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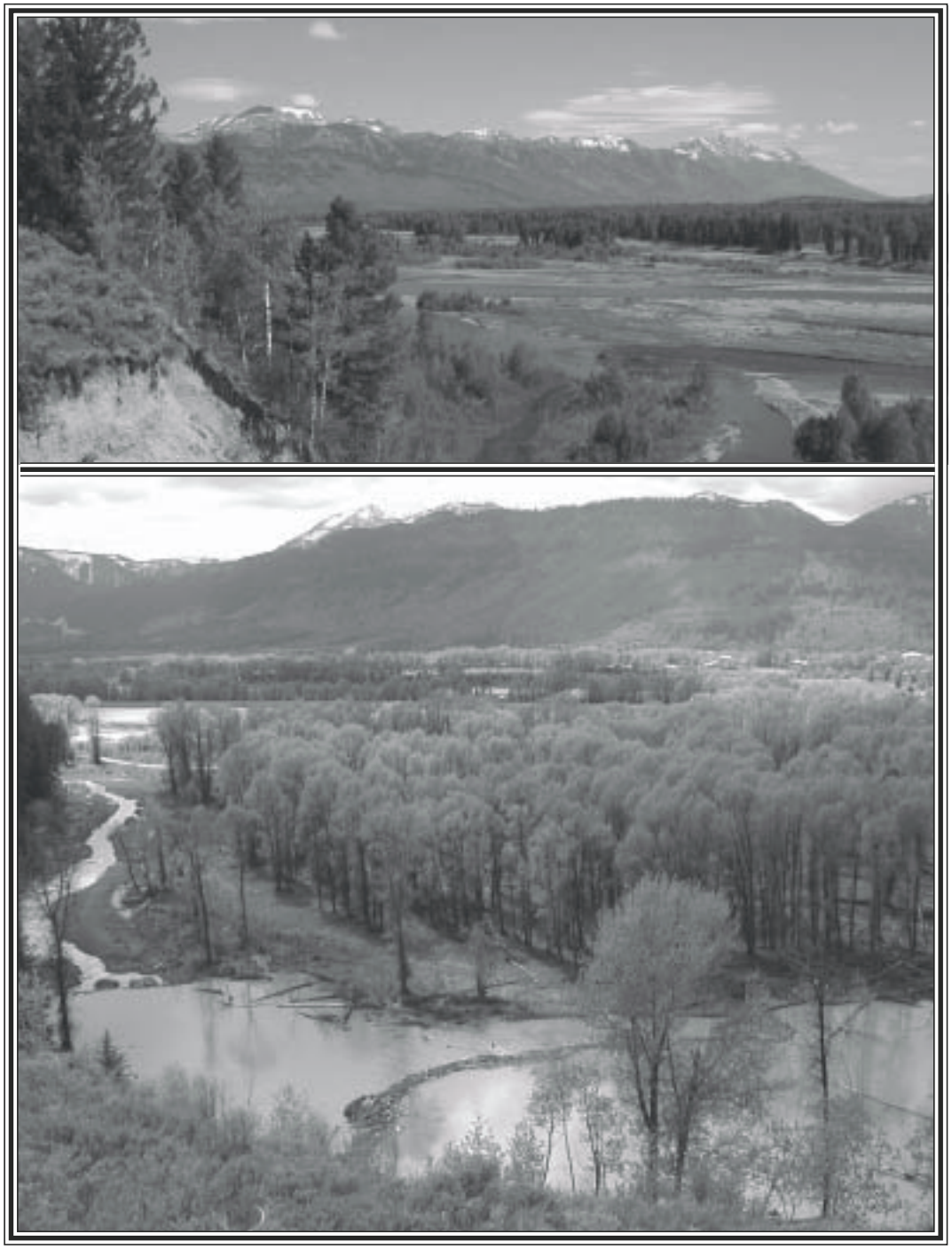
FINAL
Environmental Impact Statement for the Snake River Resource Management Plan



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Dear Reader:

Attached for your review is the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Snake River planning area. This document presents the Proposed RMP for managing the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-administered public lands and resources in the planning area. The Snake River planning area includes approximately 981 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered public land surface along the Snake River in Jackson Hole, Teton County, Wyoming, along with approximately 15,123 acres of BLM-administered Federal mineral estate underlying privately-owned surface lands in Jackson Hole. The Proposed RMP is a refinement of the preferred alternative presented in the draft EIS published in February 2003.

All parts of the Proposed RMP may be protested by parties who participated in the planning process and who have an interest that is, or may be, adversely affected by the approval of the Resource Management Plan (43 CFR 1610.5-2). Protests submitted electronically will not be accepted. Protests should be 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 D.C. 20035 or by Overnight Mail to: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Director, Protest Coordinator (WO-210), 1620 L Street, N.W., Room 1075, Washington, D.C. 20036. 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;
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> A statement of the issue, or issues, being protested;
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> A statement of the part, or parts, of the plan being protested;
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> 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
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> A concise statement explaining why the proposed management plan is believed to be wrong.

At the end of the 30-day protest period, the Proposed 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 comments submitted 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 Pinedale 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 you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. 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.

Thank you for your participation in this planning effort.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Bennett
State Director