

## **OFF-SITE AND/OR COMPENSATORY MITIGATION IN RELATION TO LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENT**

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Several full-field developments, coupled with a USDI Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office area with moderate to high potential for gas development in an area which maintains a world-class wildlife resource, has prompted the need for landscape scale

planning. In-fill development within the Jonah Field has led to companies providing compensatory mitigation funds in order to mitigate for impacts within the field that could not be avoided. Added development should necessitate the need for a landscape scale mitigation plan to identify how development should occur within the Upper Green River Basin; and how wildlife issues and mitigation funds should be utilized in order to address impacts and maintain wildlife resources. Development within SW Wyoming has prompted additional planning in the form of a SW Wyoming Landscape Initiative designed to examine these issues in a larger context. This paper will discuss mitigation needs on a landscape scale, as well as provide an update on a newly formed interagency office, was formed to address mitigation needs in relation to the associated development, primarily as it relates to those issues and species impacted in the Jonah Field. Finally, some discussion focused on planning needs that were not being addressed.