

BLM Field Office Review of APD Processing

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APD Processing Reviews

-Quality Assurance Teams

-Goals:

-APD Timeframes

-Best Management Practices

-2003 Four Office in Wyoming

-Kemmerer, Rock Sprs., Rawlins, Casper

-2004 Vernal UT, Farmington NM, Price UT



QAT Status

- Wyoming Report final March 2004**
- 29 Recommendations,**
- Vernal, UT Report in preparation**
- Farmington, NM Report in preparation**
- Moab/Price, UT field visit just completed**



What We Have Found

APD approval time frames (receipt of APD to approval-FY2003)

-Vernal FO	142 days
-Rock Springs FO	117 days
-Price	114 days
-Rawlins FO	91 days
-Kemmerer FO	89 days
-Farmington FO	58 days
-Casper FO	48 days



Common Delays

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Issues

-EISs

-3rd Party EAs

-Individual vs. POD EAs

-BLM contracted EAs

-Internal BLM process (paper flow, reviews, etc.)



Common Delays

106 Consultation Time Frames

Rawlins FO 69 days

Rock Springs FO 66 days

Kemmerer FO 45 days

Vernal FO 38 days

Farmington FO 24 days

Casper FO 22 days



Common Delays

Wildlife Review and T&E Species Consultation

-Kemmerer 46 days

-Vernal 41 days

-Rawlins 35 days

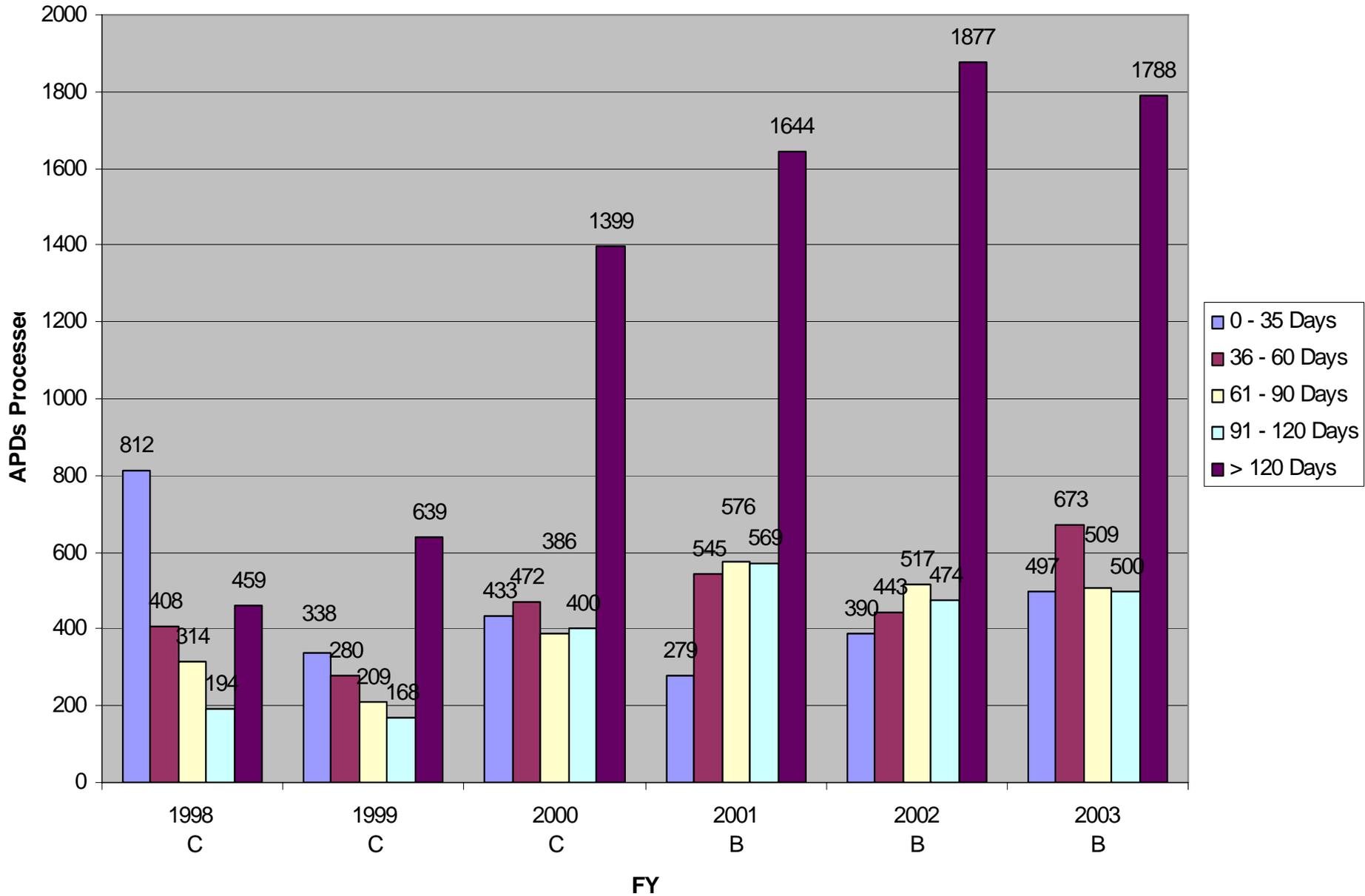
-Farmington 25 days

-Rock Sprs 18 days

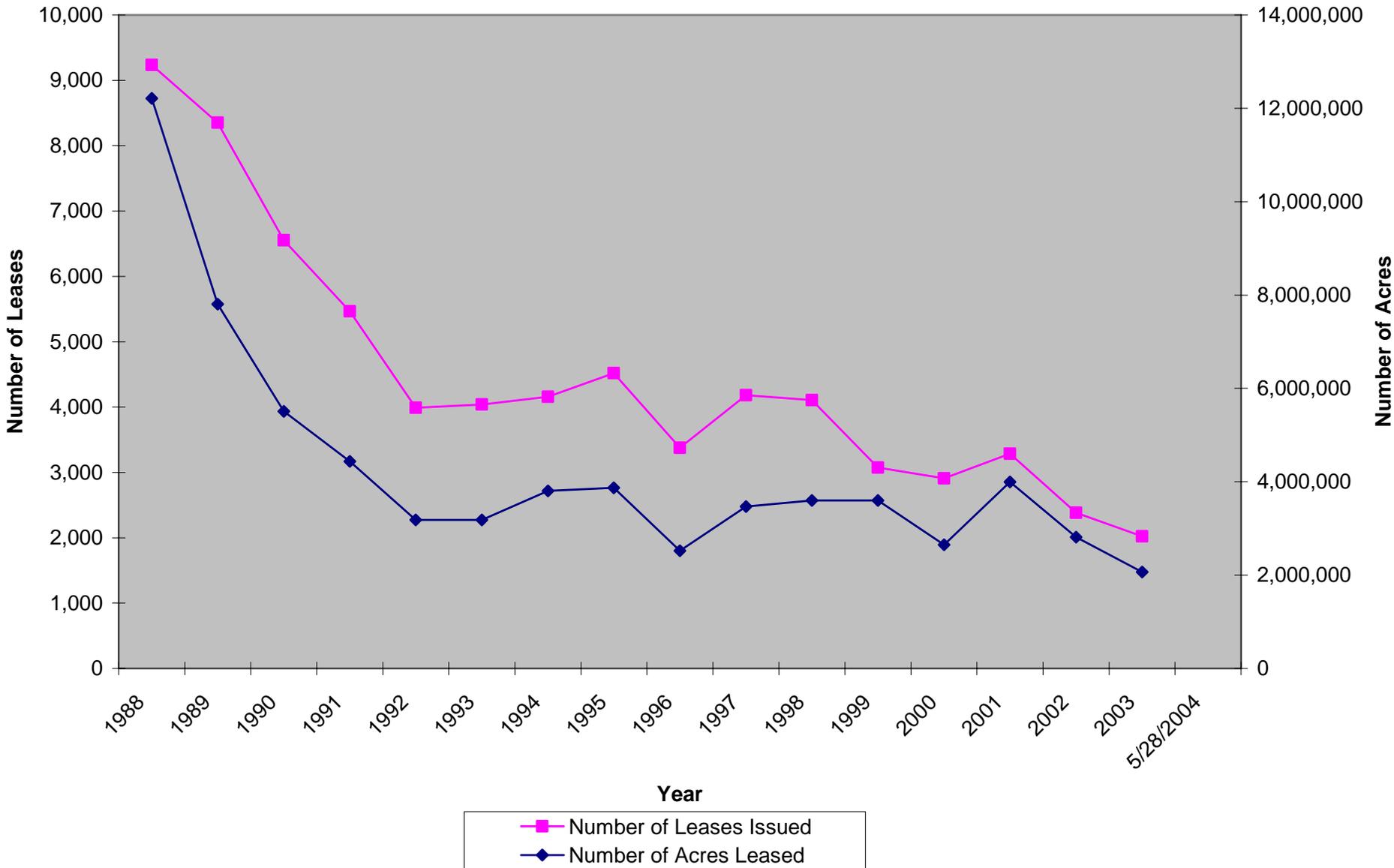
-Casper 12 days



Timeframes For Processing APDs



Number of Oil and Gas Leases and Acres Issued Per Year



Questions ?



Recommended Solutions

- Critical evaluation of internal processes**
- Share Best Business and Management Practices**
- Program leadership by SOs and WO**
- Consolidate NEPA analyses**
- Better use of 3rd party contractors**
- Improve Section 7 and 106 consultation procedures**
- Improve APD tracking in AFMSS**

