

the RMP amendment in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified.

Preliminary issues have been identified by BLM personnel, federal, state and local agencies and other stakeholders and include:

- Compliance with NEPA, FLPMA, and other applicable laws, executive orders, regulations and policy;
- Recognition of valid existing rights;
- All lands that may affect or be affected by BLM management decisions. Planning decisions in the RMP amendment will apply only to BLM-administered lands and federal mineral estate; and

- A collaborative and multi-jurisdictional approach, when possible, to jointly determine the desired future condition and management direction for the public lands. To the extent possible and within legal and regulatory parameters, the BLM management and planning decisions will complement the planning and management decisions of other agencies, state and local governments, and jurisdictions intermingled with, and adjacent to, the planning area.

The BLM will evaluate identified issues to be addressed in the plan, and will place them into one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan amendment;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan amendment.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the draft RMP amendment/EA as to why an issue was placed in category two or three. The public is encouraged to help identify any management questions and concerns that should be addressed in the plan. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

Comments may be submitted in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting or through one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2.

**Larry Claypool,**

*Acting State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Bird Canyon Natural Gas Infill Project, Lincoln and Sublette Counties, WY

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Rock Springs Field Office (RSFO) intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Bird Canyon Natural Gas Infill Project and by this notice announces the opening of the scoping period. The plan of development for this project proposes that 348 natural gas wells be drilled on public lands in the 17,612 acre Bird Canyon project area.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by June 9, 2014. The BLM will hold two public meetings as part of the public comment period; these will be announced through the local news media and the BLM Web site at [www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/rsfo/birdcanyon.html](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/rsfo/birdcanyon.html) at least 15 days in advance. In order to be included in the analysis, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation as appropriate.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on issues and planning criteria may be submitted through any of the following methods:

- *Mail or Delivery:* BLM Rock Springs Field Office, Attn: Spencer Allred, 280 Highway 191 N., Rock Springs, WY 82901.

- *EMail:* [blm\\_wy\\_bird\\_canyon\\_eis@blm.gov](mailto:blm_wy_bird_canyon_eis@blm.gov) with “Public Comment” in the subject line.

- *Fax:* 307–352–0329.

All comments must include a legible full name and address on the envelope, letter, fax, postcard or email.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the RSFO, 280 Highway 191 N., Rock Springs, Wyoming.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Spencer Allred, Natural Resource Specialist, at 307–352–0325. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Koch Exploration Company, LLC, and Memorial Resource Development, LLC, propose to drill 348 new natural gas wells within 17,612 acres of public land in the existing Bird Canyon Field, in Lincoln and Sublette counties, Wyoming. Drilling activities would occur over the next 10 to 20 years. The life of the project, including final reclamation, is projected to be approximately 55 years. The wells would be directionally drilled on expansions of existing well pads or on newly constructed multiple-well pads. Average well-pad spacing would be four pads per 640 acres. It is estimated that well pads would initially occupy 3.8 acres, which would then be reclaimed back to 1.1 acres after production facilities are installed. Total estimated initial disturbance for this project, including access roads, well pads and pipelines, is 392 acres. Following interim reclamation, including reclamation of 64 existing pads, total estimated long-term surface disturbance is 20 acres.

The proposed project is in an area designated as marginal nonattainment for ozone within the Upper Green River Basin by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in July 2012.

Oil and gas development has occurred in the Bird Canyon Field since the 1960s. During that time, 90 wells have been drilled within the project area. Eighteen of those wells have been plugged or shut-in, leaving 72 wells in the field that are actively producing at this time.

An EIS will be prepared to analyze the impacts of the proposed project which the RSFO has preliminarily identified as socioeconomic, watershed qualities, historical and cultural resources, wildlife habitat, air quality, water quality and livestock forage. Identification of opportunities to apply mitigation hierarchy strategies for on-site, regional, and compensatory

mitigation, and (appropriate to the size of the project) landscape-level conservation and management actions to achieve resource objectives] will be considered.

A critical part of the EIS process is gathering comments and concerns from the public to help the BLM understand the scope of the issues associated with this project. The BLM will utilize and coordinate the NEPA public comment process to comply with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f) as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). Native American tribal consultations will be conducted in accordance with BLM policy and sites of religious or cultural significance or other tribal concerns will be given due consideration. Federal, State and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed project, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate in the development of the EIS as a cooperating agency. Additional opportunities for public participation will be provided when the Draft EIS is published.

Comments can be submitted in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting or through one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7.

Larry Claypool,

*Acting State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Draft Cottonwood Resource Management Plan Amendment for Domestic Sheep Grazing and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Idaho

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management,  
Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment for Domestic Sheep Grazing and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period.

**DATES:** To ensure that comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft RMP Amendment/Supplemental EIS within 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a notice of availability of this document in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public participation activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments related to the Draft RMP Amendment and Supplemental EIS by any of the following methods:

- **Web site:** [http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa\\_register/cfo\\_SEIS-plan-amdt-sheep.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa_register/cfo_SEIS-plan-amdt-sheep.html).
- **Email:** [BLM\\_ID\\_SheepSEIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_ID_SheepSEIS@blm.gov).
- **Mail:** BLM Coeur d'Alene District, ATTN: Sheep SEIS, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815.

The Draft RMP Amendment and Supplemental EIS is available on the project Web site at [http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa\\_register/cfo\\_SEIS-plan-amdt-sheep.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa_register/cfo_SEIS-plan-amdt-sheep.html), in the BLM Coeur d'Alene District Office at the above address, and at the BLM Cottonwood Field Office, One Butte Drive, Cottonwood, ID 83522.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Pavay, telephone 208-769-5059, BLM Coeur d'Alene District Office (address above); email: [BLM\\_ID\\_SheepSEIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_ID_SheepSEIS@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM proposes to amend the 2008 Cottonwood RMP by providing new management direction and allocations for livestock grazing on 19,405 acres of BLM-managed lands within 4 BLM

allotments in Idaho and Adams Counties of Idaho.

In August 2008, the BLM published the Proposed Cottonwood RMP and Final EIS and subsequently received a number of protests on the proposed decision. The BLM Director denied all protest points but one, which was in regard to the adequacy of the range of alternatives for management of domestic sheep grazing on four BLM allotments that are within bighorn sheep habitat. Specifically, the Director found that the Final EIS did not include an adequate range of alternatives to address potential disease transmission from domestic sheep and goats to bighorn sheep, and required that the State Director complete a supplemental EIS that would include a reasonable range of alternatives for managing livestock grazing and would analyze the impacts of domestic sheep and goat grazing within the four allotments. The Director further specified that the supplemental EIS be for the limited purpose of analyzing the impacts of domestic sheep and goat grazing within four allotments.

The Supplemental EIS identifies and analyzes three related planning issues:

(1) Bighorn sheep—Domestic sheep and goats may contact and transmit diseases to bighorn sheep, which may be a contributing factor to the downward trend in bighorn populations.

(2) Native American tribal interests and treaty rights—BLM management of livestock grazing, specifically domestic sheep and goats, may affect the availability of resources and uses (specifically related to bighorn sheep) that are important to the interests and rights of the Nez Perce Tribe.

(3) Livestock grazing and social and economic interests—Changes to BLM management of livestock grazing may affect the local economy.

Please note that public comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and email addresses of persons who submit comments will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.