

Participants and Collaboration in the RMP Process

A number of BLM staff will be involved in the preparation of the RMP throughout all levels of the organization. Because a small portion of the planning area for this RMP revision involves the BFO, specialists from that office will participate during scoping, alternative development and other key milestones of the planning process. Special expertise and review will be required from the Montana State Office during various steps of the process. Involvement from both the interdisciplinary team and management team help ensure a successful planning process.

Management Team: The management team will be the Montana State Director, Central Montana District Manager, Lewistown Field Manager, Assistant Field Manager, and RMP Project Manager, with respective responsibilities as follows.

State Director: Approves preparation plan, distributes appropriated funds to complete the planning effort, approves documents for publication and files draft and final EIS with EPA, signs Record of Decision for EIS and approves RMP.

District Manager/Field Manager: Ensures availability of appropriate personnel to complete the planning effort, briefs State Director on plan progress, approves planning criteria.

Field Manager/Assistant Field Manager: Sets priorities for planning effort, serves as lead for public participation, manages budget, supervises RMP Team, provides direction for plan, and coordinates with collaborators.

Project Manager: Implements priorities for completing planning effort, provides oversight of plan details, serves as contract officer technical representative (COTR), leads RMP Team in developing RMP and EIS.

Interdisciplinary Team: The interdisciplinary team will be composed of a core team of specialists dedicated to the RMP effort. Staff specialists from across the Field Office will support the core team as necessary. Table 4 identifies the core team and those specialists necessary to support the core team. The team is directed by the Project Manager, who has primary responsibilities in public outreach, oversight on contracts for the collection of data, directing inventory needs, and alternative formulation, as well as ensuring data accuracy, analysis, and document preparation.

Table 4. Lewistown RMP Interdisciplinary Team

Interdisciplinary Team	
Project Manager	Public Affairs
Technical Writer/Writer-Editor	Air Quality Specialist
GIS Specialist	Realty Specialist
Outdoor Recreation Planner	Geologist
Wildlife Biologist	Fire Management Specialist
Rangeland Management Specialist	Sociologist/Economist
Hydrologist	Forester
Soil Scientist	Botanist
Petroleum Engineer	Civil Engineer
Natural Resource Specialist	Physical Scientist
Cultural Resource Specialist	Fish Biologist