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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN
FINAL DECISIONS - STEP 3

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Decision #1 (Based on recommendations M-1.1, M-1.2, M-1.3 and M-1.4)

On public demand, provide for the sale or free use of mineral material at existing sites. Provide for the use of materials for BLM projects. Establish new material sites on public demand. Assure that material extraction is conducted in a manner that minimizes environmental or other resource damage. Allow mineral materials use within wilderness inventory units only when/if they are dropped from further wilderness consideration.

Reasons:

There is a continued demand for mineral materials in the area. The sale and free use of materials on public lands can supply this demand. Establishing new sites and authorizing mineral materials use at existing sites will eliminate much of the area's suspected materials trespass activity. Material sites involve small parcels of land and do not normally interfere with other land uses. Allowing further extraction under authorized permits or sales contracts would provide reclamation of disturbed areas through stipulations.

Note: Attach additional sheets, if needed

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Decision #2 (based on recommendation M-2.1)

Allow exploration and mining claim location under the U.S. Mining Laws. Assure that mining and prospecting operations are conducted in a manner that minimizes environmental or other resource damage. Unless otherwise provided by law, approve mining plans within wilderness inventory units only if they will not affect the unit's wilderness suitability characteristics.

Keep federal mineral estate open to mining.

Reasons

The Nation's welfare is dependent on an uninterrupted supply of minerals. The present decline in the domestic supply of locatable minerals has resulted in increased dependence on foreign sources. Utilization of this resource is possible only through exploration and mining claim location.

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Decision #3 (based on recommendations M-3.1, M-3.2 and M-3.3)

Approve plans submitted for the development of geothermal and oil/gas leases. Approve geothermal exploration notices and allow the leasing of geothermal and oil/gas resources not already leased. Assure that exploration and development operations are conducted in a manner that minimizes environmental or other resource damage. Approve operations within wilderness inventory units only if they conform with current management policy and guidelines for lands under wilderness review

wildlife seasonal restrictions specified on oil/gas overlays.

Reasons:

The development of energy minerals on the public lands is essential if the Nation's dependency on foreign sources is to diminish. Other resource values would be protected in accordance with Department policies and NEPA.