

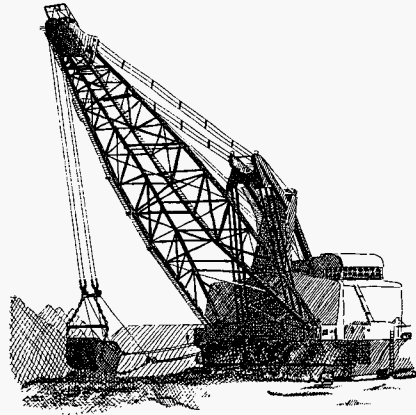
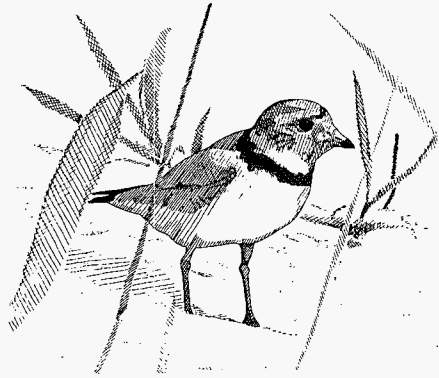
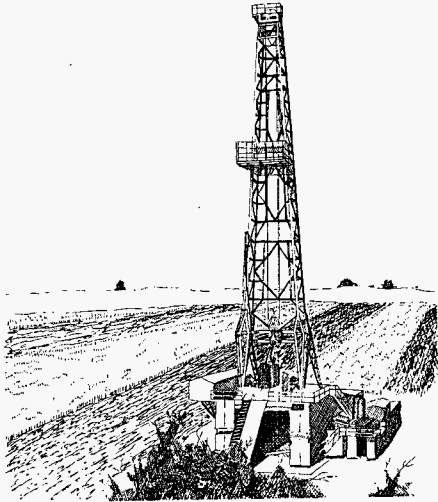
North Dakota Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

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Dear Reader:

This draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) for the Dickinson District, North Dakota, is presented for your review and comment. This document analyzes four alternatives for managing public surface and mineral lands in North Dakota. These alternatives are designed to resolve four management issues identified early in the planning process.

We welcome your comments on the content of this document. We are particularly interested in comments that address one or more of the following: (1) possible errors in the analysis, (2) new information that would have a hearing on the analysis, (3) a possible new alternative not within the range of alternatives presented here, and 4) needs for clarification. Specific comments will be the most useful.

We would appreciate your comments on this RMP/EIS by March 25, 1987. Questions or comments should be directed to Mark Stiles, Project Manager, Dickinson District Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1229, Dickinson, North Dakota 58602 (701-225-9148).

Public meetings have been scheduled to allow individuals the opportunity to comment on the draft RMP/EIS. The meetings will be held at the following locations:

Date	Location	Time
January 27, 1987	BLM Conf. Room, 202 Villard, Dickinson, N.D.	7-9 p.m. MST
January 28, 1987	Williams County Courthouse, Williston, N.D.	7-9 p.m. MST
January 29, 1987	Hazen City Hall, Hazen, N.D.	7-9 p.m. MST
January 27, 1987	Four Season Pavilion, Bowman, N.D.	7-9 p.m. MST

All written and oral comments received during the 90-day comment period will be given equal consideration in the preparation of the final RMP/EIS scheduled for completion in June 1987.

Please keep this copy of the draft document as portions of it may not be reprinted in the final. Copies of the final RMP/EIS will be sent to all those who provide comments on the draft or request a copy.

Thank you for participating in the planning process. Through your participation we can move together toward the common goal of improved public land management in the Dickinson District.

Sincerely,

State Director

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State Director

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**LEAD AGENCY: DICKINSON DISTRICT OFFICE
DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

TYPE OF ACTION: Administrative

JURISDICTION OF ACTION: The entire state of North Dakota

ABSTRACT: The North Dakota Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement addresses future management options for 67,520 acres of public surface and 4,226,984 acres of federal minerals administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Dickinson District, located in Dickinson, North Dakota. The plan and environmental impact statement focus on four alternatives. These alternatives are based on themes ranging from the maximization of commodity resource production to the protection of amenity resources, and include the alternative of "No Action or Continuation of Present Management" and the preferred alternative. Each alternative prescribes management of resources and programs under the four identified planning issues: (1) coal leasing, (2) land pattern adjustment, (3) oil and gas leasing, and (4) off-road vehicle use designations.

COMMENT PERIOD: This is a draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement. It is open to public comment during the period December 22, 1986, through March 25, 1987. During January and February 1987, public meetings will be held in Dickinson, Bowman, Williston and Hazen, North Dakota. Times and places for these meetings will be announced through the area media. For information contact William F. Krech, Bureau of Land Management, Dickinson District Office, 202 East Villard, P.O. Box 1229, Dickinson, ND 58602-1229, Phone (701) 225-9148.

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