

acres. Resource use limitations that apply to the proposed ACECs include a range of different prescriptions as described in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1—EVALUATION OF AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN

Area name	Values of concern	Resource use limitations	Acres
Browns Park	Cultural, wildlife, habitat, and scenic views.	Closed to OHV use, or limited to designated routes	18,474
Red Mountain—Dry Fork	Watershed, relict vegetation, and big game habitat.	No surface occupancy, or timing/controlled surface use for oil and gas; OHV use limited to designated routes.	24,285
Nine-Mile Canyon	Cultural, and special status plant species.	The area would be open subject to standard lease terms or managed as NSO for oil and gas leasing; OHV use would be limited to designated routes.	44,181
Lears Canyon	Relict vegetation	No surface occupancy for oil and gas, closed to mineral material sales.	1,375
Pariette	Wetland, wildlife, and plant habitat.	No surface occupancy for oil and gas, closed to mineral material sales.	10,437
Red Creek	Watershed and wildlife habitat	No surface occupancy and controlled surface use; OHV use is limited to designated routes.	24,475

Comments on the Vernal Field Office DRMP/DEIS received from the public and internal BLM review were considered and incorporated as appropriate into the PRMP/FEIS. Public comments resulted in the addition of clarifying text, but did not significantly change proposed land use plan decisions.

Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the PRMP/FEIS may be found in the Dear Reader Letter of the PRMP/FEIS and at 43 CFR 1610.5–2.

E-mail and faxed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, the BLM will consider the e-mail or faxed protest as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide the BLM with such advance notification, please direct faxed protests to the attention of the BLM protest coordinator at 202–452–5112, and e-mails to *Brenda_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov*.

All protests, including the follow-up letter (if e-mailing or faxing) must be in writing and mailed to the appropriate address, as set forth in the ADDRESSES section above.

Before including your phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your protest, you should be aware that your entire protest—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your protest 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, 43 CFR 1610.2, 43 CFR 1610.5–1.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Kemmerer Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) with its cooperating agencies has prepared a Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/FEIS) for the Kemmerer Field Office planning area.

DATES: BLM planning regulations (43 CFR 1610.5–2) state that any person who meets the conditions as described in the regulations may protest the BLM’s Proposed RMP. A person who meets the conditions and files a protest must file the protest within 30 days of the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Kemmerer PRMP/FEIS have been sent to affected Federal, State, and local government agencies and to interested parties. Copies of the PRMP/FEIS are available

for public inspection at the following locations:

Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009
 Bureau of Land Management, Kemmerer Field Office, 312 HWY 189 N, Kemmerer, Wyoming 83101

Interested persons may also review the PRMP/FEIS on the Internet at <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/kemmerer>. All protests must be in writing and mailed to one of the following addresses:

Regular Mail: Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, P.O. Box 66538, Washington, DC 20036.

Overnight Mail: Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, 1620 L Street, NW., Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20035.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele Easley, RMP Team Leader, BLM Kemmerer Field Office, 312 HWY 189 N, Kemmerer, Wyoming 83101; telephone—(307) 828–4524; e-mail *Kemmerer_wymail@blm.gov* with “Kemmerer RMP” in the subject line.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Kemmerer Field Office planning area is located in Lincoln, Uinta, and Sweetwater Counties, Wyoming. It includes approximately 1.4 million acres of public land surface and 1.6 million acres of Federal mineral estate administered by the BLM.

The Draft RMP/EIS was made available for public review for a 90-day period on July 13, 2007. The Draft RMP/EIS described and analyzed four alternatives for the management of the public lands and resources, including the Federal mineral estate, administered by the BLM Kemmerer Field Office:

Alternative A: (No Action): Continuation of the current management goals, objectives, and direction specified in the Kemmerer RMP and ROD (1986).

Alternative B: Provide a high level of environmental protection for wildlife habitat and other resource values, while allowing the production of resource commodities.

Alternative C: Maximize the production of resource commodities while providing an adequate level of environmental protection for other resources.

Alternative D: (BLM's Preferred Alternative): Optimize the mix of resource outputs, including production of resource commodities and wildlife habitat, while providing enhancement of environmental protection for all resources.

The key issues addressed by the alternatives are: (1) Development of domestic energy sources, including wind power; (2) off highway vehicle/snowmobile use and outdoor recreation; (3) National Historic Trails and cultural resources management; (4) management of wildlife habitat, including special status plant and animal species; (5) special management designations; and (6) travel management planning.

The Draft RMP/EIS included analysis of nine new areas proposed for consideration as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The BLM found that these areas meet relevance and importance criteria as set forth in 43 CFR 1610.7-2, and the impacts of including these proposed ACECs were analyzed as part of the alternatives in the Draft RMP/EIS.

With Alternative D (BLM Preferred Alternative), the BLM proposes to establish the Bridger Butte ACEC (727 acres); Special status plant species ACEC (907 acres); and Cushion plant community ACEC (61 acres); and retain the Raymond Mountain ACEC (13,926 acres).

In addition, in Alternative D, the BLM analyzed the effects of opening 3,963 acres for consideration of future coal leasing. The proposed coal lease area is situated in T. 17 N., R. 117 W., Section 18, 20, 30, and 32; T. 16 N., R. 118 W., Section 2; 17 N., R. 118 W., Section 24.

Comments on the Draft RMP/EIS received from the public and internal BLM review were incorporated as appropriate into the proposed plan. After careful consideration of the comments received, adjustment and clarifications were made to Alternative D, BLM's Preferred Alternative. As modified, Alternative D is now presented as the Proposed Kemmerer RMP in the PRMP/FEIS. The Proposed Kemmerer RMP would provide comprehensive, long-range decisions for the use and management of resources in the planning area administered by the

BLM and focus on the principles of multiple use and sustained yield.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

60-Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) invites public comments on a proposed new collection of information (1024-xxxx).

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) on or before October 21, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Margaret Littlejohn; Park Studies Unit, College of Natural Resources, University of Idaho; P.O. Box 441139, Moscow, Idaho 83844-1139; or via phone at 208/885-7863; or via fax at 208/885-4261; or via e-mail at littlej@uidaho.edu. Also, you may send comments to Leonard E. Stowe, NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer, 1849 C St., NW., (2605), Washington, DC 20240; or via e-mail at leonard.stowe@nps.gov. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. James Gramann, NPS Social Science Program, 1201 "Eye" St., Washington, DC 20005; or via phone at 202/513-7189; or via e-mail at James_Gramann@partner.nps.gov. You are entitled to a copy of the entire ICR package free of charge.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Programmatic Approval for the National Park Service Visitor Services Project

Bureau Form Number: None

OMB Number: To be requested.

Expiration Date: To be requested.

Type of Request: New collection.

Description of Need: The National Park Service (NPS) relies on accurate information concerning park visitors to inform planning and management aimed at better serving the visiting public. The NPS collects information on visitors' characteristics, opinions, preferences, and trip expenditures by means of visitor surveys, including those conducted by the NPS Visitor Services Project (VSP). Each year, the VSP completes up to 18 visitor surveys and focus groups in individual units of the National Park System. The NPS currently has a programmatic approval for NPS-sponsored public surveys (1024-0224). This programmatic approval has resulted in dramatic improvements in the agency's ability to conduct social science research in and around NPS units. The proposed VSP Programmatic Approval would extend these benefits by allowing this relatively homogeneous subset of information collections to go through its own review process. This will reduce the time that it takes for VSP information collections to be reviewed and fielded, benefiting parks that depend on VSPs to collect timely and accurate data from visitors for planning and management purposes.

The VSP conducts site-specific information collections, including in-depth visitor surveys and focus groups, at up to 18 parks per year. These studies