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PREPARATION

The North Dakota RMP was prepared by specialists from the Dickinson District Office, with assistance and guidance from the Montana BLM State Office Disciplines. Skills used to develop this RMP were vegetation and rangeland use, geology, hydrology, recreation, soil science, and air quality, archaeology and paleontology, rearty, wildlife and fisheries, biology, animal science, forestry, economics, sociology, graphics and typing. Preparation of this RMP began in 1984 with a Federal Register notice of intent to initiate a planning activity.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation occurred at three major steps during the preparation of this draft RMP/EIS:

- 1) Scoping or Identification of Issues,
- 2) Development of Planning Criteria, and
- 3) Surface Owner Consultation.

Public participation activities conducted during each of these steps are discussed below.

Scoping or Identification of Issues

Public participation activities for the North Dakota RMP/EIS began with the December 19, 1984, Federal Register Notice announcing the intent to initiate planning activity. This notice of intent also invited the public to suggest resource management issues to be considered, and included a call for coal resource information. A news release requesting similar public input was issued to media throughout North Dakota December 20, 1984. A supplement to the notice of intent identifying the four alternatives considered in the RMP/EIS was published in the February 28, 1986, Federal Register.

A brochure describing the BLM planning process, opportunities for public input, and anticipated planning issues was mailed to approximately 300 persons, groups, or agencies during February and March of 1985. This brochure included a return mailer for providing suggestions of issues to be considered in the plan. The Dickinson District received 33 responses to the brochure.

Five public meetings were held during March and April of 1985 to aid in identifying issues and planning criteria. The scoping meetings were held in Bowman, Dickinson, Hazen, Towner, and Williston, North Dakota. A total of 38 persons attended. News releases announcing the meetings and requesting suggested issues were issued to media servicing the general area surrounding the meeting locations.

Development of Planning Criteria

On July 10, 1985, a news release was issued to selected news media throughout North Dakota announcing the availability of issues and planning criteria. The issues and planning criteria were available for a 30-day comment period ending August 14, 1985. Two comments were received.

Surface Owner Consultation

Beginning in December 1985, 1844 surface owners over federal coal were consulted regarding their preference towards coal mining. Three public open houses were held during December 1985 to answer questions regarding the consultation process. Two news releases were issued to announce the consultation process, open houses, and deadlines for response. These news releases were issued to media located in proximity to the CSAs and major population centers within the state (Appendix E).

DISTRIBUTION OF RMP/EIS

Copies of this RMP/EIS are being provided to approximately 400 persons, groups, local governments, and agencies that have expressed interest in the management of public lands and minerals in North Dakota. The mailing list was compiled using names and addresses of (1) parties actively involved in past planning and environmental analysis activities, (2) parties responding to our call for suggested issues and resource information, (3) parties requesting further information during the preparation of the plan, (4) agencies, governments, and corporations potentially affected by the plan, and (5) agencies, groups, and tribes consulted during preparation of the RMP/EIS.

AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS CONSULTED

The North Dakota RMP team consulted and/or received comments from the following organizations and agencies during the preparation of this document.

American Fisheries Society
Badlands Environmental Association
Dunn County United Plainsmen Association
Friends of the Earth
Isaak Walton League
Natural Resources Defense Council
North Dakota Archaeological Association
North Dakota Audubon Society
North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers Assoc.
North Dakota Lignite Council
North Dakota Petroleum Council
North Dakota Paleontological Society
North Dakota Stockmens Association
North Dakota REC
National Wildlife Federation
North Dakota Wildlife Federation
North Dakota Chapter The Wildlife Society
Public Lands Council
Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association
Sierra Club
Defenders of Wildlife
Roughrider 4 X 4 and Off-road Club
Watford City Wildlife Club
United Sportsmen
State and National Government
Elected Officials

North Dakota State Legislators Representative
Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council for Development

U.S. Congressmen

Representative Byron Dorgan
Senator Mark Andrews
Senator Quentin Burdick

Federal Agencies

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Reclamation
Corps of Engineers
Department of the Air Force
Environmental Protection Agency
Federal Highway Department
Fish and Wildlife Service
Forest Service
Geological Survey
National Park Service
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
Soil Conservation Service
Theodore Roosevelt National Park

State and Local Government

North Dakota, State of
Agriculture Department
Game and Fish Department
Geological Survey
Health Department — Water Supply and Pollution
Control
Highway Department
Historical Society
Industrial Commission
Land Department
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Parks and Recreation Department
Public Service Commission
Water Commission

County Commissioners, County Agents, Planning Boards,
etc.

Adams
Barnes
Benson
Billings
Bottineau
Bowman
Burke
Burleigh
Cavalier
Divide
Dunn
Eddy
Emmons
Golden Valley
Grand Forks
Grant
Hettinger
Kidder
Logan
McHenry
McIntosh
McKenzie
McLean
Mercer
Morton
Mountrail
Oliver

Pierce
Renville
Sheridan
Slope
Stark
Stutsman
Walsh
Ward
Williams

City of Dickinson

Indian Tribes

Devils Lake Sioux Tribal Council
The Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Business Council
Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribal Council
Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

Individuals

Approximately 300 individuals, area institutions of higher learning, and other firms or agencies known to be interested in North Dakota planning and resources and those requesting information following Federal Register notices, news releases, and public meetings were contacted.

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Interdisciplinary Team

Core Team

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