

## Meeting Notes

**Agency:** State of Wyoming Governor's Planning Office (GPO)

**Location:** Cheyenne, WY

**Date:** January 13, 2009

**Attendees:**

Irene Yu, NRC

Nancy Barker, VHB

Tom Blickensderfer, Policy Analyst, GPO

**Purpose:**

To discuss planned projects for the region to be used in the cumulative impacts sections of all 3 sites

**Discussion:**

- Working on updating the Resource Management Plan for BLM's Buffalo Office, which covers the Powder River Basin
  - Covers Campbell, Johnson, and Sheridan Counties
  - Last completed in 1985
  - State is cooperating agency with BLM
  - Governor's Planning Office is the lead and pulling in information from Game & Fish, DEQ
  - Scoping just completed
  - involves everything from cultural resources, grazing, surface, and subsurface issues
- Resource Management Plans for BLM Lander in process, BLM Rawlins just completed (Great Divide Basin)
- Sage grouse conservation a big issue
  - Heritage program out of the University of WY
  - Governor looking closely at sage grouse in the Powder River Basin, has designated core areas
  - Local volunteer working groups interested in maintaining birds
  - Developing candidate conservation assurances under Endangered Species Act for companies/people that take on conservation measures ahead of listing
- Most vocal group is the Powder River Basin Council
- Governor's stimulus package online has new projects coming down the pike
- Western Governor's Association has a map to help developers see which areas are best for wind development and to keep them away from sage grouse
- Wyoming Infrastructure Authority also may have information to help in cumulative impacts section

**Questions:**

None

**Action Items:**

None

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