

# DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE PINEDALE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN 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 draft 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 draft EIS describes and analyzes a reasonable range of management alternatives for the public lands and resources administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pinedale Field Office (PFO) in western Wyoming. This analysis will aid the BLM decisionmaker in formulating a revised RMP for the Pinedale planning area. 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.

The analysis in this draft 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 draft 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 (preferred alternative).

Comments on this draft EIS will be accepted for 90 days following the date that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes the notice of filing this draft EIS in the Federal Register. Further information regarding this draft EIS can be obtained from:

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