

CHAPTER 5

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

The Snake River RMP EIS was prepared by an interdisciplinary team of specialists from the Pinedale Field Office, the Rock Springs Field Office, and the Wyoming State Office of the BLM (Table 5-1). Both the field office and state office staffs provided reviews for accuracy and consistency.

**TABLE 5-1
SNAKE RIVER RMP LIST OF PREPARERS**

NAME	JOB TITLE	RMP RESPONSIBILITY
Pinedale Field Office		
Prill Mecham	Field Manager	Team Supervision, RMP Oversight
Kellie M. Roadifer	Planning and Environmental Specialist	Team Leader, Livestock Grazing
Martin Hudson	Outdoor Recreation Planner	Technical Coordinator, Off-road Vehicles, Recreation, Visual Resource Management, Wild and Scenic Rivers
Keith J. Andrews	Wildlife Biologist	Wildlife
Frank Bain	Geologist (2002-2003)	Minerals, Paleontology, Geology
Rosalie Bennett	Office Automation Clerk	Support
Phil Howland	Geologist (1999-2001)	Minerals, Paleontology, Geology
Steve Laster	Rangeland Management Specialist	Vegetation, Sensitive Plants, Livestock Grazing
Karen Rogers	GIS Specialist	Maps
Dave Vlcek	Archeologist	Cultural, Historic, Native American Concerns
Bill Wadsworth	Realty Specialist	Lands, Access, Transportation, Land Ownership
Rock Springs Field Office		
Renee Dana	Resource Advisor	Coordination, NEPA, Assistant Team Leader
Dennis Doncaster	Hydrologist	Watershed, Hydrology
Jim Glennon	Botanist	Vegetation, Sensitive/T&E plants
John Henderson	Fisheries Biologist	Fish, Riparian, Wetlands
John MacDonald	Natural Resource Specialist	Soils
Angelina Pryich	Writer/Editor	Editing

NAME	JOB TITLE	RMP RESPONSIBILITY
Wyoming State Office		
Robert A. Bennett	State Director	Decision Maker
Joe Patti	Natural Resource Specialist Field Planning Coordinator	Planning process guidance; technical review and training; Field/WSO coordination
Roy Allen	Economist	Socioeconomics
Susan Caplan	Physical Scientist	Air Quality
Ken Henke	Natural Resource Specialist	Hazardous Materials
Vicki Herren	Fire Ecologist	Fire Ecology and Management
Sheri Morris	Printing Technician	Publications Preparation
Roger Alexander	Webmaster	Website Maintenance
Tamera Hammack	Web Specialist	Website Maintenance
Esther Simons	Supervisory Cartography Technician	GIS Assistance
Zach Puls	Cartography Technician	GIS Assistance

Consultation, coordination, and public involvement have occurred throughout the process through public meetings, informal meetings, individual contacts, surveys, comment periods, news releases, and *Federal Register* notices.

The process began in the 1980s after the settlement of lawsuits dealing with ownership of the lands along the Snake River. A charter for preparation of the Snake River RMP was finalized in 1999.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation was addressed in the project charter to ensure that the public would have numerous opportunities to be actively involved in the planning and environmental process. Formal and informal input has been encouraged and used.

As part of the ongoing consultation and coordination, the BLM has prepared a biological assessment for threatened and endangered species. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will issue a biological opinion prior to finalization of the Record of Decision for the Snake River RMP. The BLM will continue to coordinate with the USFWS, as required by Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

A public meeting was held on January 27, 2000, to gather comments and input on the Management Situation Analysis, released in December 1999. A Contingent Valuation Methodology study was conducted during the summer and fall of 2000, to identify non-market values associated with the public land parcels. Representatives of the Pinedale Field Office continue to meet regularly with the Teton

County Commission and other area government agencies at a monthly Interagency Breakfast. Formal public comments were received on the Scoping Letter and Notice of Intent (December 1999), the preliminary Planning Criteria and Planning Issues (May 2000), the Management Situation Analysis (February 2001), the Preliminary Alternatives (January 2002), and the Draft EIS (May 2003). An open house and a formal public hearing on the Draft EIS were held in Jackson on March 26, 2003. BLM personnel have also met formally or informally with many members of the outfitting and ranching industries and the general public.

The Snake River RMP Draft EIS was mailed for public review and input in early February 2003. The *Federal Register* notice announcing the availability of the Snake River RMP Draft EIS was published on February 14, 2003. This initiated the 90-day comment period for review of the draft, which ended on May 16, 2003.

When the comment period closed, 68 comment letters had been submitted as well as 290 form letters submitted electronically. Additional form letters continue to arrive at the Pinedale Field Office, but so far none has offered any new information not provided in the comments received by May 16, 2003. Seven (7) letters were submitted by government agencies and representatives, 11 from businesses, 9 from organizations and affiliations, and 42 from individuals. Some parties submitted more than one letter. Two individuals gave testimony at the public hearing. One of these testimonies is included as a comment on the DEIS; the other testimony was substantially identical to a comment letter received and is not repeated here.

Table 5-2 provides a list of letters received. Many letters were received with common issues, thoughts, and questions. The comment letters are reproduced in Appendix 8. BLM responses to the comments are also included in Appendix 8.

**TABLE 5-2
COMMENT LETTER INDEX**

LETTER #	COMMENTS NAME
1	David Ellerstein, Jackson Hole Anglers
2	Scott Hocking, Teton Troutfitters
3	Beatrice van Roijen
4	Len Carlman
5	Steve Poole
6	Emilie Lewis
7	George Hendley
8	Richard Greenwood, Greenwood Mapping, Inc.
9	Matthew Hall
10	Kurt and Deb Henry
11	Garth and Christy Gillespie
12	Mike Craig
13	Jim Wallace
14	Denny Emory
15	Sarah Maclean
16	Scott Bosse, Greater Yellowstone Coalition
17	Jan Momchilovich

LETTER #	COMMENTS NAME
18	Len H. Carpenter, Wildlife Management Institute
19	John Hanlon
20	Paul N. Scherbel, Surveyor Scherbel, Ltd.
21	Marjorie S. Hunt
22	Georgie Stanley
23	Richard R. Klene
24	Bill Resor, Snake River Ranch
25	Stephen Aufried
26	Patty Ewing
27	William P. Paddleford, Teton County Commission
28	Henry C. Phibbs II, Phibbs Law Office P.C.
29	Henry C. Phibbs II, Phibbs Law Office P.C.
30	Barry Reiswig, USFWS National Elk Refuge
31	Brian Remlinger
32	Ralph and Rosanne Coppola
33	Henry C. Phibbs II, Phibbs Law Office P.C.
34	Henry C. Phibbs II, Phibbs Law Office P.C.
35	Stephen P. Martin, Grand Teton National Park
36	Page McNeill
37	Bruce A. Bugbee, American Public Land Exchange
38	Paul Bruun
39	Anne Hayden, Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance Meredith Taylor, Wyoming Outdoor Council
40	Bruce James, Jack Dennis Fishing Trips
41	Lexey Wauters
42	Ian Levenson
43	Carol Kaminski
44	Mike Varilone
45	Carol Wauters
46	Jonathan Wylie, Live Water Properties
47	Guy Turck
48	Gregg Dean and Dick Ream
49	Scott Hocking, Teton Troutfitters
50	Alex Maher, Live Water Properties
51	Peter Freyman, Teton Troutfitters
52	Lee Riddell
53	Stu Levit, American Wildlands
54	Reynolds Pomeroy
55	David Vandenberg, Friends of Pathways
56	Aaron Pruzan, Snake River Fund
57	Sava Malachowski (hearing testimony)
58	Jodi L. Bush, US Fish and Wildlife Service
59	Kip Worthington
60	Leslie Mattson, Jackson Hole Land Trust
61	Jim Stanford
62	Cynthia Cody, US EPA Region 8
63	Tracy Williams, State of Wyoming

LETTER #	COMMENTS NAME
64	Patrick Huber
65	Represents 290 emails received
66	Richard P. Maynard
67	Kniffy Hamilton, Bridger-Teton National Forest
68	Eric K. Simpson, TSR Limited

CONSISTENCY

Coordination with other agencies and consistency with other plans was accomplished through frequent communications and cooperative efforts between the BLM and involved federal, state, and local agencies and organizations (Table 5-3).

**TABLE 5-3
KEY COORDINATION ACTIONS**

AGENCY	COORDINATION/RESPONSIBILITY
FEDERAL AGENCIES	
U.S. Department of the Interior	
Fish and Wildlife Service	Review actions affecting threatened or endangered species of fish, wildlife, or plants.
Geological Survey	Review of RMP for consistency with USGS planning.
Minerals Management Service	Review of RMP for consistency with MMS planning.
U.S. Department of Agriculture	
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services	Review of RMP for consistency with Wyoming Predator Damage Management Plan as it relates to resolving conflicts in human-wildlife interactions; i.e., presence of grizzly bears and gray wolves.
Forest Service	Review of RMP for consistency with the management actions. The proposed actions would also be discussed with the Wyoming State Forestry Division and other agencies involved in wild land fire management.
TETON COUNTY	Review RMP for consistency; zoning; access permits.

The Wyoming Governor's Clearinghouse received 18 copies of the Draft EIS for review to ensure consistency with ongoing State plans. The RMP team has reviewed the Teton County plan to ensure consistency. Meetings have been held with the respective county planners and commissioners to promote greater understanding of goals, objectives, and resources of both the county and the BLM.

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

Members of the RMP team have consulted formally or informally with numerous agencies, groups, and individuals in the RMP development process. The following list is representative of the businesses, agencies, organizations, and individuals who have indicated an interest in the Snake River RMP and who

have been contacted during the planning process. This list is not all-inclusive. A complete list is on file in the Pinedale Field Office of the BLM.

Federal Agencies

Department of the Army
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Land Management
Fish and Wildlife Service
Geological Survey
National Park Service
Office of Environmental Affairs

Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services
Forest Service
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Department of Commerce
Department of Defense
Department of Energy
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Department of Transportation
Environmental Protection Agency

State of Wyoming

Department of Environmental Quality
Game and Fish Department
Geological Survey of Wyoming
Governor of Wyoming
State Clearinghouse
State Engineer
State Highway Department
State Historic Preservation Office
Wyoming Recreation Commission

Federal Elected Officials

Congresswoman Barbara Cubin
Senator Mike Enzi
Senator Craig Thomas

State Elected Officials

Senators and Representatives of Teton and Sublette Counties

Local Governments

County governments of Teton and Sublette Counties
Mayors' offices of Jackson, Pinedale, Afton, Alpine, Wilson, Moose, Teton Village

Tribal Councils

Arapaho
Bannock
Shoshoni
Ute

Industry

EOG Resources
ExxonMobil
Evans Gravel Co.
Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States
Klabzuba Oil and Gas
Marathon Oil Co.
PacifiCorp
Petroleum Association of Wyoming
Petroleum Information Corp.
Questar Gas Management Co.
Southwest Wyoming Industrial Association
Southwest Wyoming Mineral Association
Walters Ready Mix Inc.
Western Gas Resources
Wexpro Company
Wyoming Mining Association
Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Associations and Interest Groups

American Wildlands
Biodiversity Conservation Alliance
Defenders of Wildlife
Environmental Defense Fund
Friends of Pathways
Greater Yellowstone Coalition
Humane Society of the United States
Jackson Hole Alliance for Responsible Planning
Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance
Munger Mountain Home Owners
National Wildlife Federation
Natural Resources Defense Council
Oregon and California Trails Association - Wyoming
People for the West
Sierra Club Wyoming Chapter
Southwest Wyoming Mule Deer Foundation
The Fund for Animals
The Nature Conservancy Public Lands Program
Trout Unlimited
Western Wyoming Mule Deer Foundation
Wyoming Association of Professional Archeologists
Wyoming Association of Professional Historians
Wyoming Outdoor Council
Wyoming Public Lands Council
Wyoming Wildlife Federation

Others

Many individuals were contacted, including all adjacent landowners, grazing lessees, and known recreation outfitters.