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I know this isn't what you need but thought I'd provide it as a reference.

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Pat and Mark-

On the attached map, we have delineated the areas within the Highly Important Landscapes which which have overlying:

- existing locatable withdrawals (815,731 acres, 16%)
- proposed locatable withdrawals (320,060 acres, 9%)
- ACECs (258,844 acres)
- WSAs (81,123 acres)
- conservation easements (39,497 acres)

As you can see on this map, many areas throughout the Highly Important Landscapes are restricted from locatable mineral entry through a variety of mechanisms. For those areas within this boundary which are not protected by any of the above identified measures, we still have the Core Area Strategy restrictions including:

1. No activities allowed within 0.6 miles of perimeter of lek
2. Density and Disturbance Restrictions (5% disturbance cap, one location per 640 acres)
3. Timing Restrictions during breeding, brood rearing, nesting, and winter periods
4. No roads allowed within 1.9 miles of leks
5. Noise Restrictions (no more than 10 dBA above ambient at perimeter of lek)

Additionally, we have identified the known active mining claims which have been recorded on BLM to identify those areas within the boundary of the Highly Important Landscapes which cannot be withdrawn from mineral entry owing to valid existing rights. Through these claims, we have only one active locatable mineral mine (uranium). All industrial facilities in Wyoming require permits from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Industrial Siting Division per Wyoming Statute 35-12-106 (**see below for additional information on WISD**). Per the requirements outlined in Wyoming Statute, all industrial facilities must be permitted through the Industrial Siting Council, which evaluates the social, economic and environmental impacts of all proposed facilities prior to construction. Through this process, the State of Wyoming has the ability to restrict the manner in which facilities are designed, constructed and ultimately decommissioned. Through this, they also have the ability to preclude construction of facilities in accordance with the Sage Grouse Core Area Strategy. Therefore, while BLM may not in all cases have the ability to deny locatable mineral entry per regulation (1872 Mining Law), the State of Wyoming does have this ability.

**The WDEQ ISD administers the Wyoming Industrial Siting Authority (W.S. § 35-12-101:119) and the Rules and Regulations of the Industrial Siting Council, Chapters 1 and 2. The Wyoming Industrial Siting Council (WISC) is a seven-member council created through W.S. § 35-12-104 that reviews the socioeconomic and environmental impacts of planned industrial development facilities before making a decision on the issuance of a permit for construction and operation of a facility. The WISC permit application addresses the project description, location, schedule, socioeconomic baseline conditions, an analysis of the potential socio-economic impacts with the area of impact, and potential environmental impacts. In order to minimize or prevent duplication of efforts, the WISC permit, the county permit, and the federal agency sometimes utilize common information for their distinct and unique permits.

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USFWS Greater Sage Grouse Highly Important Landscapes:
 Wyoming Basin
 ACECs, WSAs, and Existing Locatable Mineral Withdrawals (Proposed Plan)

