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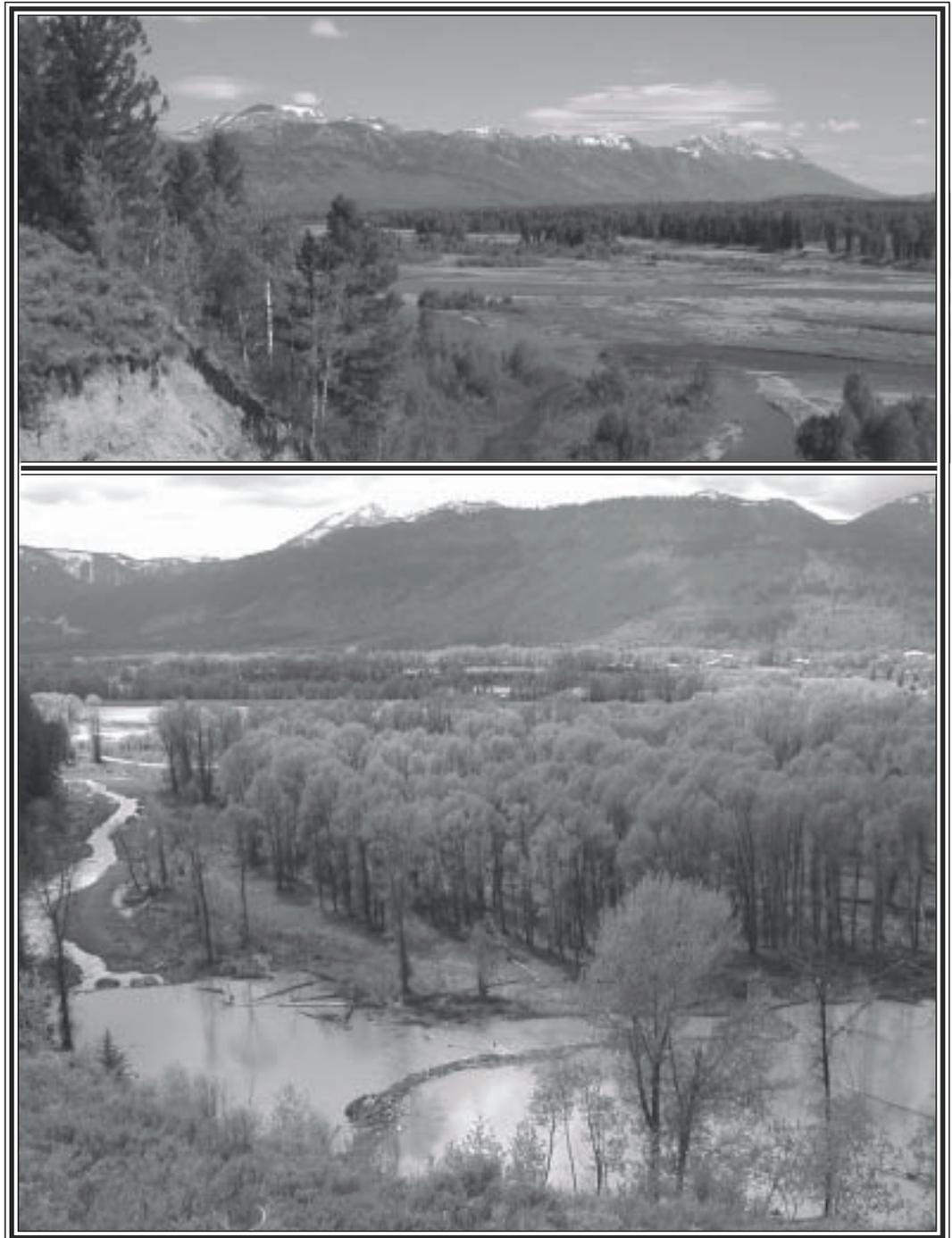
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Environmental Impact Statement for the Snake River Resource Management Plan



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Dear Reader:

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the proposed Snake River Resource Management Plan is submitted for your review and comment. The Snake River planning area includes approximately 1,073 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered public land surface along the Snake River in Jackson Hole, Teton County, Wyoming, along with approximately 15,123 acres of BLM-administered federal mineral estate underlying privately-owned surface lands in Jackson Hole.

This DEIS has been prepared to analyze the potential impacts of six alternative Resource Management Plans (RMP) that have been developed for the Snake River planning area. These alternatives were designed to address four land management issues that were identified during the planning process. The environmental consequences of the alternatives have also been analyzed.

Please review the document and direct any written comments to the Snake River RMP Team Leader, Pinedale Field Office, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, WY 82941. Comments may also be submitted electronically to pinedale_wymail@blm.gov (reference **Snake River RMP** in the subject field) or by Fax to 307-367-5329. All submissions must include legible full name and return address on the envelope, letter, postcard, or e-mail.

If you wish to comment on the DEIS, we request that you make your comments as specific as possible. Comments will be more helpful if they include suggested changes, sources, or methodologies.

An open house will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2003, in Jackson, Wyoming, in the Teton County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 200 South Willow St., from 1 to 5 p.m. The purpose of the open house is to answer any questions you may have about the DEIS. The open house will be followed by a formal public hearing on the DEIS, in the same location, on the same date, from 5 to 8 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to receive formal public comments, verbal and written, on the DEIS.

Freedom of Information Act Considerations: Public comments submitted for this planning effort, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review in their entirety after the comment period closes at the Pinedale Field Office during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals or officials representing organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Through your participation in this effort, we may move forward together toward a common goal of improved public land management in the Snake River planning area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Bennett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "B".

Robert A. Bennett
State Director

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