

Upper Green River Area Rangeland Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement Sublette, Teton, and Fremont Counties, Wyoming

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Abstract: The Forest Service proposes site specific grazing management practices that are designed to implement applicable direction from the Bridger-Teton Forest Plan. This Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) describes the effects of three alternatives for managing livestock grazing in the Upper Green River Project Area. The significant issues addressed by the alternatives and the DEIS include the effects that the alternatives may have on (1) threatened, endangered, and sensitive species (2) riparian and aquatic conditions (3) social and economic impacts and (4) rangeland function. The preferred alternative is Alternative B, the Proposed Action. Reviewers must provide the Forest Service with their comments during the review period of the draft environmental impact statement. This will enable the Forest Service to analyze and respond to the comments at one time and to use information acquired in the preparation of the final environmental impact statement, thus avoiding undue delay in the decisionmaking process. Reviewers have an obligation to structure their participation in the National Environmental Policy Act process so that it is meaningful and alerts the agency to the reviewers' position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement. *City of Angoon v. Hodel* (9th Circuit, 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be specific and should address the adequacy of the statement and the merits of the alternatives discussed (40 CFR 1503.3).

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