

**ADDRESSES:** The ROD/Approved LUPA and associated Travel Management Plans (TMPs) are available electronically on the BLM ePlanning project website at <https://go.usa.gov/xE6YH>. Copies of the ROD/Approved LUPA and TMPs are available for public inspection at the BLM-Ridgecrest Field Office, 300 South Richmond Road, Ridgecrest, CA 93555; the BLM-Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311; and the BLM-California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ROD also approves a travel and transportation route network and nine associated TMPs. These implementation-level decisions for each of the nine individual travel management plans are subject to appeal pursuant to 43 CFR, part 4, subpart E.

The ROD contains the BLM's decisions and rationale, and a brief summary of alternatives considered, public involvement, required findings, and other information. The ROD includes three appendices: United States Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion (Appendix A), an Errata to the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Appendix B), and the WMRNP Programmatic Agreement (Appendix C).

The WMRNP includes both plan-level and implementation-level actions. The WMRNP ROD approves seven land use plan amendments to the motor vehicle access, recreation and livestock grazing elements within the California Desert Conservation Area Plan for the West Mojave planning area. It also approves nine travel management plans, including a designated route network and implementation strategies and actions.

The WMRNP ROD, Approved LUPA and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), including Errata, were developed pursuant to a U.S. District Court Order that partially remanded the 2006 West Mojave (WEMO) Plan Amendment ROD to the

BLM and directed the BLM to reconsider route designation throughout the WEMO Planning Area, as well as other specified issues in the 2006 WEMO Plan. In response to public comments, updated information, and internal review, the BLM did not carry forward the Preferred Alternative identified in the Draft LUPA/Draft Supplemental EIS, published in March 2018. Rather, the Proposed LUPA/Final Supplemental EIS, published on April 26, 2019, identified Alternative 5 as the Selected Alternative. There were no inconsistencies with State- or local-plans, policies or programs identified during the Governor's consistency review of the Proposed LUPA/Final Supplemental EIS.

At the close of the protest period, 29 protests were received. The Director's Protest Summary Report containing Protest Resolution is available electronically at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/protest-resolution-reports>. Minor modifications were made to the Final Supplemental EIS to provide further clarification of the environmental impacts from the decisions. These minor modifications and changes in land status from the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Pub. L. 116-9) resulted in an Errata to the WMRNP Final Supplemental EIS.

In response to changes in land status from Public Law 116-9 and comments received during the protest period, modifications were made to the travel and transportation management route network. The Selected Alternative has approximately 6,000 miles of OHV open and limited routes and 230 miles of OHV closed routes that include non-motorized and non-mechanized use designations.

Any party adversely affected by the approved route designations may appeal within 30 days of publication of this Notice of Availability pursuant to 43 CFR, part 4, subpart E. The appeal must be filed with the California Desert District Manager at the previously listed address (see **ADDRESSES**). Please consult the appropriate regulations (43 CFR, part 4, subpart E) for further appeal requirements.

Before including your phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your appeal, you should be aware that your entire appeal—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your appeal to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we

cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6)

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Potential Amendment to the Approved Resource Management Plan for the Buffalo Field Office, Wyoming

**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) Wyoming prepared this Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the 2015 Buffalo Field Office Approved Resource Management Plan (RMP). This effort is in response to a United States District Court of Montana opinion and order (*Western Organization of Resource Councils, et al. v. BLM*; 3/26/2018 and 7/31/2018). By this notice, the BLM is announcing the opening of the protest period.

**DATES:** To ensure that a protest will be considered, the BLM must receive protests on the Final Supplemental EIS by November 4, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Final Supplemental EIS are available at the Buffalo Field Office at 1425 Fort Street, Buffalo, Wyoming 82834, and online at <http://go.usa.gov/xP6S3>.

All protests on the Final Supplemental EIS must be submitted in writing by any of the following methods:

- Website: <http://go.usa.gov/xP6S3>.
- Regular Mail: BLM Director (210), Attention: Protest Coordinator, P.O. Box 71383, Washington, DC 20024-1383.
- Overnight Delivery: BLM Director (210), Attention: Protest Coordinator, 20 M Street SE, Room 2134LM, Washington, DC 20003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas (Tom) Bills, RMP Supplemental EIS Project Manager; telephone: 307-

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Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact Mr. Bills during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 2015 Buffalo Field Office Approved RMP provides a single, comprehensive land use plan that guides management of BLM-administered lands and minerals in the Buffalo Field Office, which include approximately 800,000 acres of BLM surface land and 4.7 million acres of BLM mineral estate in Campbell, Johnson, and Sheridan counties in north-central Wyoming.

Based on the above-referenced court decision, feedback from cooperating agencies and stakeholders, and public scoping, the BLM developed and analyzed a No Action Alternative and an Action Alternative, which are detailed in the Final Supplemental EIS. The alternatives focus solely on the allocation of lands open for leasing BLM-administered coal, in response to the court order.

The No Action Alternative represents the decision area from the 2015 RMP and brings forward all management decisions that precluded coal development in the 2015 RMP. It relies on the decisions from the 2001 coal-screening process that informed the 2015 RMP, but uses an updated 2018 coal production baseline. The BLM also used the 2019 U.S. Energy Information Administration development forecast to project development in the Buffalo Field Office over the 20-year planning period. The No Action Alternative makes available 686,896 acres for consideration of coal leasing, which includes approximately 73.66 billion tons of BLM-administered coal reserves.

The Action Alternative also uses the 2018 coal production baseline and the 2019 U.S. Energy Information Administration development forecast. In addition, the Action Alternative applies new coal screens (as described in 43 CFR 3420.1–4(e)), considers new scientific and GIS data, and evaluates issues identified through internal and public scoping. Based on these factors, the Action Alternative area makes available 455,467 acres for consideration of coal leasing, which includes approximately 52.24 billion tons of BLM-administered coal reserves.

The Proposed Plan is a modification of the Action Alternative that would make 495,251 acres of Federal coal available for consideration for leasing.

This area includes all the acreage identified as available under the Action Alternative, as well as 40,847 additional acres that were included under the No Action Alternative. The BLM made this recommendation as a result of public, stakeholder, and cooperating agency input on the Draft Supplemental EIS as well as updated best-available information and special expertise provided by cooperating agencies and the public.

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, the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

(Authority: 43 CFR 1610.2(c), 40 CFR 1506.6)

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Notice of Availability of the Proposed Amendment to the Approved Resource Management Plan for the Miles City Field Office, Montana, and the Associated Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Montana Miles City Field Office has prepared a Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the 2015 Miles City Field Office Approved RMP. This effort is in response to a United States District Court of Montana opinion and order (*Western Organization of Resource Councils, et al. v. BLM*; 3/26/2018 and 7/31/2018). By this notice, the BLM is announcing the opening of the protest period.

**DATES:** To ensure that a protest will be considered, the BLM must receive any protests on the Proposed RMP Amendment on or before the 30th day following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability of the Final Supplemental EIS in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Proposed RMP Amendment and Final Supplemental EIS are available at the Miles City Field Office, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, MT 59301, or may be viewed online at: <https://go.usa.gov/xmbE4>. All protests on the Proposed RMP Amendment must be in writing and submitted by any of the following methods:

*Website:* <https://go.usa.gov/xmbE4>.

*Regular Mail:* BLM Director (210), Attention: Protest Coordinator, P.O. Box 71383, Washington, DC 20024–1383.

*Overnight Delivery:* BLM Director (210), Attention: Protest Coordinator, 20 M Street SE, Room 2134LM, Washington, DC 20003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Irma Nansel, RMP Supplemental EIS Project Manager, Miles City Field Office, telephone: (406) 233–3653, email: [inansel@blm.gov](mailto:inansel@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS 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 2015 Miles City Approved RMP provides a single, comprehensive land use plan that guides management of BLM-administered lands and minerals in the Miles City Field Office, which consists of approximately 2.7 million acres of BLM surface land and 10.6 million acres of BLM mineral estate across 17 counties in eastern Montana.

Based on the earlier-referenced court decision; feedback from cooperating agencies and stakeholders; and public scoping, the BLM developed and analyzed a No Action Alternative and two Action Alternatives, which are detailed in the Final Supplemental EIS.

The No Action Alternative represents the decision area from the 2015 RMP and brings forward all management decisions that precluded coal development in the 2015 RMP. It relies on the decisions from the 1985 Power River RMP and 1996 Big Dry RMP coal screening process. The No Action Alternative includes a total area of approximately 1,581,240 acres available