



Meeting Summary:

Governor's Task Force on the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan
Meeting 2 - December 20, 2023

Welcome and Introductions

- Joel Bousman - Chairman
- Task force voting members present:
 - **Wyoming House of Representatives:** House Speaker Albert Sommers
 - **Wyoming Senate:** Senator John Kolb (Alternate)
 - **Conservation:** Alec Underwood
 - **Economic Development and Tourism:** Kayla McDonald
 - **Livestock:** Jim Magagna
 - **Local Government:** Keaton West
 - **Mining and Trona:** Mike McGrady
 - **Motorized Recreation:** Taylor Jones
 - **Oil and Gas:** Colin McKee
 - **Renewable Energy and Utilities:** Ron Wild
 - **Sportsmen and Hunting:** Josh Coursey

Overview of Special Designations

A presentation by BLM Rock Springs Field Office Manager Kimberlee Foster on definitions and BLM policies for RMP special designations, including:

- Wilderness Study Areas,
- Lands with Wilderness Characteristics,
- Special Recreation Management Areas,
- Areas of Critical Concern,
- Additional RMP special management designations.

Slides available at www.uwyo.edu/rmp

Discussion on Special Management Designations by Major Geographic Area

The task force discussed the special designations proposed in the Draft Rock Springs RMP. Instead of working through Management Action Table 2-1 for this discussion, the task force focused on special designations via the geographic areas listed below. The conversation was

primarily map-based, although the group referred to the management action tables for specifics regarding proposed or existing special designations.

- The Greater Little Mountain area
- Adobe Town
- Areas to the west of Flaming Gorge
- Sand Dunes/Steamboat Mountain
- The Red Desert
- Oregon Buttes/South Pass
- The Golden Triangle
- National Trails west of 191

Discussion on Broad Statements of Support

Voting members of the task force presented broad statements of support for the group to consider. The proposals during this meeting included statements related to mining and minerals, oil and gas, wildlife, and motorized recreation. The voting members agreed to present management actions to support the board statements at the next task force meeting.

Plan for Next Meeting:

The focus of the next meeting will be on:

- Proposed broad statements - including specific management actions supporting the principles articulated in the broad statements.

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