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Jack Morrow Hills CAP

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Dear Reader:

Attached for your review is the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Jack Morrow Hills Coordinated Activity Plan (JMH CAP). This document presents the Proposed JMH CAP for managing the BLM-administered public lands and resources in the planning area. The JMH CAP planning area includes approximately 574,800 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered public land surface and mineral estate in Sweetwater, Fremont, and Sublette Counties, Wyoming. The Proposed JMH CAP is a refinement of the preferred alternative presented in the supplemental draft EIS published in February 2003.

Parts of the Proposed JMH CAP that would amend the Green River Resource Management Plan (RMP) may be protested by parties who participated in the planning process and who have an interest that is, or might be, adversely affected by the approval of the decisions that amend the Green River RMP (43 CFR 1610.5-2). Management actions that may be protested are indicated in underlined italics in Chapter 2, Section 2.7, and in Table 2-1 under the Proposed JMH CAP.

Examples of those Proposed JMH CAP decisions that would amend the Green River RMP include--

- New withdrawals from mineral location;
- New or expanded special management area and ACEC designations;
- Modified visual resource management designations;
- Modified off-road (highway) vehicle designations;
- New and modified mineral leasing, mineral sales, and mineral location decisions;
- New and modified right-of-way avoidance and exclusion areas;
- New and modified protective measures for heritage resources;
- New and modified protective measures for wildlife habitats.

Protests sent by surface mail to:

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Director (210)
Attn: Ms. Brenda Williams
Protest Coordinator
P.O. Box 66538
Washington, DC. 20035

Protests sent overnight mail to:

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Director (210)
Protest Coordinator (WO-210),
1620 L Street, NW, Room 1075
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Protests must be postmarked within 30 days after the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the filing notice for this final EIS in the *Federal Register*. Protests must contain--

- The name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest;
- A statement of the issue or issues being protested;
- A statement of the part or parts of the plan being protested;
- A copy of all documents addressing the issue, or issues, that were submitted during the planning process by the protesting party, or an indication of the date the issue or issues were discussed for the record; and
- A concise statement explaining why the proposed management plan is believed to be wrong.

At the end of the 30-day protest period, the decisions in the Proposed JMH CAP that would amend the Green River RMP, excluding any portion under protest, will become final. Approval will be withheld on any portion of the plan under protest until final action on the protest has been completed. Any significant change made as a result of a protest will be made available for public review and comment before it is approved.

Freedom of Information Act Considerations: Public submissions for this planning effort, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review in their entirety, after the protest period closes, at the Rock Springs Field Office during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If a respondent wishes to withhold his or her name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, the respondent must state this prominently at the beginning of the submission. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals or officials representing organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

All other decisions in the Proposed JMH CAP are activity- or implementation-level planning decisions and, because they are not implemented by approval of the JMH CAP, they are not subject to protest. Such decisions will be appealable at some future date when they are proposed for on-the-ground implementation. Examples of proposed implementation-level decisions include placing of salt blocks 500 feet from streams and location of interpretive and directional signs.

Thank you for your participation in this planning effort.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Bennett
State Director