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The raw data contained within this document comes from four public workshops that addressed the Bureau of Land Management's draft Resource Management Plan for the Rock Springs Field Office in Southwest Wyoming. The University of Wyoming and partners, on behalf of Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon, facilitated these workshops in Rock Springs, Green River, and Farson November 17-18, 2023, in the capacity of neutral convenors.

In each workshop, facilitators asked participants to respond to three prompts. (1) What about these lands is important to you? (2) If you were writing the Resource Management Plan, what would you prioritize to support the things that are important to you? and (3) What advice would you give the task force for how to balance multiple priorities? Notetakers tried to capture verbatim responses and took notes in real time so that workshop participants could see how their statements were captured and correct the statement if they felt it was inaccurate.

A team from the University of Wyoming analyzed these notes and grouped them under major themes. Each statement by a workshop participant could be coded as more than one theme. Below is the complete, raw set of data as the team coded it. "Important:" corresponds with answers to the first prompt. "Prioritize:" corresponds with answers to the second prompt. "Balance:" corresponds with answers to the third prompt.

The full workshop report is available on the Ruckelshaus Institute's website at [uwyo.edu/rmp](http://uwyo.edu/rmp).



## Important: Access

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	Access is extremely important when you live off hunting and fishing, as many do. Right of way access greatly affects this as well as farms and ranches.
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	Access to gravel pits

	FREEDOM to access land
	Access to water in wells
	Grazing access
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	Access for hunting, fishing, recreation, and industry.
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	Keep access open and land accessible, able to get off of the road and into the wild.
	What are we protecting, and who are we protecting them from? - Numerous 2-track roads were established decades ago and will not go away.
	Keeping the land untouched, being able to ride horseback across the desert and seeing the country & wildlife.



	What good is the land if you cannot access or use it?
	Need to stand by leases, oil, gas, trona, cell phone towers, power lines, etc.
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	The right of ways that have been established have diminished the encroachment on lands by giving established access because people are using these rather than going off the road.
	Enforcement and proper markers are critical to be sure roads and access is not being abused.
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	Recreation of course. Even if you are a cattle rancher that doesn't mean you don't like to recreate. We get people who want to hunt on our land (and fish)
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	For multiple people, elderly and handicapped
	Go out to look without people, freedom, solitude, wide open spaces
	Livestock use, limited regulation on numbers. Individual decision making on the permit use. Keep things as they are
	Grazing
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	Importance of motorized access, not just any kind of access. For industry (oil and gas, trona) motorized access is important.
	Not just the industries that need motorized access. Without that access, it would be harder to get anywhere for recreating too. We want to maintain the access we currently have and get more.
	During this epic winter we had last year, what access did we have? None.
	Motorized access is critical for oil and gas, if you're checking wells, etc. Maintaining those wells and having access to them is critical.
	Year round access is critical from an oil and gas stand point. Sometimes we're excluded from access during certain times of year. Old science used to tell you that it was good for wildlife. Now we know that's quite the opposite (at least in some cases). If you have fewer pads, fewer disturbances, but have year round access, you can have fewer disturbances. If we're excluded during certain times of years, that does not reflect congressional will of multiple use.
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	If we can reduce overall impact by having year round access, it would be beneficial.
Green River	A lot of access to lands comes from grazing and ranching
	Allows access to hunting, fishing, other forms of recreation O & G did not plow a lot of roads last winter; couldn't access permitted areas (roadless initiative); demonstrated how dependent on roads and motorized access we are RS Fields office has huge resource and by shutting off access with impact local area and in the larger state.
	Transmission corridor-if you block that off, how do you have transmission beyond this area? It cannot happen Future development and leases will be impacted

	If access is shut off does it matter how many leases are there?
	Wont be able to develop existing leases
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	Exploration of the land & area. Access to the lands of Wyoming for recreation.
	Road access is important. Blocking off access does not fix any problems. Getting you to where you want to go for fishing, hunting, photography, etc.
	Freedom to access the land for any reason you may have. Tickets have already been given, and fines issued for accessing "closed" roads.
	What are the implications to road access? How will the lands be closed, or left accessible?
	Travel plan - explain access and what roads will closed and what will be left open.

## Prioritize: Economic

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	Over the last 30 years the mineral industry has contributed to most of the Sweetwater tax base. It is concerning that the RMP may affect these economies and industries.
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	Grazing and agriculture. If agriculture or oil & gas is discontinued due to this plan, there will be a major economic impact on these communities in Wyoming. Many depend on agriculture and energy and must be defended.
	Not only local communities, but FMR and severance means a lot to state agencies. WYDOT depends on this funding for a significant amount of what we do. 26% of our state funding is based on FMR and also severance.
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	Prioritize & protect jobs in the local communities. Losing jobs in the energy sector will kill the WY economy. Do not restrict oil, gas, coal, other parts of the energy sectors. Protect Wyoming's resources.

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## Important: Local

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	Family. A lot of my time is spent on public lands and enjoying it with family
	If we take our grandkids onto the land we teach them how to be stewards of the lands.
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	This is a preservation plan, not a conservation plan. No one takes care of the land better than livestock producers. If they don't take care of the land, they would be out of business.
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## Important: Multiple Use

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	Prosperity-economic, quality of life, wildlife. Making sure all the different needs of the land are met
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	The easiest thing to manage is by putting up barriers. The hardest is to manage multiple uses. Shutting it down isn't the answer. Industry included wildlife. Everything grows, but we need to preserve it for future generations including industry.
	Agriculture industry-to support with trona mines. Very concerned with the plan
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	I am from Utah and I have watched how these RMPs change the socio demographics of an area. I covered it and I lived it as a citizen in Utah and it really affected us. Balance is good. There are so many extremes. I don't want to see the same thing happen here.
	Area of critical environmental concern? What is that? An area that might have a particular resource. Host of various resources that have been recommended (externally or internally) where special resources might need to be protected. Requirements: 1. be of more than local significance and 2. relevance criteria - some value in that resource.
	An ACEC can be implemented by the BLM, but wilderness can be implemented by Congress. Sweetwater County has more WSAs than any other county. Those WSAs were done a long time ago and were supposed to expire but haven't and live on in perpetuity.
	The people of Wyoming are part of the land and when people come from other areas they are scared of the land because of this area's vastness. They are wanting to take the solitude away.
	We have been good stewards of the land in SW county. So, we are seeing this as a punitive effort against those who have taken care of the land.
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	Range resources in SW Wyoming are the primary concern. It is being affected by several issues such as wild horses that need to be managed.
	The plan currently covers many of these issues already. BLM does not currently have the resources but if they do, we can't go back
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	We don't want more government, that is what it looks like. Oil company-heart of the west going from Montana to WYoming. Take control of what is here, it won't be like it is with the government
	Protecting the land can mean zero protection later.
	Invalidation of FLPMA
	Managing the wild horse and burro populations how they should be.
	Some Livestock allotments are currently not being grazed and do not meet the guidelines, retirement of the allotments results in poor ecosystem balance.
	The ultimate goal of this plan is to remove all human interaction.
Green River	Visual resources, quality of life - being able to see wildlife and open country Freedom to travel
	The plan hopes to return the lands back to its natural state, how far back to natural are they wanting it to go? What is the definition of a natural state.
	Need to have an emphasis on reclamation of lands. Roads that were created for industry need reclaimed.
	Impact to the Bridger valley is limited, there are issues in each of the 4 options for the Trout Unlimited group. Multiple use is critical and needed within the RMP. The Little Mountain area is important to protect for Trout Unlimited.
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	Questioning EIS sources, representing what is involved, cactus, wildlife migration, erosion. Based on science. By the time we do this it will be too late
	Flexibility to implement data and science
	Government has had 12 years, I can't find every importance in 5 minutes without data to give an answer. Make it fair
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## Prioritize: Acces

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	Grazing - what is broken. We graze livestock in the red desert basin. Historically sheep - then FLMPA was passed. For use to graze responsibly - there are issues (riparian, soil, etc..). We have livestock producers need tools. This plan restricts putting the tools in place. In the livestock section you don't see that, but you see it in the ACEC section of the plan.
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	Rights of way - especially in the land checkerboard. Makes it difficult for land owners to use their own property.
	History & natural resources (petroglyphs) will be blocked from the public and need to be preserved & accessible. - Existing roads should be protected & maintained.
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	Currently they cut access to the general public, but not the oil companies
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	The definition of road needs to be defined. County roads, and two tracks need to be left accessible
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	Originally if you look at the partners who were developing this plan. They with alternative b have turned a blind eye to everyone who worked to give input onto the plan. Our conservation districts put a lot of input into that and that isn't being recognized. I would prioritize local input, the experts who were on the ground already. They were part fo the process, what happened to that input?
	The counties, the state, conservation districts, a lot of the stakeholders have land use plans that this is in conflict with. Those plans were developed to give a basis for how we wanted our lands in those counties managed. And Alternative B is in conflict with those. Task force should consider the existing local land use plans.
	The priority is never the local people. The BLM does accept comments and takes input at public hearings. But at the end of the day, the people most affected don't play a role in the decision. Local people need to be a priority for the decision.
	Balance and allowing a framework for the local people on the ground to have their input. They know what is going on, and not assume. Even as far away from Utah, someone in Utah can't make the same decisions as we can here on the ground because you don't know what works here in Wyoming.
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	Local input from conservation district, O and G, because BLM is perpetually understaffed. In Sub. county they are always running short. How are they monitoring and if it weren't for cons. Dis. it wouldn't be happening.
	Local input is very valuable. Locals are feeling disenfranchised. People who are not managing the land are not getting a say. Prioritize a health resource because when you have a health environment everything works really well. If we have practices rather than policies, that would be better. Animals and plants live in communities, how the natural world functions.
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	There is a board of commissioners that care and answer to people. Things do not happen in a crazy way and there are a lot of things that happen that have to happen to permits. That works because they got elected.
	Prioritize a neighborly approach. RoW cancellation, non-lethal predator control, and use of private lands. Think about the people you are affecting with the plan
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	Have the county commissioner from Sweetwater county communicate with other commissioners from across the state
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	Prioritize a range of things: responsible grazing, fuels management, extraction industry and those who benefit from extraction on their lands. Alt. B drastically limits these industries and i would prioritize not regulating those industries Healthy landscape. Natural processes are good but, we should use tools to manage correctly as opposed to letting natural processes happen.
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	Have the plan be internally consistent. Plan B and the "we will not close roads" are not consistent.
	Not every acre of public lands is the same. Such as, some wildlife range is not useful for other industries. Need to evaluate the lands and prioritize, do not lump it all together under one umbrella.
	Wildlife, livestock, the entire ecosystem does not seem to be affected by one another, or oil and gas, or roads, so what is the issue?
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	Multiuse is key for the plan, each are equally as important. The RMP does not consider multiuse
	The BLM is required by law to manage for multiuse. Some of the options do not cover multiuse
	Agriculture will take a major hit in the current plan, and should be considered more. Multiple use has to be the first priority.

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	Its MU. you can have oil and gas coexist with recreation and hunting and if you get rid of MU, it messes with everything
	Maintaining multiple use of the land, ways to reduce overbearing regulations that are already in place for ag and resource development
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	Making sure it is multiple use
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Green River	Broad MU
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	Scoping was developed years ago and the blueprint-in the last 10 years science and technology has changed completely making the original scoping no longer reliable. Must use local and current knowledge. The plan is no longer based on the best information (innovative information) There are major industrial projects coming in-RMP needs to consider what impacts will be on those industrial projects
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	You should worry about eating instead of worrying about playing. Prioritize sustainable economic development/yield
	The industry. If you take away the ability for industry to use land for natural resources, you kill everything else, you kill the communities. I would like to see them open up the BLM so the oil and gas industries and other industries have more opportunities to use the land. When I grew up Big Piney was booming. The workers were making money. I left in 84. I remember in the late 90s/early 2000 when the Jonah field was booming, you couldn't find a place to live because it was booming. I don't see why there shouldn't be access. It's our land. It's not Washington DC's land. They're supposed to protect our homeland. We should be able to use the resources the way the people choose. This is Wyoming's land. I would like to see them give permits to create industries where we can have more good paying jobs. We moved here for the lifestyle. There's almost no public land down in Texas.
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	Absence of wild horse management in plan
	Predator control
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	One of the things in the idea of protection is losing something, which is a fear based mentality. If we are looking at what is going well, if it a positive framework. What is going wrong-we are not exactly sure. This is all fear based. If we could identify what we are doing well, that could move things forward.
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	VRM is an expansion of ACEC in the plan
	The effects on checkerboard will affect the private land use because of RoW exclusion that will be there. Effect of RoWs
	Why do they need 5000 acres in the VRM near La Barge under Alternative B?
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	YUOU can look at the number of wells converted. Everyone is switching to solar. Ranchers are making an improvement. It's cheaper. Things keep evolving.
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Green River	Scale is important
	Conservation-> historically, they tried to defined and distinguish preservation and conservation BLM is using "conservation" to mean preservation on ACECs
	Need to be accurate with language
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	Critical habitat needs to be considered. Keep the industry from developing the habitat and impacting the golden triangle, adobe town, sage grouse, migration corridors. The economic concerns should not spoil the untouched lands.
	All of the lands around, we need to find ways to do this without affecting habitat, maintain energy development, renewable energy is not the only option. We need find ways to use these areas without disturbing what we are trying to preserve. Instead of saying no you can't, we need find ways to do it with less impact. Batteries in electric cars come from major mines, and we are considering putting one in Wyoming. We need to assess how to develop the batteries in different ways. Try to minimize any problems that may come.
	Prioritize areas that are pristine and sub alpine, need to be protected and passed on to the next generation.

	The human factor is missing from all of the options. We need to take care of our environment, but the plans don't take into account the human element, and use of the lands. The plan should meet the needs of the existing population, allowing protection and access to it. Little mountain should be protected but allow access via a main road; however, limit so there are not roads all over.
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	Recognize the need for balance. New roads for access to certain elements, however do not allow roads and trails everywhere. Maybe for each mile of new road, one mile is restored responsibly. There should be a balance put into the road and access portion. Maybe develop a plan around ratios or metrics that allow new roads but restore the old roads properly.
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## Balance: Science

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	Certain energy industry factors negatively affect wildlife (wind power and solar farms) Are these renewable energy systems actually economically positive? If it is not we should undo it
	We need updated maps of our public lands and road signs
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	We need to use the actual science to base our decisions, not the opinion of our special interest groups.
	These special interest groups hire attorneys to be effective rather than science,
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	Migration Corridors are a big issue now, it is an issue in Washington DC. Oil sites provide safety. Bring true facts
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	We need to point out inconsistencies and pay attention to details
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	Scap alternative B. Look more at what cooperating agencies have envisioned. B doesn't reflect the economic realities.
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	Decisions need to be based on data and current data. Data from ten years ago is not valid and should not be the basis for making these changes. Data from today is only good for a short time. This planning period needs to be shortened so the government can deal with our lands in a more responsive way. Needs to be a shorter cycle that is more responsive to changes. Data for wildlife from before last winter isn't valid now.
Green River	In balancing, should use a cost benefit analysis.
	What is the dollar cost of limiting or removing one of these industries and how much is the cost of that restriction (on people, on communities, on the economy) Stick to the facts when determining economic impacts. Stick to the actual dollars lost.
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	You have to go through NEPA on most of these topics.
	Concentrating development where it already exists Use new data and information to make adjustments to placement of development Prioritizing visual resources (open vistas, unique landscapes, special habitats) - soil management on oil & gas leases, absence of wind turbines Transmission line development, topsoil conservation across checkerboard Cheat grass management
	Recognizing longevity of plan, adaptability to incoming science, and ability to incorporate new management into plan over the lifespan of the plan Analyze and develop a categorical exclusion for wildlife underpasses and overpasses
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## Balance: Status Quo

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Rock Springs	It feels like Alt B is so extreme that even if you meet in the middle, we are losing out and they are gaining more than what they had. How then, can I recommend balancing. I recommend staying with Alt A, figure out A's problems, we should revise it. Additional protections for greater little mountain area.
	Flexibility. The way the plan is written prohibits new development, and does not include effect on private lands intermingled in public lands. If there are layers on BLM land it might cause more disturbance to go around those lands. Alt B forces that for industry to survive. How one issue impacts other areas, will cause Alt B to have an economic impact. We need to go back to Alt A. They went beyond way beyond what they should have done. Instead of fixing what was broken they worked backward.
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	If its not broke, dont fix it. Why do we have to go to extreme measures if we dont know the problem. We are stewards of this land. Big government that does not live here forgets that people live here, jobs are here, lifestyles, education, recreation, etc. We dont want to feel pushed aside and we want industry and conversation to be supported.
	Of all things they said they will do, the RMP doesnt let you do it. It basically creates a conservation district. So, the TF needs to make sure they actually can do the things the RMP wants to do. If you create an area where there is no management, none of these things come into play. The plan as written doesnt allow balancing.
	Taskforce has an impossible job. Look at the process that the BLM looked at, how they got to where they are now with the ACECs. Can we get that information from the BLM to understand why they did X, Y, and Z. TF should try to get that information from the BLM.
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	What about what BLM did worked and did not work and how do we make sure what didnt work isnt repeated.
	Why are we changing what we have
	Lepa towards A because we don't want any change. There is a trust issue in allowing any change at all.
	Common sense management
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	Communicate to the public, the RMP has been under review since its 1997 creation. What needs changed? Alternative B is a land grab. We don't see what is wrong with it. Why are C and D better than what we have now. The other agencies aren't doing this.
	Rolling the BLM back to pre-90s
	Current practices have existed for years, why can't these working processes continue?
	Leave it alone
	Alternative B precludes utility use of the governors utility corridor Everyone needs to be cognisant of the current issue for the future It should be up to the state and the people who live in Wyoming GSG are next and this plan will have similar comments The plan covers travel management. It is the key to access and grazing Provide a substantive comment
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	We don't need the RMP or the process, it assumes there are problems and they will solve them all. Do the people have scientific degrees
	What has changed since 1997. ATVS, directional drilling, management corridor .We must manage the lands for us
	Elk herds were smaller
	Limit the use of ACEC
	RoW exclusion areas should be limited.
	Push for plan A, but also enforce the wild horse and burro act.
	Don't feel that there is an imbalance, or a need to change the balance. The BLM is trying to fix something that is not broke.
	Recognize the current balance, and how it has been working. Show/document that the current plan is not bad.
	Develop a management plan to hold individuals accountable to cleanup - old gas wells that are uncapped, old gold mines that are just a mess, etc.
	There is only one issue, freedom. The only answer to maintain freedom is to not change the plan, therefore, option A.
	There needs to be a merit system in place, such as industry and mining need to have a higher value than other points. Each topic can't have the same "value"
	Tell the Governor that we need to talk to the local community and local resources. If it isn't broke, don't fix it.
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	I would tell them if it is working and it is fine, dont fix it. If it doesnt need fixed leave it alone. There needs to be more scientific studies about what is wrong.it may be working in SW county and this area. But there may be another area in Wy that there are problems fix it there.
	Not a lot of concerns about the status quo.
	Want the task force to consider how the priorities are balanced in the current RMP.
Green River	We balance all those issue already now. "Best management practice" and to specifically identify the 14 and only care about them doesnt make sense
	If you are on energy side, there are processes in place to balance resource impacts (NEPA). Not sure what is broken then, if the processes are in place.

## Balance: Flexibility

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Rock Springs	Priorities have to be specific within a given area. Cultural resources should be preserved in a certain area and might trump other issues. Need to look from a landscape view. Look at whole pieces, and then take a step back.
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	Encourage TF to address that if Alt B passes, they should think about impacts down the road (economics, land uses, etc). These impacts need to be addressed. Think about a no action alternative. The plan that was proposed was very restricting.
	The TF members are likely to be defensive over their interest. Encourage the TF members to be open, and listen, and willing to accept other opinions.
	There are things that most people can agree on, as long as we can use it. But, we need to look at things we cannot live without, but still supporting the things we can agree on. Find the no goes, encourage the agreed upon stuff.
	Put it on a spectrum-find no goes and areas of consensus

	Balance the conservation and economics. There is a financial benefit to the land, but that economic benefit only exists because the land is what it is.
	Does BLM consider moderation? It seems like BLM is using an all of nothing approach
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	Prioritize multiple use
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	If we stay on the same trajectory, will the system still be balanced in 25 years? Evaluate at different time frames, what does it look like in 25 years? 50 years?
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	Encourage flexibility in anything they implement.
	Through multiple use and sustained yield. There are areas that should be prioritized for grazing. We on the ground know what those are. We know where we should and should not be drilling. Wide acceptance and agreement. I would expect the tf to reflect that. Ensure there's enough flexibility to reflect changes in technology and changes in innovation.
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	In oil and gas, it's a finite resource. It's not everywhere. There are areas where it makes sense.



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	Solar is singular use - being cautious about land use that excludes other uses Being conscious of fence placement that will impact public access and migration routes (example: in trona fields, solar facilities, etc.) Flexibility
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	County has RMP and the governor will look at it, but they did not consult the county RMP before this RMP was made, and that is where one of the issues is. Again, local knowledge should be utilized.
	In reviewing the plan, the prior CC looked at all 14 things that BLM is also looking at and CC's did a better job because BLM is using a top down approach and did not use local knowledge.
	Protect Wyoming, and its wildlife and land
	Protect and preserve Wyoming's resources
	Do what is right for all of us, not just the "bigwigs"
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	Keep in mind what is good for Wyoming specifically, not national interests
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	Communicate to citizens the status of what is going on
	Truthful Communication-they say they might do this or that, but we need to know what they want to do. They provide communication that says nothing
	Most effective by reminding the public how to write comments and what to include and when it is due. Don't lose sight of this over the holidays
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	Listening to and prioritizing concerns of local constituents
	Multiple use doesn't mean one specific place, it means the whole area. We need to protect sensitive environments, including the soil. We need to protect the land for future generations.
	Think about the voices that are not in the meeting. Why aren't they here? What other voices should we be hearing from?
	Tell the Governor that we need to talk to the local community and local resources. If it isn't broke, don't fix it.
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Farson	Take comments from the local citizens. They know how to manage the land better than anyone.
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	The BLMs own preferred alternative shouldn't be decided until after public comment, not before. They are a government entity and should work in favor of the people.
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	One of the things we talked about, is be aware of maintaining trust. How to develop a system that is based on trust. Because trust is easily lost and hard to regain.
	How do we foster conservation if we don't have public involvement or commitment?
	We need to take the task force and add weight to each issue (1-10 scale), not every issue is the same. The BLM is dictating to the citizens, we need to flip the script. The BLM needs to listen to the local people within the area or state. There are some issues with Plan A but if we leave it alone and address the issues one by one.
	Local people need a voice
	Reflect the priorities of the users. Rancher, grazer, recreationalist, oil and gas. Our priorities should be respected and prioritized.
	Through multiple use and sustained yield. There are areas that should be prioritized for grazing. We on the ground know what those are. We know where we should and should not be drilling. Wide acceptance and agreement. I would expect the tf to reflect that. Ensure there's enough flexibility to reflect changes in technology and changes in innovation.
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	People have input. People are part of the solution, not the problem.
	Involve the local people. If you do, you can get together multiple interests that are pretty good for everyone. A plan will come up that is balanced. It may not be perfect, but will be as balanced as possible.
	Start off by not trying to change the whole thing. Do it in segments. Whatever is most important to them (BLM). If that's oil, the industry should be invited to the table. Do it in small increments.
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	Maybe they should have an open forum. A venue that is user friendly. Something more like this than the BLM forum.
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	There are national, state, and local priorities. But, how do we consider all those?
	Local should come first
	How does that work on Federal Lands, however?
	Priorities should include peoples livelihoods, standards of living, and keeping that. Furthermore, recreation should be prioritized and considered.
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	Consider whose voices are not here. Where are the voices for high schoolers, working families, etc.
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## Balance: Other

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	When I look the players, they are doing a good job at balancing priorities. What is being done already to ensure interests are weighed is not being taken into consideration in this plan.
	When it comes down to it, there are very few people making decisions for everyone. Need someone from each industry and address the different problems.
	Who is making these decisions? The governor created a taskforce to help with decisions. Are decision makers from Wyoming, Sweetwater county, or Washington DC? This process is a diverse taskforce from Wyoming people, and state director of BLM will be making the ultimate decision. Your comments here will go to the taskforce.
	This process will gather comments, comments go to taskforce. Then, BLM and the governor could make something new but what ever happens needs to be based on what is in the plan right now.
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	What is it that needs to be balanced? How do we know if there is no ROD? Until we find out what the final decision is, we cannot do much but we are trying to influence the outcome.
	Comments made now influence the final. When the final comes out you can litigate. But, to be able to litigate you need to have participated in the public comment process.
	Taskforce has an impossible job. Look at the process that the BLM looked at, how they got to where they are now with the ACECs. Can we get that information from the BLM to understand why they did X, Y, and Z. TF should try to get that information from the BLM.
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	There is not enough time for BLM to do everything on the list and do it well.
	Does BLM consider moderation? It seems like BLM is using an all of nothing approach
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	Let the cows fart!
	We need updated maps of our public lands and road signs
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	There are a lot of priorities. Take those and give specific comments to BLM about each. Take what is good from A, B, C and so on.
	Stay united. Everyone on the task force wants a good outcome. Don't let differences get in the way.
	If the task force gets tp caught up, Compromise is usually a good thing, but it is concerning that the task force comes with too many compromises and once this gets to BLM we lose a lot to dilution.

	There needs to be some form of give and take for BLM because they're not going to just leave everything alone. We can give some here and there to talk them off the ledge.
	Enter into this strong and wait until you see their compromise before you lay your thoughts. Don't show your cards until theirs are down. If you dont give an inch they can't take a mile. Special interests have always led us to compromise and this has slowly whittled us down one piece at a time.
	Follow the BLM mission statement. The RMP does not follow this.
	Plan A or C
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	Equal weight put on all Planning Issues regardless of economic benefit or cost to state
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	Prioritize: energy and mineral extraction, livestock grazing, recreation management - managing these three values for proper mgmt of others Lands and Realty actions
	Energy transmission
	"Pencil instead of a paintbrush" - flexibility in management Don't add any more ACECs
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	Look at and avoid conflicts Federal and State regs, as well as internal BLM regs Maintain current permitting distribution
	BLM needs to start by following the law. They need to evaluate laws regarding right aways.
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	It is not clear why issues like horses and sage grouse are not included in this plan, as they are critical too. Something in the RMP should be made to address this issue.
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	The bottom line is staying with MU concept. If we stay with that we can continue to address small areas situations and using hte land as it was meant to be used.
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	Are there other priorities that the BLM is looking at besides WY. due to lack of water, everyone looks at Wy to bail them out. We have given up a lot in wyoming to help other sates.
	The water is being handled by a different water board in CO. BLM is not involved and it is being discussed downstream and does not apply to this RMP. that is not a concern.
	We also need help pushing from the top out. I have worked in enough industries to feel attacked. We need to have conservation but what needs to stop is money coming in from conservation for people who do not engage in conservation.
	Wyoming is that rich of a state
	Hold the BLM's feet to the fire to hold to FLIPMA and the BLM's mission.
	This plan is huge with lots of buried, contradictory statements. For example, they say they are closing a minimal amount of roads, but the plan has blanket solutions that will close lots of roads (raptor nests, mule deer migration), the time restraints will only allow access for minimal to no time each year. There are other pieces like this with other issues involving lease non-renewal due to special status species.
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	Don't hesitate to reach out to the public, there are contractors and community members who have worked with the BLM. Reach out for legal advice.
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	Do a trial period. If they're going to have something that's very harsh, they only have a certain period where that stands. Not permanent forever. What's the timeframe for the components of a plan?
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	I don't think this plan did a good job paying attention to law. I hope the task force looks into that and finds the conflicts with the existing law.
Green River	All issues are intertwined and each affects the other-so how to balance these issues separately.
	Each person's priorities are different, and that is where the balancing come in. The devil is in the details on how you do that.
	Dont let special interest take over the process
	Local or national special interest
	Broad statements about oil and gas where they basically want to elimiate oil and gas in this plan. This does not comport with MU.
	There are so many environmental initiatives now.
	Politics play a lot into environmental and energy conflicts.
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	Consider who is using the land, and who wants access to it. Environmentalists, hunters, recreators, industry, livestock. Compromise so everyone is at the table and gets a piece, but no one gets everything they want. Bring all stakeholders to the table.
	Do not politicize the entire process to fill any agenda. Politics should not be in consideration, but consider the merits and balance the priorities.
	The entire RMP has been politicized, and needs to be balanced within the current political climate. Should have waited until after the 24 election. Coming to a decision will be difficult. The task force needs to rise above & not get lost in the sway of politics. Maintain political neutrality, not lean into the extremes.
	The task force should not have any priorities. Take whatever issue or problem comes up, and focus on it, and fix it. Priorities will change as the discussion changes. Do not try to tackle all of the issues at once. Work on the items/issues one at a time.

	Encourage the TF members to reach out to the interest that they represent. Keep reaching out to your interest group until you find someone who does not agree.
	There needs to be basic guidelines, and then if an issue comes up, the group should tackle the issue as it arises. Make sure the plan and processes are in place. The plan should just be the guiding document to make sure criteria is being met.
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## Additional Thoughts

LOCATION	STATEMENT
Rock Springs	The process at NPS was scripted out, but this process is different. At NPS the public was originally taken out and it took 10 year to get the public back in. NPS put everything together to create a balance. That does not exist here. Should consider integrating NPS's process.
	The state can be a good partnership. Has worked with other projects, including Sage Grouse, and it could be a beneficial partnership here.
	Do what is right for all of us, not just the "bigwigs"
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	We will see special interest groups try to sabotage the task force by dividing and conquering
	Exercise some caution if approached because some organizations suggesting compromises may have ulterior motives
	Thank you to the task force for taking on this challenge.
	Option A
	What is fires and fuels management?
	Could there be another extension? No. This needs to be finalized before the new administration
	The task force is not the enemy - they want us to be a part of the process to make the management plan better
	"As long as I've got anything to help me get around, even if it's just my feet, I'll be recreating on this land"

	How much would it cost the state of Wyoming to buy the land from the BLM?
	"Why is the governor not including the entire state of Wyoming in our dilemma, because we are getting dragged into it."
	Sweetwater county is heavily impacted by this mgmt plan People impacted who won't know how to help
	This could be the tip of the iceberg, where it grows to other federal lands All counties are represented, and supported taskforce Even though sage grouse are not in this plan, hope that we're not doing this same thing within the year.
	Wyoming takes 15 years to develop plan, planning is out of date by the time mgmt plan is released.
	I find RMPs to over promise and under deliver. The BLM needs to write something that they can actually manage
Farson	The Task Force should be thanked for their effort.
	The Wyoming task force and the governor should be involved in counting and reading the BLM comments to be sure our words are captured.
	Government overreach is the main concern for many, despite how individuals may use it.
	Be responsible
	Think ahead
	Dinotopia kids book-their moto is breath deep and seek peace.
	The land if for the people, not the people for the land
	Everyone is saying the same thing at the meetings. The issue is freedom and the answer is alternative A. We're here for the future generations
	The governor's office is right to do it this way, Don't compromise much, look at the communities that will be affected. THere is agriculture, oil, gas, and other industries. We don't have much more to compromise.
	Where is the non-motorized direct representation of access on the task force?
Green River	This process needs deadlines (this does not look like data, instead, looks like a header a note taker added??) The process takes too long and it becomes unreasonable-> the issues have changed by the time the process is done Need to build flexibility into this process (looks not like data, a header from note taker??) The issues constantly change, so we need to be flexible enough make the reaction reasonable and reliable. But, flexibility needs to also be applicable to the future. Emerging issues and development will impact the future and the RMP does not take account of that.
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	<p>The BLM has already said the travel management is not going to be a part of the current RMP, but in the RMP, there are road closures under Alt. B. Did the agency leave itself decision space to alter the travel management plan in the future?</p>
	<p>The area we have had the commenting meetings does not cover Fremont county. Even though there is not a lot of land in fremont covered, they are still a part of this discussion. The task force cannot forget Fremont County and the public use of those lands.</p>
	<p>Option A is the only one that allows freedom for all parties and interests involved. We cannot politicize the issue, there will be no benefit to the citizens.</p>