

APPENDIX 24—WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION PROCESS

As part of the planning effort for developing the Pinedale Resource Management Plan (RMP), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) initiated a Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR) review of all BLM-administered public lands along waterways within the Pinedale planning area. This review was to determine if any of these public lands meet the WSR eligibility criteria and suitability factors, as identified in the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (WSRA) of 1968, as amended.

The BLM WSR review includes a three-step process:

1. Determining whether public lands along waterways meet the WSR eligibility criteria to be tentatively classified as wild, scenic, or recreational.
2. Determining whether any of those public lands that meet the eligibility criteria also meet the WSR suitability factors.
3. Determining how public lands, which are determined suitable for designation, will be managed.

The initial WSR review was conducted separately from the RMP planning process to expedite the review process, resulting in a stand-alone WSR review report. Comments made by the public concerning the determinations made in this review have been taken into consideration and documented in the RMP planning process. This WSR eligibility review may be modified if deemed necessary as a result of public comments.

The *Pinedale Wild and Scenic Rivers Review* Report may be viewed at www.blm.gov/rmp/wy/pinedale/ under “Documents and Bulletins.”

