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Dear Reader:

The Record of Decision (ROD) for the *Cave Gulch-Bullfrog-Waltman (CGBW) Natural Gas Development Project* is provided for your information and use. The CGBW project area is located in Natrona County, Wyoming, within Townships 36 and 37 North (T36-37N), Ranges 86 and 87 West (R86-87W), 6th Principal Meridian. The ROD outlines the decision and rationale (including key management considerations) for the CGBW Natural Gas Development Project. This decision is subject to appeal as explained in the decision.

This ROD is the culmination of detailed analyses on the environmental effects of implementing the CGBW Operators' proposed developments or alternatives. On February 14, 1997, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and on June 20, 1997, the Final EIS for the CGBW Project.

The CGBW Natural Gas Development EIS and ROD were prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and other regulations and statutes to fully disclose the potential environmental impacts which could result from implementation of the CGBW Project and to solicit public comments and concerns. The EIS process is designed to inform the public of, and provide opportunity to comment on, an action proposed for implementation on public lands, including reasonable alternatives, and to disclose through detailed analysis, potential impacts associated with implementing the proposal or alternatives, including reasonable opportunities to mitigate potential impacts.

A copy of the ROD has been sent to affected Government agencies and to those persons who indicated to BLM that they wished to receive a copy of the EIS and the ROD. Copies of the ROD are available to the public at the following locations:

Bureau of Land Management
Casper District Office
1701 East "E" Street
Casper, WY 82601

Bureau of Land Management
Wyoming State Office
5353 Yellowstone Road
Cheyenne, WY 82001

Bureau of Land Management
Platte River Resource Area
815 Connie Street
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The BLM thanks all the individuals and organizations who provided suggestions and comments on the Draft and Final EISs. Your help has been invaluable in preparing the EIS and the attached ROD.

Sincerely,

for Alan R. Pierson
State Director

Attachment