

## CHAPTER 5

### CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

The Snake River RMP EIS was prepared by an interdisciplinary team of specialists from the Pinedale Field Office, the Rock Springs Field Office, and the Wyoming State Office of the BLM (Table 5-1). Reviews for accuracy and consistency were provided by both the field office and state office staffs.

**TABLE 5-1  
SNAKE RIVER RMP LIST OF PREPARERS**

NAME	JOB TITLE	RMP RESPONSIBILITY
<b>Pinedale Field Office</b>		
Prill Mecham	Field Manager	Team Supervision, RMP Oversight
Kellie M. Roadifer	Planning and Environmental Specialist	Team Leader, Livestock Grazing
Martin Hudson	Outdoor Recreation Planner	Technical Coordinator, Off-road Vehicles, Recreation, Visual Resource Management, Wild and Scenic Rivers
Keith J. Andrews	Wildlife Biologist	Wildlife, Raptors, Big Game
Rosalie Bennett	Office Automation Clerk	Support
Steve Laster	Rangeland Management Specialist	Vegetation, Sensitive Plants, Livestock Grazing
Karen Rogers	GIS Specialist	Maps
Dave Vlcek	Archeologist	Cultural, Historic, Native American Concerns
Bill Wadsworth	Realty Specialist	Lands, Access, Transportation, Land Ownership
Frank Bain	Geologist (2002)	Minerals, Paleontology, Geology
Phil Howland	Geologist (1999-2001)	Minerals, Paleontology, Geology
<b>Rock Springs Field Office</b>		
Renee Dana	Resource Advisor	Coordination, NEPA, Assistant Team Leader
Dennis Doncaster	Hydrologist	Watershed, Hydrology
Jim Glennon	Botanist	Vegetation, Sensitive/T&E plants
John Henderson	Fisheries Biologist	Fish, Riparian, Wetlands
John MacDonald	Natural Resource Specialist	Soils
Angelina Pryich	Writer/Editor	Editing

NAME	JOB TITLE	RMP RESPONSIBILITY
<b>Wyoming State Office</b>		
Alan Kesterke	Acting State Director	Decision Maker
Joe Patti	Natural Resource Specialist Field Planning Coordinator	Planning process guidance; technical review and training; Field/WSO coordination
Roy Allen	Economist	Socioeconomics
Susan Caplan	Physical Scientist	Air Quality
Sheri Morris	Printing Technician	Publications Preparation
Roger Alexander	Webmaster	Website Maintenance
Tamera Hammack	Web Specialist	Website Maintenance
Esther Simons	Supervisory Cartography Technician	GIS Assistance
Zach Puls	Cartography Technician	GIS Assistance

Consultation, coordination, and public involvement have occurred throughout the process through public meetings, informal meetings, individual contacts, surveys, comment periods, news releases, and *Federal Register* notices.

The process began in the 1980s after the settlement of lawsuits dealing with ownership of the lands along the Snake River. A charter for preparation of the Snake River RMP was finalized in 1999.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Public participation was addressed in the project charter to ensure that the public would have numerous opportunities to be actively involved in the planning and environmental process. Formal and informal input has been encouraged and used.

A public meeting was held on January 27, 2000, to gather comments and input on the Management Situation Analysis, released in December, 1999. A Contingent Valuation Methodology study was conducted during the summer and fall of 2000, to identify non-market values associated with the public land parcels. Representatives of the Pinedale Field Office continue to meet regularly with the Teton County Commission and other area government agencies at a monthly Interagency Breakfast. Formal public comments were received on the Scoping Letter and Notice of Intent (December 1999), the preliminary Planning Criteria and Planning Issues (May 2000), and the Management Situation Analysis (February 2001), and the Preliminary Alternatives (January 2002).

BLM personnel have met formally or informally with many members of the outfitting and ranching industries and the general public.

## CONSISTENCY

Coordination with other agencies and consistency with other plans was accomplished through frequent communications and cooperative efforts between the BLM and involved federal, state, and local agencies and organizations (Table 5-2).

**TABLE 5-2  
KEY COORDINATION ACTIONS**

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>COORDINATION/RESPONSIBILITY</b>
<b>FEDERAL AGENCIES</b>	
<b>U.S. Department of the Interior</b>	
Fish and Wildlife Service	Review actions affecting threatened or endangered species of fish, wildlife, or plants.
Geological Survey	Review of RMP for consistency with USGS planning.
Minerals Management Service	Review of RMP for consistency with MMS planning.
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>	
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services	Review of RMP for consistency with Wyoming Predator Damage Management Plan as it relates to resolving conflicts in human-wildlife interactions; i.e., presence of grizzly bears and gray wolves.
Forest Service	Review of RMP for consistency with the management actions. The proposed actions would also be discussed with the Wyoming State Forestry Division and other agencies involved in wild land fire management.
<b>TETON COUNTY</b>	Review RMP for consistency; zoning; access permits.

The Wyoming Governor's Clearinghouse receives 18 copies of this draft document for review to ensure consistency with ongoing State plans. The RMP team has reviewed the Teton County plan to ensure consistency. Meetings are held with the respective county planners and commissioners to promote greater understanding of goals, objectives, and resources of both the county and the BLM.

## CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

Members of the RMP team have consulted formally or informally with numerous agencies, groups, and individuals in the RMP development process. The following list is representative of the businesses, agencies, organizations, and individuals who have indicated an interest in the Snake River RMP and who have been contacted during the planning process. This list is not all inclusive. A complete list is on file in the Pinedale Field Office of the BLM.

### **Federal Agencies**

Department of the Interior

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Bureau of Land Management

Fish and Wildlife Service  
Geological Survey  
National Park Service  
Office of Environmental Affairs

Department of Agriculture  
    Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services  
    Forest Service  
    Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Department of Commerce  
Department of Defense  
Department of Energy  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Department of Transportation  
Environmental Protection Agency

### **State of Wyoming**

Department of Environmental Quality  
Game and Fish Department  
Geological Survey of Wyoming  
Governor of Wyoming  
State Clearinghouse  
State Engineer  
State Highway Department  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Wyoming Recreation Commission

### **Federal Elected Officials**

Congresswoman Barbara Cubin  
Senator Mike Enzi  
Senator Craig Thomas

### **State Elected Officials**

Senators and Representatives of Teton and Sublette Counties

### **Local Governments**

County governments of Teton and Sublette Counties

Mayors' offices of Jackson, Pinedale, Afton, Alpine, Wilson, Moose, Teton Village

### **Tribal Councils**

Arapaho  
Bannock  
Shoshoni  
Ute

### **Industry**

EOG Resources  
ExxonMobil  
Evans Gravel Co.  
Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States  
Klabzuba Oil and Gas  
Marathon Oil Co.  
PacifiCorp  
Petroleum Association of Wyoming  
Petroleum Information Corp.  
Questar Gas Management Co.  
Southwest Wyoming Industrial Association  
Southwest Wyoming Mineral Association  
Walters Ready Mix Inc.  
Western Gas Resources  
Wexpro Company  
Wyoming Mining Association  
Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

### **Associations and Interest Groups**

American Wildlands  
Biodiversity Conservation Alliance  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Friends of Pathways  
Greater Yellowstone Coalition  
Humane Society of the United States  
Jackson Hole Alliance for Responsible Planning  
Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance  
Munger Mountain Home Owners

National Wildlife Federation  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Oregon and California Trails Association - Wyoming  
People for the West  
Sierra Club Wyoming Chapter  
Southwest Wyoming Mule Deer Foundation  
The Fund for Animals  
The Nature Conservancy Public Lands Program  
Trout Unlimited  
Western Wyoming Mule Deer Foundation  
Wyoming Association of Professional Archeologists  
Wyoming Association of Professional Historians  
Wyoming Outdoor Council  
Wyoming Public Lands Council  
Wyoming Wildlife Federation

**Others**

Many individuals were contacted, including all adjacent landowners, grazing lessees, and known recreation outfitters.