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**APPROVED
VALLEY RESOURCE AREA
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Bureau of Land Management is responsible for the stewardship of our public lands. It is committed to manage, protect, and improve these lands in a manner to serve the needs of the American people for all times. Management is based on the principles of multiple use and sustained yield of our nation's resources within a framework of environmental responsibility and scientific technology. These resources include recreation; rangelands; timber; minerals; watershed; fish and wildlife; wilderness; air; and scenic, scientific, and cultural values.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Dear Reader:

This is a copy of the approved resource management plan (RMP) for the Valley Resource Area (RA). This approved RMP includes those decisions from the proposed Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP and final environmental impact statement (EIS) (JVP RMP/EIS, 1992) that pertain to the Valley RA with the exception of those decisions for oil and gas leasing. These land use decisions will guide future management for 1,019,886 surface acres and 1,134,644 acres of mineral estate in the Valley RA.

Based on protests received in January 1993 on the proposed JVP RMP/final EIS, the BLM will prepare a supplemental EIS to address an alternative that would avoid oil and gas leasing in areas with valuable wildlife habitat. A separate record of decision and approved plan will be issued for oil and gas leasing. Until then, oil and gas leasing will continue under the current management guidance as described under Alternative A of the proposed JVP RMP/final EIS and the BLM's decision on the September 1988 National Wildlife Federation's protest of the issuance of oil and gas leases in the State of Montana (November 28, 1988).

Additional copies of this approved RMP are available upon request, along with the Record of Decision, by writing: Valley RMP, Valley Resource Area, Route 1, Box 4775, Glasgow, MT 59230.

We are pleased to provide this copy for your reference, and we extend our appreciation for your cooperation and assistance during this planning process.

Sincerely,

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