



Meeting Summary:

Governor's Task Force on the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan
Meeting 1 - December 11, 2023

Welcome and Introductions

- Nolan Rap - Governor's Office
- Joel Bousman - Chairman
- Task Force Members
 - 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
- State Agency Representatives
- University of Wyoming Team

Road Map of the Task Force Process - Steve Smutko

BLM Draft RMP Overview - Wyoming BLM State Director Andrew Archuleta and Rock Springs Field Office Manager Kimberlee Foster

Task Force Charter Adoption - Temple Stoellinger

Task Force charter approved and to be posted at www.uwyo.edu\rmp

Public Workshop Summary Report - Weston Eaton

Public Workshop Summary available at www.uwyo.edu\rmp

Primer on Interest-Based Negotiation - Steve Smutko

Welcome from Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon

Task Force Management Action Table 2-1 Discussion

The task force reviewed management actions and identified areas for preliminary agreement to include in final recommendations on the following management actions:

- Air Quality (1000-1017)
- Soil and Geologic Resources (1100-1116)
- Water Resources (1300-1325)
- Wildland Fire Ecology (3000-3013)
- Forest and Woodlands (4000-4024)
- Vegetation - Grassland and Shrubland Communities (4100-4112)
- Invasive Species (4200 - meeting concluded at 4209)

All agreements are preliminary until finalized and presented at the final task force meeting.

Discussion on the Range of Recommendations

The task force clarified with the BLM which types of recommendations would be considered substantive.

- Indication of which alternative is preferred across the range of alternatives in any given management action in Table 2-1.
 - For example, an indication that the language in Alternative A is the task force's recommendations for inclusion in the Final RMP.
- Recommendations for improved clarity and specificity on any given management action.
 - For example, a suggestion to add language indicating coordination will occur with State of Wyoming regulatory agencies.
- Combination of language from multiple alternatives.
 - For example, the task force may recommend combining language from Alt. A and Alt. D.
- Suggestions for adjustments in management actions within the range of analysis.
 - For example, the recommendation to adjust the boundary of an ACEC.

Note that all recommendations should include justification.

Plan for Next Meeting:

The focus of the next meeting will be on:

- Special Designations (7000-7570)
- Lands with Wilderness Characteristics (1500-1517)
- Minerals (2000-2507)
- Continued Discussion on Biological Resources (picking back up at 4209)

Adjourn