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Decision No: Conservation Measures Committed to by Bureau

DESCRIBE EXACTLY WHAT IS TO BE DELETED, ADDED, REWRITTEN, ETC. IN MOST CASES, THE NEW TEXT SHOULD BE STATED VERBATIM.

CHANGE: Per IM-2007-018 Incorporation of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Programmatic Biological Evaluation (BE) for the Mountain Plover (Charadrius montanus) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Inter-agency Coordination Memorandum into Field Office (FO) Resource Management Plans (RMPs) by Maintenance Action

Add Conservation Measures (CM) from IM WY-2007-018

CM 5. The Bureau will use the plover project screen (RCTT 2004a,b) in the preliminary analysis of the impacts associated with proposed projects in areas with occupied or potential mountain plover habitat. This multi-agency document is designed to quickly determine if the effects of a proposed action need alterations in order to avoid impacts to the species.

CM 6. Implement the Mountain Plover Survey Guidelines when surface-disturbing activities are proposed in suitable mountain plover nesting habitats. No ground-disturbing activities shall occur in suitable nesting habitat prior to surveys conducted. Specifically, the Bureau will establish a 0.25-mile buffer around occupied mountain plover nests and include timing restrictions to protect the species. In cases where an exception will be provided to the proponent during the April 10 to July 10 breeding and nesting time period, Bureau personnel will adhere to approved protocols describing survey protocol for exceptions.

CM 7 Building on previous research and census efforts (Plumb et al. 2005), continue to census and monitor the mountain plover population on Bureau-administered lands in Wyoming.

DESCRIBE EXACT RATIONALE FOR THE CHANGE, TO INCLUDE REFERENCE MATERIAL (I.E., EA, RMP, IM, ETC).

REASON:

The conservation measures noted above will hereafter by utilized in all new land use and activity plan development (including revisions) and other resource management implementation actions (authorizations and projects) that involve activities that may impact species or habitats addressed in the conservation measures on BLM administered Public Lands in the Newcastle Field Office Planning area. These measures are based on current information and may be subject to change in the future based upon new information.

Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is part of the planning process and incorporating conservation measures resulting from consultation are part of the planning process and compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE

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To: Field Managers

From: Associate State Director

Subject: *Resource Management Plan (RMP) Maintenance Action:* Incorporation of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Programmatic Biological Evaluation (BE) for the Mountain Plover (*Charadrius montanus*) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Inter-agency Coordination Memorandum into Field Office (FO) Resource Management Plans (RMPs) by Maintenance Action

The attached document transmits the FWS inter-agency coordination memorandum based on a review of potential activities and conservation measures described under all current Wyoming BLM RMPs (except the Snake River RMP) and the Wyoming statewide Programmatic mountain plover BE, and the potential effects of these activities on the mountain plover in accordance with BLM's 6840 manual. The FWS reviewed all of BLM's activity specific determinations and was in agreement with our proactive analysis and proactive conservation measures, which should serve to better protect this species from further decline.

The Wyoming BLM Statewide Programmatic BE for the mountain plover and the inter-agency coordination memorandum covering the FWS review can be found on the on the internet at www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Wildlife/mtn-plover.html.

The preliminary determination is that this action is an RMP *Maintenance Action* as defined in 43 CFR 1610.5-4. All Wyoming BLM FOs should review their existing RMPs, the programmatic BE, and the FWS inter-agency coordination memorandum. If you agree with this 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 Ken Peacock, Wyoming State Office, at (307) 775-6329.

If you have further questions regarding this IM, please contact Jeff Carroll at (307) 775-6090.

/s/Donald A. Simpson

2 Attachments:

1. Fish and Wildlife Service Memorandum (ES-61411/W.02/WY07FA0290) (24 pp.)
2. BLM Wyoming Programmatic Biological Evaluation of the Mountain Plover (9 March 2007) (110 pp.)