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Abstract: This **Final Environmental Impact Statement** (FEIS) documents analysis of seven alternatives developed for programmatic management of approximately 1.1 million acres administered by the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland.

The Forest Service has identified **Alternative D FEIS as the preferred alternative.**

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