

Tell the BLM to Better Protect Air, Land, and Water Quality
Proposed Resource Management Plan Threatens People & Wildlife of the Powder River Basin

The Buffalo Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recently released a proposed revision to its Resource Management Plan (RMP). The plan governs the management of BLM land and mineral resources in Sheridan, Johnson, and Campbell Counties (aka the Powder River Basin). The plan proposes 28 new coal leases, thousands of new deep oil wells and coalbed methane wells, new uranium projects, and much much more in terms of energy development. In doing so, the plan leaves little room for protecting the people, places, and wildlife of the Powder River Basin.

We need YOU to weigh in and tell BLM they must do more to protect air, land, and water quality and to protect fragile landscapes and wildlife habitat. Please submit written comments to the BLM by Wednesday, **September 26**.

Please tell the BLM to:

- Reject BLM's proposed Alternative D in favor of Alternative B. Alternative B is the only alternative that protects the people, places, and wildlife of the Powder River Basin. Importantly, Alternative B protects sage-grouse habitat, provides a critical development buffer around portions of the Powder River, and prevents development in areas with steep slopes and poor reclamation potential.
- Fully consider cumulative impacts of all of the foreseeable energy development, including impacts to air, land, and water quality. BLM must consider the combined impacts of fracking, coalbed methane, uranium, and coal because all of these types of energy development are occurring in close proximity to each other.
- Conduct air quality modeling as part of the plan. Large parts of the Powder River Basin are threatened with exceeding air quality standards with additional energy development. BLM must fulfill its duty to ensure compliance with air quality standards.
- Fully consider the past history of energy development in the Powder River Basin. BLM must proceed with a phased development plan that ensures existing development is fully reclaimed before new development is allowed to proceed.

You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- BLM NEPA Web site: https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do
- Email: BRMP_Rev_WYMail@blm.gov
- Fax: (307) 684-1122
- Mail: Thomas Bills, Buffalo RMP, BLM Buffalo Field Office, 1425 Fort Street, Buffalo, WY 82834
- By personal delivery to the Buffalo Field Office

Please send in your comments by September 26th.

An electronic copy of the proposed plan and more information can be found on [BLM's website](#). We have a hard copy at our office that anyone is welcome to come in and review.

Thanks for your action and support!
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