

PROPOSED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE PINEDALE FIELD OFFICE PINEDALE, WYOMING

Lead Agency: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

Type of Action: Administrative

Jurisdiction: Portions of Sublette and Lincoln Counties

Abstract: This final environmental impact statement (EIS) addresses resource management plans (RMP) for the Pinedale planning area. The Pinedale RMP will result in a land use allocation plan for the Pinedale planning area and will provide management direction to address the planning issues that have been identified through the planning process. This RMP and final EIS describe and analyze a reasonable range of management alternatives for the public lands and resources administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pinedale Field Office (PFO). Within the planning area, BLM administers approximately 922,880 acres of public land surface and 1,199,280 acres of federal mineral estate in Sublette and Lincoln counties.

When the Pinedale RMP is completed, it will provide a comprehensive framework for managing the BLM-administered public lands and resources within the planning area. The analysis in this final EIS considers a comprehensive range of alternatives that provide for various levels of resource protection and opportunities for motorized and nonmotorized recreational activities, leasing and development of mineral resources, livestock grazing, and other land use activities. The final EIS analyzes the potential environmental consequences of implementing each management alternative and the potential land allocation/resource use conflicts. Four alternatives that address the issues in the Pinedale planning area have been considered. They are Alternative 1 (continuation of existing management), Alternative 2, Alternative 3, and Alternative 4 (Proposed RMP).

Protests on the proposed Pinedale RMP and final EIS will be accepted for 30 days following the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of filing this final EIS in the Federal Register. Further information regarding this proposed RMP and final EIS can be obtained from:

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