



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 will receive copies of the draft RMP and will be 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
The State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will be

given an opportunity to review the draft RMP. Further comments are expected from public meetings scheduled for 1983.

DISTRIBUTION

Copies of this document have been 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