

## 5.0 CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATION

The Gateway West Project stretches from northeast Wyoming near Casper to southwest Idaho near Boise. Given the distance spanned, public involvement in this Project is critical to the success of the NEPA process. This chapter highlights the consultation and collaboration process for the proposed Project, including the general public as well as Tribal governments, and federal, state, and local agencies and organizations.

### 5.1 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

#### 5.1.1 Scoping Period

In addition to the brief summary of scoping found in Chapter 1 – Purpose and Need, this section describes the public scoping process, including the techniques used to notify the public about the opportunity to comment at this stage in the NEPA process. The scoping comment period began on May 16, 2008, and concluded on July 3, 2008.

After the formal public scoping period and during an internal review by the BLM and cooperating agencies, non-federal cooperating agencies requested an extended period of time to develop additional alternatives. The BLM responded by incorporating all comments received by September 4, 2009, into a revised scoping report.

The formal record of the scoping period can be found in the *Gateway West Transmission Line Project Scoping Summary Report*, available online at [http://www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/cfodocs/gateway\\_west/documents.html](http://www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/cfodocs/gateway_west/documents.html).

##### 5.1.1.1 Scoping Announcements

The scoping period was announced using a variety of tools:

- **Federal Register** – The BLM published a Notice of Intent in the Federal Register on May 16, 2008.<sup>1</sup> The Notice of Intent stated the BLM's intent to prepare an EIS and to support the BLM's consideration of the Proponents' application for a ROW grant to use public lands for portions of the proposed Project. The Notice of Intent also announced the BLM's intent to conduct public scoping meetings and collect scoping comments on the proposal.
- **Notification mailer** – The BLM prepared and distributed a tri-fold mailer to interested parties in the proposed and alternative Project corridors and to others interested in the proposed Project. Approximately 4,500 mailers were sent to a combination of BLM, Forest Service, and Project Proponent mailing list contacts.
- **Press releases** – The BLM prepared and distributed two press releases regarding the original scoping period. The first was distributed on May 16, 2008, to media sources throughout the proposed Project corridor to announce the start of the scoping period and encourage public participation. The second release was distributed on June 16, 2008, encouraging further public comment on the Project.

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<sup>1</sup> Volume 73, Number 96, Pages 28,425 – 28,426.

- **Paid notices** – Paid legal notices were published in newspapers of record. Table 5.1-1 shows the newspapers that printed the legal notice on the dates indicated.

**Table 5.1-1.** Legal Notices in Newspapers of Record

Publication Date	Publication	Publication Location
May 18, 2008	<i>The Times News</i>	Twin Falls, Idaho
May 18, 2008	<i>The Casper Star Tribune</i>	Casper, Wyoming
May 18, 2008	<i>The Idaho State Journal</i>	Pocatello, Idaho
May 19, 2008	<i>The Idaho Statesman</i>	Boise, Idaho
May 20, 2008	<i>The Rocket-Miner</i>	Rock Springs, Wyoming
May 21, 2008	<i>The Rawlins Daily Times</i>	Rawlins, Wyoming
May 21, 2008	<i>The News Examiner</i>	Montpelier, Idaho
May 21, 2008	<i>The Owyhee Avalanche</i>	Homedale, Idaho
June 11, 2008	<i>The Little Chicago Review</i>	Kemmerer, Wyoming

- **Community calendar notifications** – In addition to paid legal notices, meeting notifications were also published in community calendar listings in local newspapers. Table 5.1-2 notes which papers published community calendar notices.

**Table 5.1-2.** Community Calendar Notices in Newspapers

Publication	Publication Location
<i>The Times News</i>	Twin Falls, Idaho
<i>The Casper Star Tribune</i>	Casper, Wyoming
<i>The Casper Journal</i>	Casper, Wyoming
<i>The Idaho State Journal</i>	Pocatello, Idaho
<i>The Idaho Statesman</i>	Boise, Idaho
<i>The Owyhee Avalanche</i>	Homedale, Idaho
<i>The Rocket-Miner</i>	Rock Springs, Wyoming
<i>The Rawlins Daily Times</i>	Rawlins, Wyoming
<i>The News Examiner</i>	Montpelier, Idaho

- **BLM Gateway West Project Web site** – The BLM established a Web site regarding the proposed Project at the beginning of the scoping period. The Web site was initially used to notify the public of the scoping meetings, provide general project overview information, as well as information to provide comments to the BLM regarding the proposed Project. The Web site currently serves as the electronic NEPA-related Project information source for all aspects and stages of the Project’s NEPA process.

### 5.1.1.2 Scoping Meetings

The BLM hosted nine public meetings in June 2008 to provide planning and NEPA information to the public and agencies to allow them to identify issues and concerns to the BLM. Public scoping and the scoping meetings were advertised as noted in the section above. As summarized in Table 5.1-3, a total of 140 members of the public attended the various public meetings.

**Table 5.1-3. Public Scoping Meeting Dates, Locations, and Attendance**

Meeting Date	Meeting Location	Attendance
June 3, 2008	Twin Falls, Idaho	20
June 3, 2008	Murphy, Idaho	13
June 4, 2008	Pocatello, Idaho	11
June 4, 2008	Boise, Idaho	22
June 5, 2008	Montpelier, Idaho	7
June 9, 2008	Casper, Wyoming	22
June 10, 2008	Rawlins, Wyoming	12
June 11, 2008	Rock Springs, Wyoming	16
June 12, 2008	Kemmerer, Wyoming	17
<b>Total</b>		<b>140</b>

The BLM also hosted a focused scoping meeting on July 10, 2008, in Kemmerer, Wyoming, with an integrated group of federal, state, and local agencies and elected officials to discuss specific issues regarding routing Gateway West Project corridors in southwest Wyoming and southeast Idaho, as well as a few alternative variations that potentially extend into Utah. The applicants also participated.

Federal agencies represented at that meeting included the BLM, the Forest Service, the USFWS, and the NPS. State agencies included the Wyoming Governor's Office, IDFG, the WGFD, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and the WDEQ—Industrial Siting Administration. Local governments included representatives from Lincoln and Sweetwater Counties in Wyoming.

### 5.1.1.3 Scoping Period Comment Letters

There were 62 individual letters submitted to the BLM during the scoping period, and included in those letters were 89 individual comments. In addition, during the extended scoping period, the BLM received 1,533 individual letters, and included in those letters were 1,613 individual comments. These letters and comments were reviewed by a team of analysts and logged into a database that is used to track and sort comments throughout the Project's NEPA process.

Scoping period comments are addressed in the analysis documented in the Final EIS.

## 5.1.2 Draft EIS Period

This section describes the public Draft EIS process, including the techniques used to notify the public about the opportunity to comment at this stage in the NEPA process. The Draft EIS comment period began on July 29, 2011, and concluded on October 28, 2011.

### 5.1.2.1 Draft EIS Announcements

The availability of the Draft EIS and the public comment period was announced using a variety of tools:

- **Federal Register** – The BLM published a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register on July 29, 2011. The Notice of Availability announced the release of the BLM's Draft EIS on the proposed Gateway West Transmission Line Project.

The Notice of Availability also announced the BLM’s intent to conduct public meetings and collect public comments on the document.

- **Notification mailer** – The BLM prepared and distributed mailer to interested parties in the proposed and alternative Project corridors and to others interested in the proposed Project. Approximately 8,600 mailers were sent to a combination of BLM, Forest Service, and Project Proponent mailing list contacts.
- **Press releases** – The BLM prepared and distributed three press releases regarding the Draft EIS comment period, public open house meetings and to encourage public participation. The first was distributed on July 29, 2011, to media sources throughout the proposed Project corridor to announce the release of the Draft EIS document, document availability, and the start of the comment period. The second release was distributed on August 17, 2011, announcing the public open house dates and encouraging further public comment on the Project. The third release was distributed on September 23, 2011, announcing the four Wyoming public open house meetings and encouraging further public comment.
- **Paid notices** – Paid legal notices were published in newspapers of record. Table 5.1-4 shows the newspapers that printed the legal notice on the dates indicated.
- **BLM Gateway West Project Web site** – The BLM Project Web site was updated to announce the release of the Draft EIS. Included in the updates were electronic versions of the Project newsletter and an updated version of the Project interactive map. An electronic version of the document was made available to the public for viewing and download. Public comments were also accepted electronically through the Web site.

**Table 5.1-4.** Legal Notices in Newspapers of Record

Publication Date	Publication	Publication Location
August 2, 2011	<i>The Idaho Statesman</i>	Boise, Idaho
August 3, 2011	<i>Power County Press</i>	American Falls, Idaho
August 3, 2011	<i>The Casper Star Tribune</i>	Casper, Wyoming
August 3, 2011	<i>Wyoming Tribune- Eagle</i>	Cheyenne, Wyoming
August 3, 2011	<i>The Douglas Budget</i>	Douglas, Wyoming
August 3, 2011	<i>The Little Chicago Review</i>	Kemmerer, Wyoming
August 3, 2011	<i>The Laramie Boomerang</i>	Laramie, Wyoming
August 3, 2011	<i>The News Examiner</i>	Montpelier, Idaho
August 3, 2011	<i>Mountain Home News</i>	Mountain Home, Idaho
August 3, 2011	<i>The Times-News</i>	Twin Falls, Idaho
August 4, 2011	<i>Kemmerer Gazette</i>	Kemmerer, Wyoming
August 4, 2011	<i>The Rawlins Daily Times</i>	Rawlins, Wyoming
August 5, 2011	<i>Elko Daily Free Press</i>	Elko, Nevada
August 5, 2011	<i>The Idaho State Journal</i>	Pocatello, Idaho
August 8, 2011	<i>Kuna-Melba News</i>	Kuna, Idaho
August 11, 2011	<i>The Owyhee Avalanche</i>	Homedale, Idaho
August 13, 2011	<i>The Rocket-Miner</i>	Rock Springs, Wyoming
August 25, 2011	<i>Sho-Ban News</i>	Fort Hall, Idaho

### 5.1.2.2 Draft EIS Meetings

The BLM hosted 17 public meetings in September and October 2011 to provide information on the document and encourage public comments on the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS document and the public meetings were advertised as noted in the section above. As summarized in Table 5.1-5, a total of 598 members of the public attended the various public meetings.

**Table 5.1-5. Public Draft EIS Meeting Dates, Locations, and Attendance**

Meeting Date	Meeting Location	Attendance
September 12, 2011	Boise, Idaho	29
September 12, 2011	Kuna, Idaho	16
September 13, 2011	Mountain Home, Idaho	13
September 14, 2011	Melba, Idaho	33
September 15, 2011	Murphy, Idaho	65
September 19, 2011	Twin Falls, Idaho	52
September 20, 2011	Jackpot, Nevada	6
September 21, 2011	Burley, Idaho	95
September 22, 2011	Almo, Idaho	35
September 26, 2011	American Falls, Idaho	41
September 27, 2011	Pocatello, Idaho	17
September 28, 2011	Fort Hall, Idaho	15
September 29, 2011	Montpelier, Idaho	16
October 3, 2011	Kemmerer, Wyoming	52
October 4, 2011	Rock Springs, Wyoming	21
October 5, 2011	Rawlins, Wyoming	26
October 6, 2011	Douglas, Wyoming	66
<b>Total</b>		<b>598</b>

### 5.1.2.3 Draft EIS Comment Letters

There were 368 individual letters submitted to the BLM during the scoping period, and included in those letters were 2,453 individual comments. These letters and comments were reviewed by a team of analysts and logged into a database that was used to track and sort comments for response in the Final EIS. The individual letters were also made publicly available through the BLM project website. Draft EIS period comments are addressed and responded to in Appendix L of the Final EIS.

### 5.1.2.4 Addendum to the Draft EIS – Effects of Proposed Project on Greater Sage-Grouse

The BLM released the Addendum to the Draft EIS – Effects of Proposed Project on Greater Sage-Grouse (Appendix J of the Final EIS) on June 29, 2012, for a 30-day public comment. The report includes the sage-grouse HEA for the project, which was not available at the time the Draft EIS was released.

The BLM held two public meetings to discuss the sage-grouse analysis prior to completing the HEA, one in Cheyenne, Wyoming (February 15, 2012) and one in Boise, Idaho (February 17, 2012).

An additional 19 letters containing 30 comments were received on the sage-grouse analysis from agencies, groups, and individuals. Comment are addressed and responded to in Appendix L of the Final EIS.

### 5.1.3 Stakeholder Outreach

The BLM conducted stakeholder outreach with groups and organizations by request. This outreach was conducted through meetings and hosted by one of the following groups:

- **BLM** – The BLM hosted five stakeholder meetings with landowners, local jurisdictions, and special interest groups to inform them about the Project and the NEPA process.
- **Project Proponents** – The BLM attended 26 Project Proponent-hosted meetings with landowners along the study corridors. The Proponents requested the BLM attend these meetings to inform landowners about the NEPA process, and to answer any related questions. The Project Proponents also held meetings with stakeholders throughout the project area. Proponent-led outreach efforts are listed in Table 5.1-6.
- **Jurisdictions and Communities** – The BLM also attended several jurisdictional/community hosted meetings along the study corridors, as requested, to answer questions regarding the NEPA process.

Table 5.1-6 highlights which groups the BLM and Project Proponents met with and when.

**Table 5.1-6.** Summary of Stakeholder Outreach

<b>BLM Stakeholder Outreach</b>	
Oregon-California Trail Association Meeting	June 25, 2008
Kemmerer-Cokeville Stakeholders Meeting	July 10, 2008
Rock Springs Grazing Association Landowner Meeting	September 26, 2008
Burley Collaborative Work Session	October 23, 2009
Owyhee County Meeting	November 21, 2011
Owyhee County Meeting	February 27, 2012
Owyhee County Meeting	April 16, 2012
Owyhee County Meeting	May 21, 2012
Owyhee County Meeting	June 18, 2012
Owyhee County Meeting	July 18, 2012
Segment 4 Cultural Resources Tour	July 18, 2012
Owyhee County Meeting	August 20, 2012
Ada County Meeting	August 30, 2012
Owyhee County Meeting	September 17
<b>Project Proponent Outreach</b>	
Group One Realtors Presentation	April 10, 2007
Owyhee County Meeting (Mary Huff and Reva Tobois)	December 11, 2007
Leadership Meridian Presentation	December 13, 2007
Ada County Planning and Development Presentation	January 30, 2008
Canyon County Planning and Development Presentation	February 1, 2008
Nampa City Presentation	February 1, 2008
Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce	February 4, 2008

**Table 5.1-6. Summary of Stakeholder Outreach (continued)**

<b>BLM Stakeholder Outreach</b>	
Mountain Home Rotary	February 19, 2008
Canyon County Planning and Zoning Commissioners Presentation	March 20, 2008
Elmore County Commissioner Meeting	May 12, 2008
Owyhee County Meeting	May 19, 2008
Elmore County Commissioner Meeting	May 22, 2008
City of Mountain Home Meeting	May 22, 2008
City of Glens Ferry Meeting	June 3, 2008
Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commissioners and Planning and Development Presentation	June 10, 2008
Cassia County Development Services Director Presentation	June 10, 2008
Display Booth - Association of Idaho Cities Conference	June 25, 2008
Canyon County Commissioners Presentation	July 28, 2008
Planning and Zoning Director, Steve Hasson, Meeting	July 31, 2008
Ada County Energy Resource Committee Meeting	August 5, 2008
Display Booth - Idaho Association of Counties	August 15 - August 17, 2008
Elmore County Commissioner Meeting	September 15, 2008
Rock Springs Landowners Meeting	September 26, 2008
Kuna City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting	October 8, 2008
Canyon County Development Services Meeting	November 19, 2008
Ada County Development Services Director Meeting	November 24, 2008
Landowner Conversation - Montpelier, Idaho	December 10, 2008
Landowner Conversation - Rock Springs, Wyoming	December 11, 2008
Landowner Conversation - Murphy, Idaho	December 15, 2008
Local Elected Officials Luncheon - Kemmerer, Wyoming	December 15, 2008
Landowner Conversation - Kemmerer, Wyoming	December 15, 2008
Landowner Conversation - Twin Falls, Idaho	December 16, 2008
Landowner Conversation - Rawlins, Wyoming	December 16, 2008
Board of County Commissioners Briefing - Sinclair, Wyoming	December 16, 2008
Landowner Conversation - Pocatello, Idaho	December 17, 2008
Douglas Rotary Presentation	December 17, 2008
Landowner Conversation - Glenrock, Wyoming	December 17, 2008
Elected Officials Lunch - Casper, Wyoming	December 18, 2008
Owyhee County Meeting	January 20, 2009
Fort Steele Landowner Meeting	January 23, 2009
Wald Vold Subdivision Meeting	January 27, 2009
Canyon County Commissioners Meeting	January 27, 2009
Owyhee County Coordination Meeting	January 28, 2009
Elmore County Commissioner Meeting	February 3, 2009
Display Booth - Idaho Association of Counties	February 3 - February 4, 2009
Parma Lions Club	February 17, 2009
American Falls Stakeholder Meeting	February 18, 2009
Western Watersheds Briefing	February 18, 2009
Shoshone-Paiute Tribe, Wings and Roots Meeting	February 19, 2009
Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings	February 24, 2009
Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings	February 26, 2009
Rockland Alternative Site Visit	March 5, 2009
Wyoming Public Services Commission	March 11, 2009

**Table 5.1-6. Summary of Stakeholder Outreach (continued)**

<b>BLM Stakeholder Outreach</b>	
Hollister Neighborhood Meeting	March 11, 2009
Glenrock Landowner Meeting	March 16, 2009
City of Grand View Briefing	March 16, 2009
Jennie Lois Osborn Trust Meeting	March 24, 2009
Landowner Conversation - American Falls, Idaho	March 26, 2009
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Idaho Fish and Game Meeting	April 6, 2009
City of Glens Ferry Briefing	April 7, 2009
City of Mountain Home and Elmore County Briefing	April 7, 2009
Kuna City Officials Meeting	April 8, 2009
Sweetwater County Planning and Zoning Commissioner's Meeting	April 8, 2009
Melba City Hall (Noni Stapleton-clerk/administrator)	April 9, 2009
Owyhee County Planning and Zoning	April 9, 2009
Mountain Home AFB Meeting	April 13, 2009
Twin Falls Community Conversation	April 14, 2009
Burley Community Conversation	April 14, 2009
Gooding Community Conversation	April 15, 2009
Canyon County Development Services Meeting	April 17, 2009
City of Melba Elected Officials Meeting	April 17, 2009
Douglas Landowner Meeting	April 20, 2009
Idaho Association of Counties, Region V	April 20, 2009
Burley Dairies	April 22, 2009
City of Kuna Engineering Department (Gordon Law)	April 23, 2009
Senator Peterson Meeting	April 23, 2009
Meetings with Kuna officials	April 24 - June 15, 2009
Boise Bench Lions Club	April 29, 2009
Non-Government Organization and State Agency Meeting - Cheyenne, Wyoming	April 29, 2009
Owyhee County Coordination Meeting - Boise, Idaho	April 29, 2009
Ada County Commissioners	April 30, 2009
Bruneau Town Hall Meeting	April 30, 2009
Idaho Elected Officials Meeting	May 4, 2009
Mountain Home Office	May 5, 2009
Grand View Meeting	May 5, 2009
Glens Ferry Meeting	May 5, 2009
Senator Anderson 1E and Alt 1E Route Tour	May 6, 2009
North Laramie Range Alliance Meeting - Douglas, Wyoming	May 7, 2009
Meeting in Boise with Ryan Petersen, attorney representing Power County Task Force	May 7, 2009
Emmett Lions Club	May 8, 2009
Owyhee County Meeting (Mary Huff and Reva Tobois)	May 13, 2009
Elmore County Commissioners	May 18, 2009
Meeting with Kelly Murphy	May 28, 2009
Cassia County Working Session	May 28, 2009
KBAR 1230 AM Radio call-in show	May 29, 2009
Cassia County Working Session	June 1, 2009
Cassia County Landowner Meeting	June 1, 2009
Melba Town Hall Meeting	June 3, 2009
Idaho-Oregon Fruit and Vegetable Association Annual Breakfast	June 5, 2009

**Table 5.1-6. Summary of Stakeholder Outreach (continued)**

<b>BLM Stakeholder Outreach</b>	
Power County Community and Public Meeting	June 8, 2009
Burley Rotary Club Meeting	June 9, 2009
China Ditch meeting/Wilson Creek	June 9, 2009
Bannock County Planning and Zoning Working Session	June 10, 2009
Ada County Town Hall Meeting	June 11, 2009
Twin Falls County Town Hall Meeting	July 9, 2009
Cassia County/Power County Work Session	June 15, 2009
BLM/City of Kuna Working Session	June 15, 2009
Elmore County Town Hall Meeting	July 16, 2009
Cassia County Work Session	June 17, 2009
Chip Harding (Carlin Ranch) Meeting	June 17, 2009
Owyhee County Committee meeting	June 18, 2009
Cassia County Working Session	June 22, 2009
Diemer True Meeting	June 24, 2009
Senator Anderson Meeting	June 24, 2009
Cassia County Working Session	June 29, 2009
Ada County Landowners (Kuna & Melba) meeting with BLM	July 6, 2009
Cassia County Working Session	July 6, 2009
Twin Falls Radio Show	July 7, 2009
Northern Laramie Range Alliance meeting	July 9, 2009
Cassia County Working Session	July 13, 2009
Walt Minnick's office (meeting)	July 13, 2009
Cassia County Working Session	July 20, 2009
Power County Town Hall Meeting (Arbon Valley)	July 20, 2009
Power County Town Hall Meeting (American Falls)	July 21, 2009
Jerome County Town Hall Meeting	July 21, 2009
Gooding County Town Hall Meeting	July 22, 2009
All County Meeting and NV Siting Authority	July 23, 2009
Cassia County Working Session	July 27, 2009
Bannock, Oneida, and Power County Meeting	July 28, 2009
Meeting with Dave True and Bill Graeve	August 4, 2009
Meeting with Diemer True and Kenneth Lay, Tom Swanson, Sharon Rodeman, Steve Sibrel, and other members of Northern Laramie Range Alliance	August 4, 2009
Ada County Task Force	August 4, 2009
Meeting with Converse County Commission Chairman Ed Werner and Commissioner Dave Edwards	August 5, 2009
Owyhee County meeting	August 11, 2009
Kuna Meeting	August 12, 2009
Meeting with Senator Anderson	August 17, 2009
Meeting with Dave True, Hank True and Bill Graeve	August 17, 2009
Meeting with Diemer True	August 17, 2009
Meeting with Power County staff	August 18, 2009
Ada Congressional meeting	August 19, 2009
Ada County Congressional Meeting	August 19, 2009
Colleen Allen Meeting	August 28, 2009
Kuna Task Force Working Session	August 28, 2009
Hawkins Basin Landowner Meeting	September 8, 2009
Wyoming Legislature-Minerals Committee Meeting	September 14–15, 2009
Wheatland Community Conversation	September 14, 2009
Medicine Bow Community Conversation	September 15, 2009

**Table 5.1-6. Summary of Stakeholder Outreach (continued)**

<b>BLM Stakeholder Outreach</b>	
Laramie Community Conversation	September 16, 2009
Douglas Community Conversation	September 17, 2009
Lincoln Conservation District	September 22, 2009
Collaborative Work Session	October 23, 2009
American Falls Community Meeting	November 4, 2009
Kemmerer Community Conversation	November 5, 2009
Twin Falls Community Conversation	November 9, 2009
Mountain Home Community Conversation	November 10, 2009
Kuna Community Conversation	November 12, 2009
Hawkins Basin conceptual route changes meeting	November 17, 2009
Malta Community Conversation	December 14, 2009
Almo Community Conversation	December 15, 2009
Fort Hall Reservation Landowner Meeting	December 17, 2009
Fort Hall Tribal Staff Briefing	December 17, 2009
Cassia County Commissioners meeting	January 11, 2010
Malad Meeting with Don Buehler	January 12, 2010
Idaho Association of Counties Meeting	February 2, 2010
Cassia County Commissioners meeting	February 22, 2010
Irrigators conference	February 25, 2010
Fort Hall meeting/briefing	March 9, 2010
Taylor Merrill (Westpark Company) Meeting	March 19, 2010
Governor's Kemmerer Meeting	June 17, 2010
Bill Loughmiller Meeting	July 12, 2010
Board of Agriculture/Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts Meeting	August 20, 2010
Lincoln Conservation District	August 24, 2010
The Nature Conservancy Meeting	September 13, 2010
Wyoming Outdoor Council Meeting	September 18, 2010
Edison Electric Institute Conference	October 4, 2010
Rockland Meeting	October 12, 2010
Conservation Districts Meeting	November 16, 2010
Cory and Jamie Kress Landowner Meeting	November 16, 2010
Capital for a Day hosted by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter	February 16, 2011
Kemmerer Field Office Meeting	April 21, 2011
Sweetwater County Planning and Zoning Commissioner's Meeting	April 27, 2011
Carbon County Council of Governments Meeting	July 20, 2011
Northwest Power and Conservation Council Meeting	August 23, 2011
Mountain Home Mayor Tom Rist Meeting	August 24, 2011
Ada County Commissioners Meeting	August 29, 2011
Converse County Commission Chairman Mike Colling Meeting	October 27, 2011
City of Glenrock Meeting	October 27, 2011
Representative Kermit Brown Meeting	November 7, 2011
Twin Falls County Commissioner Terry Kramer Meeting	December 19, 2011
Rapid Response Team for Transmission Gateway West Site Visit - Cheyenne, Wyoming	January 9, 2012
Rapid Response Team for Transmission Gateway West Site Visit - Boise, Idaho	January 13, 2012
Henry Hornbacher Landowner Meeting	January 11, 2012
Cassia County Task Force Meeting	January 12, 2012
Edison Electric Institute Meeting	January 24, 2012

**Table 5.1-6. Summary of Stakeholder Outreach (continued)**

<b>BLM Stakeholder Outreach</b>	
Rapid Response Team for Transmission Briefing	January 24, 2012
Governor Otter's "Capital for a Day" in Owyhee County	January 27, 2012
Casper, Wyoming Chamber of Commerce Meeting	February 2, 2012
The Nature Conservancy Meeting - Lander, Wyoming	February 23, 2012
Western Governors' Association Workshop	April 2012
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Meeting	April 19, 2012
Rock Springs Grazing Association Meeting	May 8, 2012
Walt George (BLM Project Manager) Meeting	May 17, 2012
Wyoming SHPO - Preserve Wyoming Conference	May 18 - May 19, 2012
Rob Hellyer Landowner Meeting - Burnt Ranch	May 18, 2012
Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office Meeting	May 18, 2012
BLM Kemmerer Field Office Meeting	May 19, 2012
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Meeting	June 12, 2012
Rob Hellyer Landowner Meeting - Burnt Ranch	July 19, 2012
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Meeting	August 28, 2012
Display Booth - Idaho Association of Counties Annual Conference	September 17 - September 21, 2012
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Meeting	September 25, 2012
Glenns Ferry Chamber of Commerce briefing	October 2, 2012
Willis & Moore Meeting	October 9, 2012
Wyoming Industrial Siting Council Jurisdictional Briefing	October 11, 2012
Wyoming Congressional Delegation Staff Briefing	October 24, 2012
Rob Hellyer Landowner Meeting - Burnt Ranch	October 29, 2012
Wyoming Industrial Siting Council Hearing	November 1, 2012
Mitigation Options Conference Call (non-government organizations and Sage-grouse HEA working group)	November 26, 2012
Governor Otter's "Capital for a Day" in Bingham County	November 27, 2012

### 5.1.3.1 Oregon-California NHTs Association Meeting

The BLM, along with representatives from the Wyoming SHPO and OCTA met on June 25, 2008, near Kemmerer, Wyoming, for a field trip of National Historic Trails.

### 5.1.3.2 Kemmerer-Cokeville Stakeholders Meeting

The BLM met on July 10, 2008, with stakeholders in the Kemmerer-Cokeville area to discuss specific issues regarding routing in southwest Wyoming and southeast Idaho, as well as a few alternative variations extending into Utah.

### 5.1.3.3 Rock Springs Grazing Association Landowner Meeting

The BLM also met with a group of landowners near the Rock Springs, Wyoming area on September 26, 2008. The purpose of the meeting was to hear and discuss landowner concerns regarding the Project, with particular focus on cultural and historic resource surveys and potential mitigation measures.

### 5.1.3.4 Burley Collaborative Work Session

On October 23, 2009, the BLM met with cooperating agency representatives to ensure and verify that the BLM had the correct proposed and alternate routes to consider for

full analysis in the Draft EIS and to review opportunities and constraints for routing Segment 7.

#### **5.1.3.5 Segment 4 Cultural Resources Tour**

On July 18, 2012, the BLM met with stakeholders in the Kemmerer area (including Congressional representatives, OCTA, state and federal agencies, and Rocky Mountain Power) to provide an update on the Project and identify and brainstorm possible mitigation measures specific to historic trails and cultural resources in Segment 4 of the Project. The group visited specific historic trails and cultural sites to better understand the setting and possible impacts of the Project.

#### **5.1.4 Routing Announcements**

On January 4, 2009, the BLM announced the complete list of routes to be considered in the Draft EIS. BLM announcements were made as follows:

- Press release
- Print newsletter mailed to 8,356 individuals, organizations, and businesses
- Electronic newsletter sent to 1,909 individuals, organizations, and businesses
- Web site announcement and interactive route map

The Project Proponents also distributed a press release and provided updates on the Proponents' Project Web site.

On August 20, 2012, the BLM announced the agency Preferred Alternative to be considered in the Final EIS. The BLM individually notified cooperating agencies, government agencies, and the Project Proponents. Following these notifications, the Project website was updated with a Project overview map to reflect the agency Preferred Alternative. The agency Preferred Alternative was updated in December 2012. The BLM issued a press release on December 7, 2012, announcing these changes.

## **5.2 CONSULTATION**

Formal consultations required by law and agency policy were conducted between the BLM and other government entities, including federal and state agencies. The following section highlights these consultations and Table 5.2-1 highlights the list of consultation meetings.

**Table 5.2-1. Summary of Consultation Meetings**

<b>Federal Agencies</b>	<b>Date</b>
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	March 13, 2008 April 28, 2008 (level 1 meeting) May 14, 2008 (level 1 meeting)
<b>State Agencies</b>	<b>Date</b>
Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office	April 14, 2008
Idaho Fish and Game Department	August 29, 2008
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality	October 6, 2008
<b>Government-to-Government</b>	<b>Date</b>
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes	March 19, 2008 April 10, 2008 March 18, 2009 May 20, 2010 March 22, 2012
Northern Arapaho Business Council	April 9, 2008 April 26, 2008 May 12, 2008 May 19, 2008 May 21, 2008
Ute Tribal Council	April 9, 2008 May 15, 2008 June 16, 2009 December 8, 2009
Northwest Shoshone Band	April 9, 2008 May 15, 2008
Eastern Shoshone Business Council	April 9, 2008 May 12, 2008 May 13, 2008 May 19, 2008 December 18, 2009
Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council	April 9, 2008 May 15, 2008
<b>Government-to-Government</b>	<b>Date</b>
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes	April 10, 2008  <b>Joint meetings of BLM and tribal representatives under the Wings and Roots Program:</b> May 20, 2008 July 24, 2008 August 28, 2008 September 25, 2008 October 23, 2008 December 2, 2009 February 25, 2009 March 26, 2009 April 29, 2009 May 22, 2009 June 25, 2009 July 23, 2009 September 24, 2009

**Table 5.2-1. Summary of Consultation Meetings (continued)**

<b>Government-to-Government</b>	<b>Date</b>
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes (continued)	October 22, 2009 September 24, 2009 October 22, 2009 November 25, 2009 December 23, 2009 February 25, 2010 April 1, 2010 May 6, 2010 June 24, 2010 July 22, 2010 August 11, 2010 September 23, 2010 November 24, 2010 January 27, 2011 March 15, 2011 March 24, 2011 April 28, 2011 May 26, 2011 June 23, 2011 July 28, 2011 August 31, 2011 October 27, 2011 February 1, 2012 March 15, 2012 April 19, 2012 June 15, 2012 July 11, 2012 August 22, 2012  <b>Joint meetings of BLM, Solicitor                      and tribal representatives to                      develop an MOU covering tribal                      TCP concerns:</b> April 16, 2012 April 23, 2012 May 14, 2012

**5.2.1 Government-to-Government**

In compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA (as amended) and the ACHP’s revised regulations (36 CFR § 800), the BLM initiated government-to-government consultation with seven Native American Tribes in the Project area in April 2008 (Table 5.2-2). The consultation was conducted to inform the various Tribes of the proposed undertaking and solicit their concerns and/or comments regarding the possible presence of TCPs or places of cultural, traditional, or religious importance to the Tribes in the proposed Project area.

The BLM contacted the following Tribes by letter on April 9, 2008:

- Northern Arapaho Tribe, Fort Washakie, Wyoming
- Northwest Shoshone Band, Brigham City, Utah

- Eastern Shoshone Tribe, Fort Washakie, Wyoming
- Ute Tribe, Fort Duchesne, Utah
- Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Lame Deer, Montana

In lieu of an initial letter and following established consultation routines with these Tribes, Walt George (BLM Project Manager) conducted face-to-face meetings with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes on April 10, 2008 and the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes on April 23, 2008. Periodic updates on routing changes have been provided to all of the Tribes. Following the established consultation routine under the Wings and Roots Program with the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, the BLM Project Manager has conducted monthly Project updates by conference call with them.

As noted in Table 5.2-2, follow-up telephone calls have been made to many of the Tribes contacted. The Northern Arapaho Business Council and the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council have expressed interest in the Project, but have not yet expressed specific concerns. The Ute Tribal Council expressed their interest in participating in the development of a PA and receiving a copy of the literature review. The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and Shoshone-Paiute Tribes have expressed concern over portions of the alignment that are not in the proposed WWE corridor. They indicated they would like this Project to follow it or other existing corridors and have posed several questions regarding the Project. The Eastern Shoshone Business Council expressed concern over remains found near the Wise Gravel Pit.

Table 5.2-2 lists the Native American Tribes that have been contacted and summarizes the concerns they have raised to date and the status of consultation.

**Table 5.2-2. Status of Native American Consultation**

Name of Tribe	Date of Initial Contact	Follow up Letters	Follow-up phone calls		Summary of Issues Raised during Consultation
			Date	To	
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes	April 10, 2008	August 11, 2009 June 24, 2011 July 24, 2011 April 13, 2012 May 18, 2012			<p>Have continued to send ROW routing updates.</p> <p>Consultant requested permission to collect resource information in Fort Hall Indian reservation in December 2008.</p> <p>On April 27, 2009, Fort Hall Business Council gave permission for Alternative 5C to be fully analyzed in the Draft EIS. The Project Proponents held meetings between June-September 2012, which BLM participated in. In September 2012, the Tribes informed BLM that Alternative 5C would not be considered.</p> <p>The Tribes have expressed concern over the alignment, which is not in the proposed WWEC. They indicated they would like this Project to follow it or other existing corridors. They also expressed concern about treaty rights on unappropriated public lands affected by the project.</p>
			October 26, 2010	Sam Hernandez (BIA)	Sam Hernandez, Environmental Coordinator for Ft. Hall (BIA) indicated that he would keep Carolyn Smith in the loop for Cultural Resources
			June 24, 2011	Carolyn Boyer Smith	No response

**Table 5.2-2. Status of Native American Consultation (continued)**

Name of Tribe	Date of Initial Contact	Follow up Letters	Follow-up phone calls		Summary of Issues Raised during Consultation
			Date	To	
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes (continued)			July 6, 2011	Randy Thompson (BIA)	BIA has tried to contact Carolyn Boyer Smith by phone and in person regarding the PA.
			March 2011-December 2012	Carolyn Boyer Smith	E-mails sent keeping Carolyn Boyer Smith informed of the PA progress.
Northern Arapaho Business Council	April 9, 2008	June 11, 2009 August 11, 2009 June 24, 2011 July 24, 2011 April 13, 2012	May 12, 2008; July 5, 2011	No response  From: Darlene Conrad	Have continued to send ROW routing updates. The Tribe requested a meeting. Requested PA workgroup call-in information
			August 15, 2011	From: Darlene Conrad	Northern Arapaho requested project information
			September 2011	Darlene Conrad	Darlene (THPO) participated in the PA workgroup and offered PA edits to the group
			March 2011-December 2012	To: Darlene Conrad	E-mails sent keeping Darlene (THPO) informed of the PA and Project progress
			October 24, 2011	From: Darlene Conrad	Requested PA workgroup include Native American tribes to the Wyoming General Provisions section of the PA
			April 2012	Darlene Conrad	Darlene (THPO) participated in the PA work group call and offered to present the final PA to the tribal council for signatures
			May 7, 2012	From: Darlene Conrad	Wanted to inform BLM that she presented the final draft PA to the tribal attorney and was waiting for his review comments
			May 14, 2012	From: Darlene Conrad	Tribal attorney had no issues with the draft PA

**Table 5.2-2. Status of Native American Consultation (continued)**

Name of Tribe	Date of Initial Contact	Follow up Letters	Follow-up phone calls		Summary of Issues Raised during Consultation
			Date	To	
Ute Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	April 9, 2008	June 11, 2009 August 11, 2009 June 24, 2011 July 24, 2011 April 13, 2012	May 15, 2008	No response	BLM continued to send ROW routing updates.
			June 16, 2009	By: Penny Daniels, RSFO Archaeologist	The Tribe has expressed interest in the Project and informally requested ethnographic studies and a copy of the literature review.
			November 4, 2009	PA kickoff invitation	The Tribe has noted a cultural landscape between Pilot Butte, White Mountain Petroglyphs, Cedar Canyon Petroglyphs and Boars Tusk for the Teton Wind Project.
			December 9, 2009	To: Betsy Chapoose	
			December 15, 2009	From: Betsy Chapoose	
			February 17, 2010	To: Betsy Chapoose	Sent Statement of Work for the requested Ethnography (2/17/2010) – no response
			February 19, 2010	From: Betsy Chapoose	Sent Draft PA (2/19/2010) – no response
			August 30, 2010	To: Betsy Chapoose	No response
			December 2, 2010	To: Betsy Chapoose	No response
			January 27, 2011	To: Betsy Chapoose and Curtis Cesspoch	E-mailed PA meeting invitation
			March 2011-December 2012	To: Betsy Chapoose	E-mails sent keeping Northern Ute informed of the PA and Project progress...no response to date

**Table 5.2-2. Status of Native American Consultation (continued)**

Name of Tribe	Date of Initial Contact	Follow up Letters	Follow-up phone calls		Summary of Issues Raised during Consultation
			Date	To	
Ute Tribal Council	April 9, 2008	June 11, 2009 August 11, 2009	May 15, 2008	No response	Have continued to send ROW routing updates.
			December 12, 2009	Betsy Chapoose	The Tribe has expressed interest in the Project and informally requested ethnographic studies and a copy of the literature review.
			December 15, 2009	Betsy Chapoose	The Tribe has noted a sacred landscape between Pilot Butte, White Mountain Petroglyphs, Cedar Canyon Petroglyphs and Boars Tusk for the Teton Wind Project.
Northwest Shoshone Band	April 9, 2008	June 11, 2008 August 11, 2008 June 24, 2011 July 24, 2011 April 13, 2012	November 4, 2009	PA kickoff invitation	Have continued to send ROW routing updates, but have not received comments/concerns.
			August 15, 2012	TO: Patty Timbimboo	Patty Timbimboo wanted additional information and to participate in the PA
			September 2011	TO: Patty Timbimboo	Patty participated in the PA workgroup meeting and provided recommendations for consultation and wanted us to keep her informed of the PA and project progress
			August 2011-December 2012	TO: Patty Timbimboo	E-mails sent keeping Patty informed of the PA and Project progress

**Table 5.2-2. Status of Native American Consultation (continued)**

Name of Tribe	Date of Initial Contact	Follow up Letters	Follow-up phone calls		Summary of Issues Raised during Consultation
			Date	To	
Eastern Shoshone Business Council	April 9, 2008	June 11, 2009 August 11, 2009	May 12, 2008	Ivan Posey	Have continued to send ROW routing updates.
			December 18, 2009	Judge Richard Ferris	The Tribe has expressed concern about the remains of "Deer Butte Man" and the related ethnographic studies.
			March 2011-June 2012	Judge Richard Ferris	E-mails sent keeping Judge Ferris informed of the PA and Project progress
Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council	April 9, 2008	June 11, 2009 August 11, 2009 June 24, 2011 July 24, 2011 April 13, 2012	May 15, 2008	Eugene Littlecoyote	Have continued to send ROW routing updates.
			June 19, 2009	Gerry Small	The Tribe has expressed interest in the Project.
			August 31, 2009	From Clara Caufield	
			November 4, 2009	PA kickoff invitation	
			February 22, 2010	To: Linwood Tallbull (THPO)	
			August 30, 2010	To: Cultural Resources Staff	

**Table 5.2-2. Status of Native American Consultation (continued)**

Name of Tribe	Date of Initial Contact	Follow up Letters	Follow-up phone calls		Summary of Issues Raised during Consultation
			Date	To	
Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council (cont'd)	April 9, 2008	June 11, 2009 August 11, 2009 June 24, 2011 July 24, 2011 April 13, 2012	December 3, 2010	To: THPO office	No response
			January 27, 2011	To: Conrad Fisher	
			September 29, 2011	From: Conrad Fisher	No comment regarding the PA but wanted to let BLM know if archaeological materials or human remains are discovered the State Historic Preservation Office and applicable Native American Tribes be notified
			March 2011-December 2012	To: Conrad Fisher	E-mails sent keeping Conrad informed of the PA and Project progress
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes	April 10, 2008	August 11, 2009 June 24, 2011 July 25, 2011 April 13, 2012	August 26, 2010	Joint Meeting: BLM and tribal representatives	Have continued to send ROW routing updates.  The Tribes have expressed concern over the alignment which is not in the proposed WWE Corridor. They indicated they would like this Project to follow it or other existing corridors.
			March 2011-December 2012	To: Ted Howard	Emails sent keeping Mr. Howard informed of the PA progress
Southern Cheyenne	May 29, 2010	June 24, 2011 July 24, 2011 April 13, 2012	-	-	no response
Southern Arapaho	May 29, 2010	-	-	-	no response

**Table 5.2-2. Status of Native American Consultation (continued)**

Name of Tribe	Date of Initial Contact	Follow up Letters	Follow-up phone calls		Summary of Issues Raised during Consultation
			Date	To	
Oglala Sioux	July 30, 2010	June 24, 2011 July 24, 2011 April 13, 2012	December 9, 2010	Joyce Whiting	Have continued to send ROW routing updates. The Tribe has expressed interest in the Project.
			December 9, 2010 January 3, 2011	Joyce Whiting Joyce Whiting	
			March 2011- December 2012	Joyce Whiting	Emails sent keeping Ms. Whiting informed of the PA and Project progress – no response to date

### 5.2.1.1 Ethnographic Study Process/TCP

To date, no specific TCPs near the proposed Project route have been identified by any of the Tribes during the consultation process. Three of the Tribes—the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, the Ute Tribal Council, and the Eastern Shoshone Tribal Council—have requested that ethnographic studies be conducted. In these studies, ethnographers will research historic sources and interview Tribal members to gain a better understanding of the cultural landscape near the Project route. They are intended to identify important locations and traditional uses of the area by the Tribes. Studies for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes were started in the spring of 2009 and completed in July 2011. Additional information related to ethnographic studies can be found in Section 3.3 – Cultural Resources. In addition, if the Class III cultural resource inventory identifies any sensitive site types, site-specific consultation may be conducted so that Tribal representatives may identify important locations.

## 5.2.2 Federal Agencies

### 5.2.2.1 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Consultation with the USFWS under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act began in March 2008 and has continued throughout the scoping and EIS analysis process. The USFWS is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS.

The first meeting with USFWS in March 2008 was a discussion to begin the consultation process and included USFWS representatives from Wyoming and Idaho, the BLM Project Manager, BLM biologists, as well as members of the BLM's third-party contractor. The meeting provided USFWS staff a brief description of the Project, biology work done to date, a review of roles and responsibilities among the BLM and USFWS as well as a detailed discussion of the consultation process including how to initiate consultation, preliminary species to include, and other considerations.

Level I meetings were held in April, May, and November 2008 with USFWS staff in Idaho and Wyoming, respectively, to provide a general overview of the Project, discuss the Project's BA process and analysis, and to discuss any additional concerns from the USFWS.

The USFWS continues to participate in the HEA process.

### 5.2.3 State Agencies

#### 5.2.3.1 State Historic Preservation Offices (Wyoming and Idaho)

Following consultation requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act, the BLM sent Project notification letters to the Idaho and Wyoming SHPOs in March 2008. The BLM met with the Wyoming SHPO on April 14, 2008, and discussed phasing of cultural and historic surveys and sampling. The BLM continues to coordinate with state SHPOs on the review of cultural reports and development and finalization of a Programmatic Agreement covering the Project.

#### 5.2.3.2 Wildlife Departments (Wyoming and Idaho)

Following consultation requirements of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the BLM has involved and notified the WGFD and the IDFG of the Project through mailing and focused stakeholder meetings.

In addition, the BLM met separately with the IDFG on January 30-31, 2008, and on August 29, 2008, to introduce the Project and present a status report on the Project, respectively. The discussions primarily focused on wildlife-related issues, in particular the state of Idaho's position on sage-grouse and other species management.

#### 5.2.3.3 Departments of Environmental Quality (Wyoming and Idaho)

The BLM met with the WDEQ on October 6, 2008, to discuss an emissions inventory for the state of Wyoming.

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Some individuals, governments and organizations received a printed copy of the Final EIS mailed directly to them. BLM sent a reply-requested newsletter providing notice of the Final EIS release and to offer a mailed CD copy of the document to the full, project-wide mailing list which includes approximately 9,000 individuals and organizations.

The following Final EIS distribution lists highlights tribal and public entities who will receive a printed or CD copy of the document. A complete distribution list is available in the Administrative Record.

#### **5.4.1 Native American Tribal Governments**

- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
- Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma
- Comanche Nation of Oklahoma
- Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
- Crow Tribe
- Eastern Shoshone Tribe
- Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
- Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
- Nez Perce Tribe
- Northern Arapaho Tribe
- Northern Cheyenne Tribe
- Northwest Shoshone Band
- Oglala Sioux Tribe
- Rosebud Sioux Tribe
- Santee Sioux Tribe
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
- Shoshone-Paiute Tribes
- Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- Ute Tribe
- Ute Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation

#### **5.4.2 Federal Agencies**

- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- Bonneville Power Administration
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management (see full list of offices in Section 5.4.9)
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Depository Library System, Government Printing Office
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Federal Highway Administration
- Idaho Army National Guard
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- National Park Service

- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service (see full list of offices in Section 5.4.10)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Geological Survey
- Western Area Power Administration

### **5.4.3 Local Governments**

- City of Albion, Idaho
- City of American Falls, Idaho
- City of Bliss, Idaho
- City of Boise, Idaho
- City of Buhl, Idaho
- City of Burley, Idaho
- City of Casper, Wyoming
- City of Cokeville, Wyoming
- City of Declo, Idaho
- City of Dietrich, Idaho
- City of Douglas, Wyoming
- City of Downey, Idaho
- City of Eden, Idaho
- City of Filer, Idaho
- City of Glenns Ferry, Idaho
- City of Gooding, Idaho
- City of Grand View, Idaho
- City of Granger, Wyoming
- City of Green River, Wyoming
- City of Hagerman, Idaho
- City of Hansen, Idaho
- City of Hazelton, Idaho
- City of Heyburn, Idaho
- City of Hollister, Idaho
- City of Jerome, Idaho
- City of Kemmerer, Wyoming
- City of Kimberly, Idaho
- City of Kuna, Idaho
- City of LaBarge, Wyoming
- City of Laramie, Wyoming

- City of Lyman, Wyoming
- City of Marbleton, Wyoming
- City of Melba, Idaho
- City of Montpelier, Idaho
- City of Mountain Home, Idaho
- City of Murphy, Idaho
- City of Murtaugh, Idaho
- City of Nampa, Idaho
- City of Oakley, Idaho
- City of Pocatello, Idaho
- City of Rawlins, Wyoming
- City of Rock Springs, Wyoming
- City of Rockland, Idaho
- City of Rupert, Idaho
- City of Shoshone, Idaho
- City of Soda Springs, Idaho
- City of Superior, Wyoming
- City of Twin Falls, Idaho
- City of Wendell, Idaho
- Town of Bar Nunn, Wyoming
- Town of Diamondville, Wyoming
- Town of Elk Mountain, Wyoming
- Town of Evansville, Wyoming
- Town of Glenrock, Wyoming
- Town of Hanna, Wyoming
- Town of Medicine Bow, Wyoming
- Town of Mills, Wyoming
- Town of Opal, Wyoming
- Town of Rock River, Wyoming
- Town of Rolling Hills, Wyoming
- Town of Saratoga, Wyoming
- Town of Sinclair, Wyoming

#### **5.4.4 County Governments**

- Ada County, Idaho
- Albany County, Wyoming
- Bannock County, Idaho
- Bear Lake County, Idaho
- Blaine County, Idaho
- Canyon County, Idaho
- Carbon County, Wyoming
- Caribou County, Idaho
- Cassia County, Idaho
- Converse County, Wyoming

- Elmore County, Idaho
- Franklin County, Idaho
- Gooding County, Idaho
- Jerome County, Idaho
- Lincoln Conservation District, Wyoming
- Lincoln County, Idaho
- Lincoln County, Wyoming
- Medicine Bow Conservation District, Wyoming
- Minidoka County, Idaho
- Natrona County, Wyoming
- Natrona County Conservation District, Wyoming
- Oneida County, Idaho
- Owyhee County, Idaho
- Power County, Idaho
- Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins Conservation District, Wyoming
- Sweetwater County, Wyoming
- Sweetwater County Conservation District, Wyoming
- Twin Falls County, Idaho

#### **5.4.5 U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate**

- U.S. House of Representatives
  - Raul Labrador, Idaho, First Congressional District
  - Cynthia A. Lummis, Wyoming
  - Mike Simpson, Idaho, Second Congressional District
- U.S. Senate
  - John Barrasso, Wyoming
  - Mike Crapo, Idaho
  - Mike Enzi, Wyoming
  - James E. Risch, Idaho

#### **5.4.6 State of Idaho**

- Idaho Office of Energy Resources
- Office of Governor C. L. “Butch” Otter
- House of Representatives
  - Brent Crane, Legislative District 13
  - Gary Collins, Legislative District 13
  - Thomas Dayley, Legislative District 21
  - Steve Harris, Legislative District 21
  - Jason Monks, Legislative District 22
  - John Vander Woude, Legislative District 22
  - Pete Nielson, Legislative District 23
  - Richard Wills, Legislative District 23
  - Lance Clow, Legislative District 24

- Stephen Hartgen, Legislative District 24
- Maxine Bell, Legislative District 25
- Clark Kauffman, Legislative District 25
- Donna Pence, Legislative District 26
- Steve Miller, Legislative District 26
- Scott Bedke, Legislative District 27
- Fred Wood, Legislative District 27
- Ken Andrus, Legislative District 29
- Elaine Smith, Legislative District 29
- Jeffrey Thompson, Legislative District 30
- Wendy Horman, Legislative District 30
- Neil Anderson, Legislative District 31
- Julie Van Orden, Legislative District 31
- Senate
  - Curt McKenzie, Legislative District 13
  - Clifford Bayer, Legislative District 21
  - Russell Fulcher, Legislative District 22
  - Bert Brackett, Legislative District 23
  - Lee Heider, Legislative District 24
  - Jim Patrick, Legislative District 25
  - Michelle Stennett, Legislative District 26
  - Dean Cameron, Legislative District 27
  - Roy Lacey, Legislative District 29
  - Dean Mortimer, Legislative District 30
  - R. Steven Bair, Legislative District 31

#### **5.4.7 State of Wyoming**

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Environmental Quality
- Department of Revenue
- Department of Transportation
- Game and Fish Department
- House of Representatives
  - Richard L. Cannady, House District 6
  - Kermit C. Brown, House District 14
  - Stephen Watt, House District 17
  - Kathy Davison, House District 18
  - Albert Sommers, House District 20
  - Kendall Kroeker, House District 35
  - Gerald Gay, House District 36

- Steve Harshman, House District 37
- Tom Walters, House District 38
- Jerry Paxton, House District 47
- Mark Baker, House District 48
- Tom Reeder, House District 58
- Office of Governor Matt Mead
- Office of State Lands and Investments
- Public Service Commission
- Senate
  - Jim Anderson, Senate District 2
  - Chris Rothfuss, Senate District 9
  - Phillip A. Nicholas, Senate District 10
  - Larry S. Hicks, Senate District 11
  - Bernadine Craft, Senate District 12
  - Stan Cooper, Senate District 14
  - Charles K. Scott, Senate District 30
- State Geological Survey
- State Historic Preservation Office
- State Parks, Historic Sites and Trails
- Travel and Tourism
- Wyoming Business Council

#### **5.4.8 Public Reading Rooms**

- Ada County Library
- Albany County Public Library
- American Falls District Library
- Bear Lake County Library
- Boise Public Library
- Boise State University Library
- Bruneau Valley District Library
- Buhl Public Library
- Burley Public Library
- Carbon County Library System
- Casper College Goodstein Foundation Library
- College of Southern Idaho Library
- College of Western Idaho Library
- Converse County Library
- Demary Memorial Library
- Eastern Owyhee County Library

- Filer Public Library
- Garden City Public Library
- George Fox University Library
- Glens Ferry Public Library
- Gooding Public Library
- Grace District Library
- Hagerman Public Library
- Hansen District Library
- Idaho Commission for Libraries, Boise
- Idaho State University Library
- Jerome Public Library
- Kimberly Public Library
- Kuna District Library
- Laramie County Community College, Albany County Campus Library
- Larsen-Sant Public Library
- Lincoln County Library System
- Lizard Butte District Library
- Marshall Public Library
- Meridian District Library
- Mountain Home Public Library
- Nampa Public Library
- Natrona County Public Library
- Northwest Nazarene University, John E. Riley Library
- Oakley District Library
- Oneida County Library
- Patricia Romanko Public Library
- Portneuf District Library
- Rockland School Community Library
- Sherburn Smith Memorial Library
- Shoshone Public Library
- South Bannock District Library
- State of Wyoming Library
- Sweetwater County Library
- Twin Falls Public Library
- University of Wyoming Libraries
- Western Wyoming Community College, Hay Library

#### **5.4.9 Bureau of Land Management Offices**

- Boise District Office

- Bureau of Land Management, Libraries Systems/Cataloguing
- Burley Field Office
- Casper Field Office
- Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve
- Idaho Falls District Office
- Idaho State Office
- Kemmerer Field Office
- Owyhee Field Office
- Pocatello Field Office
- Rawlins Field Office
- Rock Springs Field Office
- Shoshone Field Office
- Twin Falls District Office
- Wyoming State Office

#### **5.4.10 U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Offices**

- Caribou-Targhee National Forest – Montpelier Ranger District
- Intermountain Region
- Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests
- Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests – Douglas Ranger District
- Rocky Mountain Region
- Sawtooth National Forest – Minidoka Ranger District