

## RECOMMENDATION B

1. Release Copper Mountain, Whiskey Mountain, Dubois Badlands, Sweetwater Canyon, Lankin Dome, Split Rock, Miller Springs, and Savage Peak WSAs from WSA status.
2. Establish the Fremont/Natrona Public Lands Advisory Committee to coordinate the implementation of these recommendations. The committee will be authorized under Cooperating Agency/Coordination authorities and members will be appointed by the Commissions.

### 3. Copper Mountain

- a. The BLM is directed to study the development of special motorized recreation areas in the south 1/3 of the Copper Mountain area and throughout the Lander Field Office (LFO). The study should be completed in 2 years from enactment and should consider the full range of potential motorized use designations including OHV systems that accommodate both open and limited travel designations, and consider a full range of motorized activities including rock crawling, as well as support facilities for staging, parking, and camping.
- b. Oil and gas leasing is authorized with Controlled Surface Use criteria, except in slopes of 25% or greater.
- c. New underground ROWs are authorized if oil and gas development occurs.
- d. Renewable energy development, communication towers, and overhead transmission lines are prohibited.
- e. Mineral entry is authorized.
- f. If land exchanges occur for access, there will be no loss of public land.
- g. Existing livestock grazing continues according to law with motorized access for repair and maintenance of range projects authorized.

### 4. Whiskey Mountain

- a. The area will be managed in accordance with the latest Cooperative Management Agreement between the Wyoming Game and Fish, BLM, and USFS.

### 5. Sweetwater Rocks Complex

- a. Lankin Dome, Split Rock, Miller Springs and Savage Peak will be designated a Special Management Area (SMA) with valid existing rights, agricultural uses, natural, historic, scenic resources, and primitive recreation protected. Further, items b-h will be the management criteria for this SMA.
- b. Continue existing livestock grazing according to law with motorized access for repair and maintenance of range projects authorized.
- c. Oil and gas leasing is authorized under No Surface Occupancy criteria.
- d. Locatable minerals are withdrawn, except for development of valid existing rights.
- e. Renewable energy development, communication towers, and overhead transmission lines are prohibited.
- f. Motorized use of existing roads and trails is authorized.
- g. The expansion of the Beef Gap corridor for underground transmission ROWs is authorized.
- h. Explore and pursue access options through land exchanges with no net loss of public land.

### 6. Sweetwater Canyon

- a. Establish a designated wilderness area with the boundary beginning where the bisecting road enters the WSA on the north, then east along the WSA boundary to the centerline of Section 31, then east along that centerline to the WSA boundary, then along that boundary to the center point of Section 32, then east along the centerline of Section 32 and 33 to the WSA boundary, then along that boundary to its intersection with the bisecting road in the south. The bisecting road will be the west boundary. Boundaries will be drafted to avoid existing roads open to motorized travel (the east road will be cherry-stemmed). Existing grazing will continue according to law and the Congressional Guidelines. There will

be no buffers around the wilderness area, and its designation will not affect activities outside the wilderness. It will not affect the development of valid existing rights, nor jurisdiction and management of fish and wildlife.

b. The remainder of the WSA will be managed by the surrounding management constraints-protect historic sites, reduce the hazards from abandon mine lands, maintain and enhance recreational use, closed to geophysical exploration/solid mineral leasing/ mineral material disposal, major ROWs are excluded, minor ROWs avoided. Locatable minerals are withdrawn and closed to oil and gas leasing, except for valid existing rights.

c. Continue existing livestock grazing according to law with motorized access for repair and maintenance of range improvements authorized.

d. Establish a designated wilderness area upstream from the bisecting road to the current WSA boundary with motorized use of the bisecting and west roads authorized and boundaries designed to have no effect on a proposed permittee/BLM livestock management fence.

#### **7. Dubois Badlands**

a. Establish the "Dubois Motorized Recreation Area" consisting of the western portion of the current WSA using a existing fence as the east boundary and areas of BLM managed land west of the "dump road" to a fence line to be constructed in coordination with the adjacent landowners. The BLM will develop a travel management plan for the area concurrently with establishment.

b. The rest of the former WSA, including Mason Draw will be non-motorized except for habitat projects and grazing.

c. Continue existing grazing according to law with motorized access for repair and maintenance of range improvements authorized.

d. This portion will be managed by with the following constraints: closed to oil and gas leasing, geophysical exploration, phosphate leasing, mineral disposals, locatable minerals withdrawn, major ROWs excluded, and minor ROWs avoided.

e. Purpose language will be drafted.

f. The non-motorized part of the Badlands will be designated a National Conservation Area (NCA).

#### **8. Lander Slope and Red Canyon ACECs**

a. The BLM is directed to pursue land exchanges of State parcels in the Lander Slope and Red Canyon ACECs for BLM-managed land in other parts of Fremont County with required analysis funding provided by Congress.

#### **FINAL COMMITTEE VOTE:**

ROB	5
GINGER	1
ANDY	2
NICK	5
RICK	3
JULIA	2
GARY	4
REG	5
JOSH	1
TRAVIS	3