



# United States Department of the Interior



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Rawlins RMP Revision

December 26, 2007

Dear Reader:

Attached for your review are the Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Rawlins Field Office. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) prepared the Proposed RMP in consultation with cooperating agencies and with consideration of public comments received during this planning effort. This Proposed RMP provides a framework for the future management direction and appropriate use of BLM-administered lands and resources located in most of Albany, Carbon, Laramie, and Sweetwater counties, Wyoming. The document contains land use planning decisions to facilitate management of the public lands and resources administered by the Rawlins Field Office. The Proposed RMP is open for a 30-day review and protest period beginning the date the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes the Notice of Availability of the Final EIS in the Federal Register.

The BLM developed the Proposed RMP and Final EIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The BLM based the Proposed RMP on Alternative 4, the preferred alternative in the Draft RMP and EIS, released on December 17, 2004. This Proposed RMP and Final EIS contains the proposed plan, potential impacts of the proposed plan, summary of the written and verbal comments received during the public review period of the Draft RMP and EIS, and responses to these comments.

## Instructions for Filing a Protest

Any person who participated in the planning process for this Proposed RMP, and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected, may protest approval of this Proposed RMP and land use planning decisions contained within it (see 43 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1610.5-2) during the 30-day protest period. Only those persons or organizations who participated in the planning process leading to the Proposed RMP may protest. The protesting party may raise only those issues submitted for the record during the planning process leading up to the publication of this Proposed RMP. These issues may have been raised by the protesting party or others. New issues may not be brought into the record at the protest stage.

Please file protests with the BLM Director in writing. Mail protests to: Director (210), Attention: Brenda Hudgens-Williams, P.O. Box 66538, Washington, DC, 20035. Send overnight mail to: Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, 1620 L Street, NW, Suite 1075, Washington, DC, 20036. BLM will consider protests sent by facsimile or electronic as an advance copy of a protest forthcoming through regular or overnight mail. To receive full consideration, the protesting party must also provide to the BLM the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Protests sent only by facsimile or electronically will not be accepted as valid protests. If you wish to provide BLM with such advance notification, please contact Ms. Hudgens-Williams electronically to [Brenda\\_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov](mailto:Brenda_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov) or by facsimile to (202) 452-5112 (Attn: BLM Protest Coordinator).

**All protests must be postmarked on or before the end of the 30-day protest period following publication of this notice by the EPA.**

**IMPORTANT: In accordance with 43 CFR 1610.5-2, the protest must contain the information described in the following critical elements checklist:**

- \_\_\_ The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the person filing the protest.
- \_\_\_ The “interest” of the person filing the protest. (How will you be adversely affected by the approval of the resource management plan?)
- \_\_\_ A statement of the part(s) of the Proposed RMP, and the issue(s) being protested. (To the extent possible, this should reference specific pages, paragraphs, sections, tables, maps, etc., which are believed to be incorrect or incomplete.)
- \_\_\_ A copy of all documents addressing the issue(s) that the protesting party submitted during the planning process OR a statement of the date they were discussed for the record.
- \_\_\_ A concise statement explaining why the protestor believes the BLM State Director’s proposed decision is incorrect.

*All of these elements are critical parts of your protest.* Take care to document all relevant facts. As much as possible, reference or cite the planning documents, or available planning records (e.g., meeting minutes or summaries, correspondence, etc.). To aid in ensuring the completeness of your protest, a printable protest checklist is available following this letter and online at [www.blm.gov/rmp/wy/rawlins](http://www.blm.gov/rmp/wy/rawlins).

If you submit a protest, the BLM Director will make every attempt to promptly resolve it. A decision will be in writing and will be sent to the protesting party by certified mail, return receipt requested. The decision of the BLM Director shall be the final decision of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

BLM’s practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Before including your address, phone number, E-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

Upon resolution of any protests and a determination a Supplemental Proposed RMP and Final EIS is not warranted, an Approved Plan and Record of Decision (ROD) will be issued. The Approved Plan will be mailed to all who expressed an interest in receiving a copy. The document will be available to all parties through the “Planning” page of the BLM national website ([www.blm.gov/eplanning](http://www.blm.gov/eplanning)), or by mail upon request.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Bennett  
State Director