



Jack Morrow Hills Coordinated Activity Plan Update



*"Consultation, Cooperation, and Coordination, all in the Service of Conservation."
-Gail Norton, Secretary of the Interior*

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Background

To better keep the public informed as to the status of the Jack Morrow Hills (JMH) Coordinated Activity Plan (CAP), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) wanted to update all of those involved in the planning effort. In addition, a website has now been established for public review. You can access it at www.jackmorrowhills.org.

Purpose and Need for the JMH CAP

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The JMH CAP will provide management direction for the protection of resources while allowing for appropriate levels of leasing and development of energy resources, recreational activities, grazing practices, and other activities. The mineral decisions throughout the JMH CAP planning area are deferred pending completion of the CAP. This planning effort will address the appropriate level and timing of leasing and development of mineral resources; transportation planning, access, designation of roads; wildlife habitat and vegetation management; livestock grazing practices; and other issues.

Scoping Summary

The scoping period officially closed on January 11, 2002. There were 361 people that attended the open houses or scoping meetings in Lander and Rock Springs. Written comments were received from the attendees at both the open houses and scoping meetings; at the BLM Rock Springs Field Office; and at the JMH_CAP @bah.com email account. The Public Comment Summary may be viewed at: www.jackmorrowhills.org.

There were 1,356 issues/comments identified from 325 comment letters. The comments are summarized as follows (percentages are rounded):

- ❖ Minerals – 30%
- ❖ Grazing – 9%
- ❖ Wildlife – 11%
- ❖ Cultural/Historic – 3%
- ❖ Realty – 1%
- ❖ Transportation – 5%
- ❖ *Other – 24%
- ❖ Air – 1%
- ❖ Recreation – 3%
- ❖ Water – 2%
- ❖ Wilderness – 6%
- ❖ Alternatives – 4%
- ❖ Socio-economic – 3%
- ❖ Vegetation – 1%

Note: the “*other” category primarily included comments addressing multiple use, preservation, and conservation issues.

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Nine-Step Process for this Coordinated Activity Plan

- 1) Scoping. Issues and concerns were identified through a scoping process that included the public, Indian tribes, other Federal agencies, and State and Local governments.
- 2) Planning Criteria Development. Planning criteria were developed to ensure decisions are made that address the issues pertinent to the planning effort. Planning criteria were derived from a variety of sources including applicable laws and regulations, existing management plans, coordination of other agencies' programs, and the results of scoping. The criteria can be updated and changed as planning proceeds.
- 3) Data and Information Collection. Data and information of resources in the planning area were collected based on the planning criteria.
- 4) Management Situation Analysis. The management of resources in the planning area is continually being assessed.
- 5) Alternative Formulation. A range of reasonable alternatives that address issues identified during scoping is developed. *WE ARE HERE* 
- 6) Alternatives Assessment. The effects of each alternative are analyzed.
- 7) Preferred Alternative Selection. The alternative that best resolves planning issues is identified as the preferred alternative.
- 8) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the CAP. An EIS is prepared that includes a preferred alternative. The EIS is made available for a review period of 90 calendar days. Comments to the Draft EIS will be reviewed and analyzed. The Draft EIS will be modified as necessary. A Proposed Plan and Final EIS is published and made available for review for 30 calendar days. A record of decision is signed to approve the CAP.
- 9) Implementation and Monitoring. The management measures outlined in the approved plan are implemented on the ground, and future monitoring is conducted to test their effectiveness. Changes are made as necessary to achieve desired results.

Alternatives Development

BLM's third party contractor, Booz Allen Hamilton (Booz Allen) prepared the scoping report, which summarized and categorized the comments. This summary will be used in the next step in the planning process, which is **alternative formulation**.

During the week of February 18, 2002, BLM will meet with Booz Allen through a facilitated process to consider public comments and organize alternatives. An additional facilitated meeting will be held on February 27, 2002 with the cooperating agencies to further formulate the alternatives.



Where Can I Get the Draft Plan?

The Draft Plan/EIS will be available this summer in the traditional print copy, CD, or can be downloaded from our website at www.jackmorrowhills.org. A copy of the document can be requested via email (JMH_CAP@bah.com) or US mail at the following address.

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280 Highway 191 North
Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901

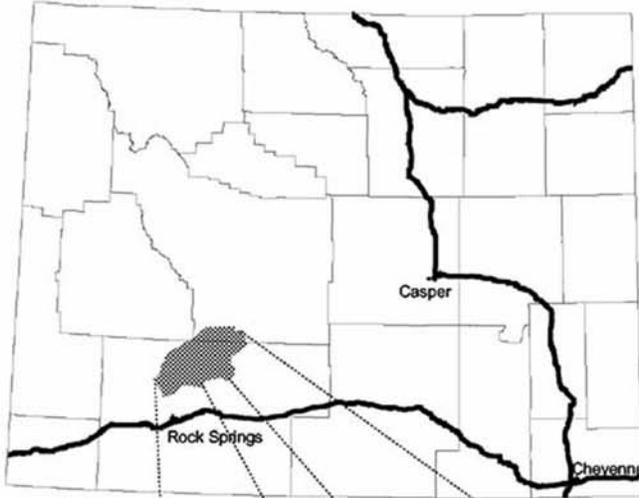
CALENDAR OF EVENTS ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC MEETING

PLACE- TO BE ANNOUNCED

TIME- APRIL (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED)

WE WANT YOUR COMMENTS! PLEASE JOIN US TO REVIEW THE ALTERNATIVES. A 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD TO ADDRESS THE ALTERNATIVES WILL BE PROVIDED.

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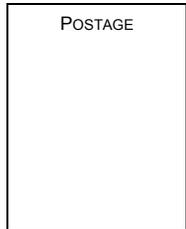
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