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To: Field Office Managers  
From: State Director  
Subject: Notification Policy for Citizens' Wilderness Proposal (CWP) Areas

This Information Bulletin contains further information on the notification process for CWP areas. Colorado Instruction Memorandum (IM) No. 2004-12 rescinded all of Colorado Bureau of Land Management (BLM) IMs regarding the CWP. This included Colorado BLMs review and notification policy regarding proposed actions within CWP areas.

Field Offices (FOs) will notify those interested parties who have requested notice for proposed actions within CWP areas by referring them to the Colorado BLM Internet National Environmental Policy Act Register @ <http://www.co.blm.gov/nepa/nepahome.htm>. Each FO must consistently maintain their Registers in order to provide early notification. Specifically, FOs must update their Registers when an action is proposed within an area of interest. In order for interested publics to determine if a proposed action is within their area of interest, FOs must include a legal description (abbreviated), geographic description (if applicable), and county name under the column titled, Project Name.

For notification regarding oil and gas lease sales, the regulations in (43 CFR 3120.4-1) and (43 CFR 3120.4-2) require that lands available for competitive lease sale be described in an official Notice of Competitive Lease Sale (NCLS) and that the notice be posted in the proper BLM office having jurisdiction over the lands at least 45-days prior to conducting the competitive auction. The official NCLS will serve as the mechanism for notifying any interested parties as to oil and gas leasing actions. The NCLS is available for parties to purchase for \$5 by calling the Accounting Technician at 303-239-3755. It is also posted on the Colorado website @ <http://www.co.blm.gov/oilandgas/leasinfo.htm> where it can be reviewed for free.

If you have any further questions or need additional information, please call Joe Stout, Planning Environmental Analyst at 303-239-3747.

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