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IN REPLY TO: 1610

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Dear Reader:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared the *Record of Decision* (ROD) for the *Final Supplement to the Montana Statewide Oil and Gas Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Amendment of the Powder River and Billings Resource Management Plans* (SEIS). The ROD approves BLM's proposed decisions in the Final SEIS.

The ROD is a result of U.S. District Court issued orders, dated February 25, 2005, and April 5, 2005, requiring BLM to prepare a Supplemental EIS to evaluate a phased development alternative for coal bed natural gas production.

BLM consulted with the Montana Governor on the FSEIS. The Governor's review did not result in substantive changes to the plan amendment.

The ROD serves as the Department of Interior's decision to be implemented by the BLM. Since the ROD contains no implementation decisions, no further administrative remedies are available. Additional project-level NEPA analyses will be conducted prior to BLM's approval of individual and project proposals, and subsequent on-the-ground implementation.

There are a limited number of hard-copy books available upon request. If you would like a book, or have any questions, please contact the BLM Miles City Field Office at (406) 233-2800.

Sincerely,

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