INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes the public participation opportunities made available throughout the development of this resource management plan (RMP), formal consultation that has occurred to date, and collaborative efforts. It also lists preparers of the document and the agencies and organizations that received copies of the RMP for review. There have been and will continue to be many ways for the public to participate in the planning process for public lands under the jurisdiction of the Miles City Field Office (MCFO).

An interdisciplinary team of specialists from Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Eastern Montana/Dakotas District, MCFO, and the Montana State Office prepared the Miles City RMP. Twenty-seven agencies, including tribal, federal, state, and county governments, participated in development of the document as cooperating agencies. District, field, and state office staff provided technical review and support.

Members of the RMP team consulted formally or informally with numerous agencies, groups, and individuals during the RMP development process. Consultation, coordination, and public involvement consisted of scoping meetings; alternative development and input into the BLM's preferred alternative meetings; briefings; and individual contact with representatives of federal, state, tribal, and local governments.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The BLM prepared a public participation plan to guide project management and team efforts in the development of the RMP and to ensure public involvement before and during RMP preparation. Major public participation events are described below.

SCOPING

During the scoping for and preparation of the RMP, formal and informal public input was encouraged. The 30-day scoping period began when the notice of intent was published in the Federal Register on February 4, 2005 (BLM 2005d). The formal scoping period ended March 5, 2005, although comments received after that date were also considered.

The BLM hosted nine public scoping meetings during February and March of 2005 to explain the planning process and gather input. News releases to local and regional media sources advertised the times and locations of the scoping meetings. The total registered attendance for all nine meetings was 199 people, with some people attending more than one meeting (Table 5-1). Sign-in sheets were used to record the attendance at each public meeting. The BLM mailed more than 9,000 scoping brochures to agencies, organizations, and individuals. The brochures invited comments and provided information about the planning process.

While each public scoping meeting raised unique issues and concerns, a number of common themes emerged. Although ideas and concerns relating to mining and oil and gas development were mentioned most frequently, access (including off-highway vehicle use [OHV] use), fire management, and invasive vegetation species (weeds) were also mentioned often.

In addition to identifying issues of concern, nominations for special management areas such as areas of environmental concern (ACECs) and OHV recreation areas were requested during scoping. Informal comments addressed to BLM staff during conversations at the open houses were not formally recorded but were noted generally.

The BLM also met with interested county commissioners at this time. Details from those meetings are included in the *Final Scoping Report* (Parametrix 2005).

OTHER OUTREACH EFFORTS

The BLM established a website for information on the RMP. Throughout the development of the RMP, all individuals and organizations on the mailing list received copies of Miles City RMP newsletters each year, from 2006 through 2010. In general, the newsletters summarized the status of the RMP and outlined ways for the public to participate and stay involved in development of the plan. The 2009 newsletter also requested that the public contact the BLM if they had new issues to be considered by the BLM.

Sage-grouse management is part of this RMP. On December 9, 2011, the BLM issued a notice of intent to plan for sage-grouse in the Federal Register (sage-grouse amendment). This notice indicated that the Big Dry and Powder River RMPs will be amended by the sage-grouse amendment if this ongoing RMP revision is not completed by September 2014.

CONSULTATION

COOPERATING AGENCIES

Cooperating agency status provides a formal framework for governmental agencies (local, state, tribal, or federal) to engage in active collaboration with a federal agency to implement National Environmental Policy Act requirements. "Jurisdiction by law or special expertise" (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1501.6 and 1508.5) may qualify federal and state agencies and local and tribal governments as cooperating agencies.

As part of the initiation process for this RMP, the BLM sent letters to American Indian Tribes and more than 50 federal, state, county, and local agencies inviting them to participate in the planning process. The BLM held meetings with government agencies and tribes in which the BLM introduced the project to the agencies and initiated working relationships among project team members and agency personnel.

AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act and in recognition of the government-to-government relationship between tribes and the federal government, letters of introduction were sent to 14 tribal governments to inform them of the RMP revision. These letters, which also requested input on issues and concerns for the BLM to consider during the planning process, initiated efforts to identify areas of traditional cultural concern, and extended offers of cooperating agency status, were sent to the following tribes on these days:

- Fort Peck Tribes (November 18, 2004);
- Lower Brule Sioux Tribe (November 23, 2004);
- Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians (November 23, 2004);
- Crow Tribe (November 23, 2004);
- Northern Cheyenne Tribe (January 19, 2005);
- Pine Ridge Sioux Tribes (February 18, 2005);
- Standing Rock Sioux Tribes (February 18, 2005);
- Rosebud Sioux Tribe (February 18, 2005);
- Northern Arapaho Tribe (February 18, 2005);
- Eastern Shoshone Tribe (February 18, 2005);
- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (February 18, 2005);
- Blackfeet Tribe (February 18, 2005);
- Fort Belknap Community Council (February 18, 2005); and the
- Chippewa-Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation (February 18, 2005).

The Fort Peck Tribes, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, the Crow Tribe, and Trenton Indian Service representing the Turtle Mountain Band of the Chippewa and the Lower Brule Tribe issued responses.

Letters that included the *Miles City Resource Management Plan and Environment Impact Statement Socioeconomic Baseline Report* and the *Miles City Resource Management Plan and Environment Impact Statement Reasonably Foreseeable Development Scenario* were sent to the following tribes on June 28, 2005:

- Lower Brule Sioux Tribe,
- Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and the
- Crow Tribe.

Letters accompanying the *Miles City Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement Final Scoping Report* were sent to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe on September 20, 2005.

An update via mail was sent to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe on August 1, 2007.

Letters to solicit tribal input into the selection of the preferred alternative were sent to the following tribes on August 22, 2007:

- Crow Tribe,
- Rosebud Sioux Tribe.
- Lower Brule Sioux Tribe,
- Fort Peck Tribes, and the
- Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and Fort Peck Tribes signed MOUs to become cooperating agencies and were included in all cooperating agency activities, including bimonthly email or telephone updates. The Northern Cheyenne Tribe participated as a collaborating agency and was included in collaborative activities. All three tribes received copies of the preliminary Draft RMP March 12, 2010 and November 19, 2010.

Meetings with tribes included the following dates and tribes:

- December 9, 2004 (Fort Peck Tribes and Trenton Indian Services representing the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa);
- February 25, 2005 (Crow Tribe);
- March 14, 2005 (Northern Cheyenne);
- April 18, 19, and 20, 2006 (Northern Chevenne Tribe and Fort Peck Tribes);
- July 24, 2007 (Lower Brule Tribe and Standing Rock Sioux Tribes);
- January 10, 2008 (Three Affiliated Tribes or the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation);
- March 10, 2008 (Northern Cheyenne);
- September 18, 2008 (Standing Rock Sioux Tribes);
- September 25, 2008 (Standing Rock Sioux Tribes);
- August 6, 2009 (Fort Peck Tribes);
- November 9 and 10, 2010 (Cheyenne River Sioux, Lower Brule Sioux, Rosebud Sioux, Oglala Sioux, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Sioux Tribe, Yankton Sioux Tribe, Standing Rock Sioux Tribes, Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska, and Northern Cheyenne Tribe);
- November 2, 2011 (Northern Cheyenne Tribe);
- March 25, 2010 (Northern Chevenne Tribe); and
- December 15, 2010 (Northern Cheyenne Tribe).

The BLM also attended a public meeting in Poplar, Montana, for the Fort Peck Tribes' *Integrated Resource Management Plan in Indian Country* on December 13, 2004.

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

As required by Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), the BLM initiated consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) by submitting a letter to the USFWS on March 15, 2011 (see the *Fish and Wildlife Appendix*). This letter introduced the project and requested a list of threatened and endangered species to be considered in the RMP. The USFWS responded with a June 27, 2011 letter that contained an updated species list for preparation of a biological assessment (see the *Fish and Wildlife Appendix*).

The BLM then prepared a biological assessment based on the preferred alternative and submitted the document to the USFWS (see the *Fish and Wildlife Appendix*). Consultation with the USFWS will continue throughout the RMP process. The USFWS will issue a biological opinion that will be included in the Proposed RMP/Final Environmental Impact Statement.

SAGE-GROUSE

The BLM presented or participated in the sage-grouse presentations described below.

- 02/18/2010: Public presentation in Alzada, Montana, with Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (MFWP) and the southeast Montana Local Sage Grouse Working Group
- 02/22/2012: Presentation to the Eastern Montana/Dakotas Fire Group related to fire management and sage-grouse
- 02/22/2012: Presentation to Spring Creek Mine executives related to coal development and sagegrouse
- 03/01/2015: Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society on the BLM National Sage-Grouse Strategy
- 03/05/2012: Presentation to the Prairie County Cooperative State Grazing District on the BLM National Sage-Grouse Strategy
- 03/14/2012: State Director Connell, David Wood, and John Thompson met with and briefed members
 of the Montana Governor's cabinet or their representatives concerning BLM's Sage-Grouse Planning
 Strategy in Montana.

Dale Tribby, MCFO wildlife biologist, is also a point of contact for the Eastern Montana Stockgrowers Association for the BLM's National Sage-Grouse Strategy. From August through October of 2011, the MCFO coordinated with the BLM's National Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Planning Strategy Team. This team was charged with developing guidance to be implemented into the land use planning efforts for the conservation of greater sage-grouse and their habitat.

AIR RESOURCES

On February 22, 2012, BLM hosted a conference call concerning the MCFO RMP air quality impact analysis with an Air Quality Technical Workgroup consisting of representatives from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), United States Forest Service (USFS), USFWS, and the National Park Service. This call formally initiated collaborative planning and review activities under the *Memorandum of Understanding among the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Interior, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regarding Air Quality Analysis and Mitigation for Federal Oil and Gas Decisions through the National Environmental Policy Act Process* (USDA, USDI, and USEPA 2011). During the February 22, 2012 call, the BLM presented background information on existing air quality within the planning area, predicted oil and gas activities, estimated emissions associated with the reasonably foreseeable development scenario (RFD), and a proposed air quality analysis approach for the MCFO RMP. The BLM solicited comments from each of the agencies participating in the memorandum of understanding and will continue to coordinate with these agencies throughout the development process for the MCFO RMP revision.

OTHER BLM OFFICES

The MCFO also consulted across interagency boundaries, working with the Montana Hiline and Billings field offices; North and South Dakota field offices; and the Buffalo, Wyoming field office to define wildlife habitat (including greater sage-grouse), vegetation occurrence, and ecological systems and to coordinate proposed alternative management. Existing, proposed, and future resource use (such as oil and gas development) were also a factor in these discussions and coordination efforts.

CONSISTENCY

The BLM's planning regulations require that RMPs:

"be consistent with officially approved or adopted resource related plans, and the policies and programs contained therein, of other Federal agencies, State and local governments, and American Indian Tribes, so long as the guidance and resource management plans are also consistent with the purposes, policies, and programs of Federal laws, and regulations applicable to public lands..." (43 CFR 1610.3-2).

All federal, state, and local agencies and tribal councils have been asked to review this document and inform the BLM of any inconsistencies with their plans.

The Montana Governor's Clearinghouse will be supplied with copies of the final document for review to ensure consistency with the State's plans.

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