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Dear Mr. Rap:

Thank you for the recent inquiry from the Task Force regarding the Bureau of Land Management's 2013 '*Public Outreach Report of the Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan for the Rock Springs Field Office Resource Management Plan and Associated Environmental Impact Statement*,' published on the ePlanning site for the Rock Springs RMP planning effort. This 2013 report is a summary of the comments received during the initial scoping and public outreach efforts for the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan (RMP) that were specific to travel management.

The BLM Rock Springs Field Office initially intended to conduct both an RMP revision and a comprehensive travel management plan together as one planning effort, which was initiated in 2011. However, due to various delays over several years and the need to separate planning efforts for the wild horse management in the checkerboard lands and the greater sage-grouse actions from the ongoing RMP revision EIS, the BLM eventually determined that proceeding with the comprehensive travel management plan was no longer feasible.

In March 2019, the BLM suspended work on the Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Plan for the Rock Springs Field Office. All of the information gathered as part of the travel management planning from 2011 through 2019 is still valuable and may be used to help guide future planning efforts. The BLM has no current plan to re-initiate a comprehensive travel and transportation plan for the Rock Springs Field Office. In the future, it is likely that any travel

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management planning would focus on smaller areas to address specific resource conflicts, rather than a comprehensive effort for the entirety of the 3.6-million-acre field office.

All information related to the Rock Springs RMP revision EIS, including early efforts for travel management, can be found at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/13853/510>. Thank you for your interest in the Rock Springs RMP planning efforts. Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Thank you,

Andrew Archuleta,
State Director

cc: Kimberlee Foster, Field Manager, Rock Springs