

## **CHAPTER 5**

# **CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**

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## **5.0 CONSULTATIONS AND COORDINATION**

An environmental analysis is prepared when a federal government agency considers approving an action within its jurisdiction that may impact the human environment. An environmental analysis aids federal decision makers by presenting information on the physical, biological, and social environment of a proposed project and its alternatives. The first step in conducting an environmental analysis that meets the requirements of NEPA is to determine the scope of the project, the range of action alternatives, and the impacts to be included in the document.

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508) require an early scoping process to determine the issues related to the Proposed Action and alternatives that the analysis should address. The purpose of the scoping process is to identify important issues, concerns, and potential impacts that require analysis. The results of the scoping process are used to focus the analysis on the issues and concerns identified for the proposed project, so that alternatives or mitigation considered can be responsive to the issues and concerns. Alternatives that are not technically or economically feasible or responsive to the issues and concerns are not considered further in the analysis.

The environmental assessment documenting the NEPA analysis conducted for the Proposed Action was drafted by a third party contractor working under the direction of and in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Rock Springs Field Office, Rock Springs, Wyoming.

## **5.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A scoping notice was prepared and submitted to the public by the BLM on February 28, 2002, requesting comments on the proposed Kennedy Oil Pilot Exploratory Coal Bed Methane Project. Individuals and entities on the direct mailing list included Federal, state, and local officials and agencies, Native American Tribes, public land users and groups, groups expressing an interest in public lands, and the media. Refer to Appendix E for a copy of the scoping notice including the mailing list.

The scoping period ended on April 1, 2002. During preparation of the EA, the BLM has communicated with, and received or solicited input from various federal, state, county, and local agencies, elected representatives, environmental and citizens groups, industries, and individuals potentially concerned with issues regarding the Proposed Action. The contacts made are summarized in the following sections. Issues identified during public scoping are listed in Section 1.3 of Chapter 1.

## 5.2 LIST OF PREPARERS

The following table identifies the core BLM interdisciplinary principally involved in preparing this EA.

**Table 5-1  
BLM Interdisciplinary Team Members**

Name	Responsibility
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Jim Glennon	Botanist
Terry Del Bene	Archaeologist
Jo Foster	Outdoor Recreation Planner
Kevin Lloyd	Range Conservationist – Wild Horses
John Henderson	Fisheries Biologist
Bob Fischer	Civil Engineer
Sherry Blackburn	Geologist
Susan Davis	Petroleum Engineer
John Henderson	Fisheries Biologist/Water Depletion
John MacDonald	Natural Resource Specialist – Soils
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<b>Wyoming State Office</b>	
Dale Hanson	Regional Paleontologist
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