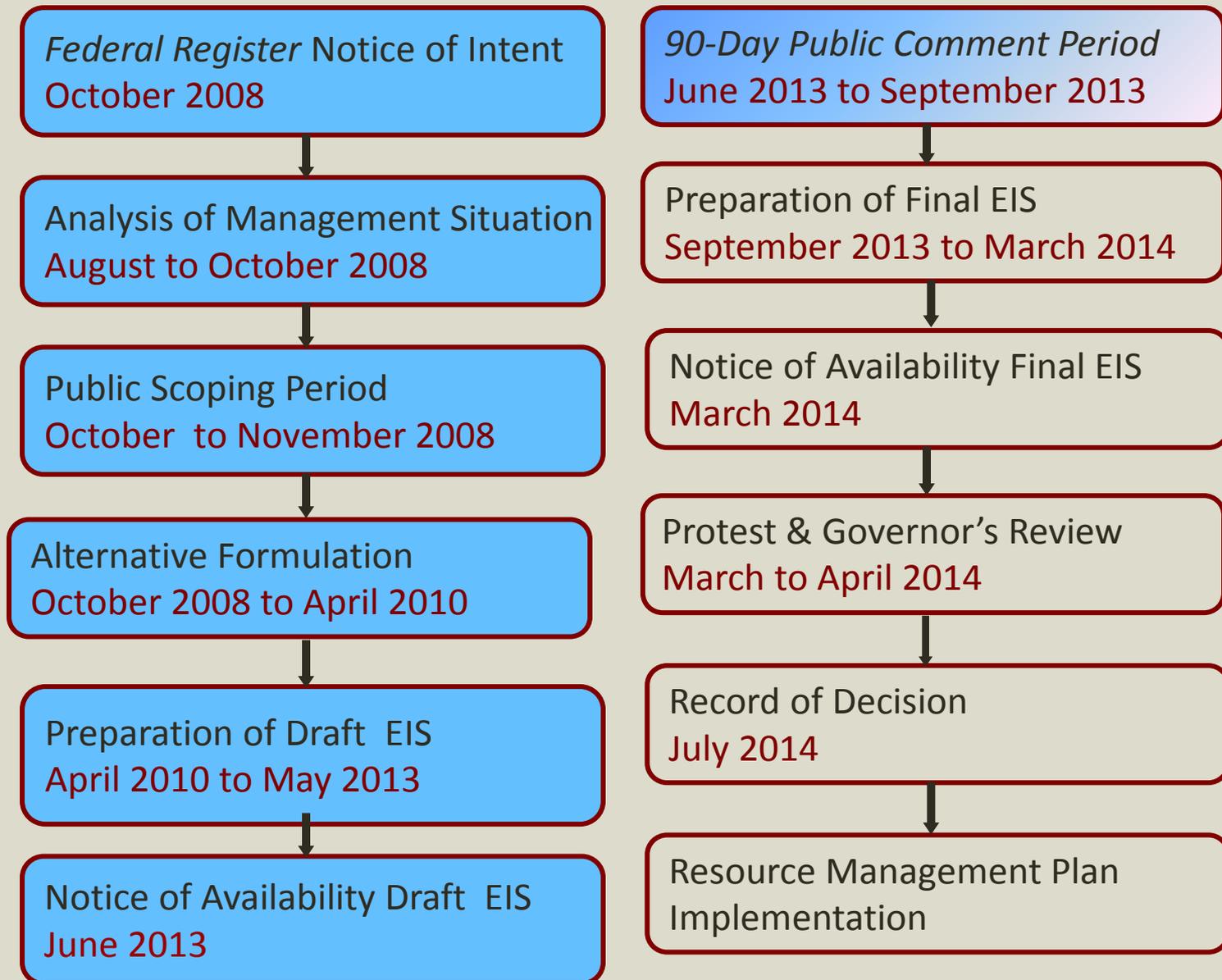
ACECs, Byways & Wilderness Character



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Buffalo RMP Schedule



Meeting Process

- Four meetings: Kaycee, Gillette, Buffalo, Sheridan.
- Formal presentations at 4:00, 6:00.
- BLM staff available.
- Accept written comments.



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