



## **DOCUMENT PREPARATION**

This resource management plan was prepared by an interdisciplinary team of specialists from the Headwaters Resource Area and the Butte District Office. Writing of the RMP began in November 1982; however a complex process that began in 1979 preceded the writing phase. This process included resource inventory, public participation, interagency coordination, and preparation of a management situation analysis (on file in the Headwaters Resource Area Office). Consultation and coordination with agencies, organizations, and individuals occurred in a variety of ways throughout the planning process.

## **CONSISTENCY**

The BLM's planning regulations require that resource management plans be "consistent with officially approved or adopted resource related plans of other federal agencies, state and local governments and Indian tribes, so long as the guidance and resource management plans are also consistent with the purposes, policies and programs of federal law and regulations applicable to public lands . . . ." Several actions were taken to ensure that this consistency requirement was met. A letter was sent to the Governor's Natural Resource Council in December 1981 requesting copies of state plans that the BLM should consider in their planning effort. Meetings were held in September and October 1982 with the County Commissioners for all nine counties in the Headwaters Resource Area, the Governor's Natural

Resource Council, and other agencies and groups. These same agencies and groups received copies of the draft RMP and were asked for their comments.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A preliminary list of issues was sent to about 800 people in April 1979. The purpose of the mailing was to identify the major issues in the resource area, which would then provide guidance for the data collection effort. Following this mailing, a nine member Citizen's Advisory Group was set up to provide additional guidance for issue identification.

A Federal Register notice was published on March 18, 1980 that announced the formal start of the planning process. A letter was sent to range users in June 1980 to announce that a vegetative inventory would be conducted that summer and that the data would be used in the RMP. Four meetings were held in July to explain the inventory process and how it would be used. In September 1980 a second mailing was sent to about 1,000 people asking for their comments on a revised list of issues. The comments received were used to further refine the issues, and in August 1982 a third mailing was sent to about 2,700 people that contained the finalized issues and a list of planning criteria that would be used to resolve the issues.

Other informal coordination with the public took place throughout the planning process by means of personal contacts, phone calls, etc.

## **AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS CONSULTED**

The RMP team consulted with and/or received input from the following organizations during the development of the RMP:

### **Federal Agencies**

Bonneville Power Administration  
Census Bureau  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
    Forest Service  
    Soil Conservation Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
    Bureau of Mines  
    Bureau of Reclamation  
    Fish and Wildlife Service  
    Geological Survey

### **State Agencies and Organizations**

Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology  
Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology  
Montana Department of Agriculture  
Montana Department of Commerce  
Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks  
Montana Department of Labor  
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation  
Montana Department of Revenue  
Montana State Historic Preservation Officer  
Montana State University  
Office of the Governor  
University of Montana

### **Organizations and Businesses**

American Fisheries Society, Montana Chapter  
Atlantic Richfield Company  
Dawson Community College  
Headwaters RC&D  
League of Women Voters  
Montana Power Company  
Montana Public Lands Council  
North Dakota State University  
Phillips Petroleum  
Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association  
Scratchgravel Hills Homeowners Association  
The Wilderness Society  
Western Environmental Trade Association  
Wildlife Society, Montana Chapter

## **DISTRIBUTION**

Copies of the Draft RMP were sent to the following agencies, businesses, and interest groups for their review and comment:

### **Federal Agencies**

Bonneville Power Administration  
Council on Environmental Quality  
Department of Agriculture  
    Forest Service  
    Soil Conservation Service  
Department of the Air Force  
Department of the Army  
    Corps of Engineers  
Department of Energy  
    Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Department of the Interior  
    Bureau of Indian Affairs  
    Bureau of Mines  
    Bureau of Reclamation  
    Fish and Wildlife Service  
    Geological Survey  
    National Park Service  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Farmers Home Administration  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Federal Highway Administration  
National Advisory Council For Historic Preservation

### **Congressional Offices**

Office of Congressman Marlenee  
Office of Congressman Williams  
Office of Senator Baucus  
Office of Senator Melcher

### **State Agencies**

Bureau of Mines and Geology  
Department of Commerce  
Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks  
Department of Health and Environmental Sciences  
Department of Highways  
Department of Military Affairs  
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation  
Department of State Lands  
Environmental Quality Council  
Office of the Governor  
Oil and Gas Commission  
State Clearinghouse  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
State Library

## County Commissioners and Planning Boards

Broadwater County  
 Cascade County  
 Gallatin County  
 Jefferson County  
 Lewis and Clark County  
 Meagher County  
 Park County  
 Pondera County  
 Silver Bow County  
 Teton County

## Businesses

Amax Coal Co.  
 American Petrofina  
 Anderson Exploration Co.  
 Atlantic Richfield Co.  
 Big Sky Land and Leasing Service  
 Bouma Post Yards  
 Burlington Northern Inc.  
 Champlin Petroleum Co.  
 Chevron Resources Co.  
 Chevron USA Inc.  
 Conoco Inc.  
 Consolidated Georex Geophysics  
 Consolidation Coal Co.  
 El Paso Exploration Co.  
 Elanco Products Co.  
 Exxon Coal Res. USA Inc.  
 Kerr McGee Corp.  
 Louisiana Pacific Corp.  
 Malon Oil and Gas Co.  
 Meridian Land & Minerals Co.  
 Montana Power Co.  
 Montco  
 Multitech  
 Natural Gas Corporation of California  
 NTEC  
 Phillips Petroleum Co.  
 Polar Marine  
 Shell Oil Co.  
 Shelton Land and Cattle Co.  
 Shelton Ranches Inc.  
 Sohio Petroleum Co.  
 Texaco Inc.  
 Wesco Resources Inc.  
 Westech  
 Western Energy Co.  
 Wexpro Co.  
 Williams Exploration Inc.  
 Z K Resources Inc.

## Organizations

Audubon Society  
 Boulder River Sportsmen's Club  
 Continental Divide Trail Society  
 Defenders of Wildlife  
 Ducks Unlimited  
 E. Montana Distance Riders Assn.  
 Elkhorn Citizens Organization  
 Fishing and Floating Outfitters Assn. of Montana  
 Flathead River Basin Study  
 Inland Forest Resource Council  
 Int. Snowmobile Ind. Assn.  
 Laurel Saddle Club  
 League of Women Voters  
 Marysville Pioneers  
 Montana Assn. of Conservation Districts  
 Montana Assn. of Counties  
 Montana Assn. of Grazing Districts  
 Montana Cattlemen's Assn.  
 Montana Environmental Information Center  
 Montana 4 x 4 Assn.  
 Montana Historical Society  
 Montana Mining Assn.  
 Montana Oil Journal  
 Montana Petroleum Assn.  
 Montana Snowmobile Assn.  
 Montana Stockgrower's Assn.  
 Montana Water Development Assn.  
 Montana Wilderness Assn.  
 Montana Wildlife Fund  
 Montana Women in Timber  
 Montana Woolgrowers Assn.  
 National Trails Council  
 Natural Resources Defense Council  
 Nature Conservancy  
 Northern Plains Resource Council  
 Rocky Mountain Front Advisory Council  
 Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Assn.  
 Sierra Club  
 Skyline Sportsmen  
 Sun River Teton Resource Forum  
 Sunny Vista Homeowners Assn.  
 The Wilderness Society  
 Trail Riders  
 West Yellowstone Ski Club  
 Western Environmental Trade Assn.  
 Western Forest Industries Assn.  
 Western Montana Ghost Town Preservation Society  
 Wildlands Resource Assn.  
 Wildlife Society

## **PREPARATION OF THE FINAL RMP/EIS**

The Draft RMP/EIS was filed with the Environmental Protection Agency on May 6, 1983. The Notice of Availability and Announcement of Public Hearings was published in the Federal Register on May 6, 1983. The notice announced a ninety day public comment period ending August 5, 1983. Over 1,100 copies of the Draft RMP/EIS were mailed to federal, state, and local governments and agencies, elected officials, businesses, organizations, and individuals. News releases contained information on the Draft RMP/EIS and the times and locations of public meetings. Eighty-nine comment letters were received.

Chapter 7 contains comments received and the responses to them. Appendix V contains all letters received in response to the Draft RMP/EIS. Thirty-two of the comments came in on the Headwaters Land Ownership map. It was not possible to reproduce these comments. They are on file in the Headwaters Resource Area Office.

A formal public hearing was held in Helena on June 15, 1983. A court recorder transcribed the hearing verbatim and five people gave testimony. The testimony is on file in the Headwaters Resource Area Office.

A coordination meeting with the Governor's Natural Resource Council was held on September 8, 1983. Previous to the meeting the BLM conducted a tour for the Council members along the Rocky Mountain Front on July 22, 1983.

