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To: ILT/IMF

From: State Director

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Idaho State Department of  
Agriculture (ISDA) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

**Program Area:** Rangeland Management Program (1020).

**Purpose:** The purpose of this Instruction Memorandum (IM) is to help promote the efficient multiple-use management of the rangeland resources on BLM land in Idaho, and to promote cooperation through consultation and coordination among parties in matters relating to allotment management planning or the equivalent on public land administered by BLM in Idaho.

**Policy/Action:** Section 8 of the Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978 (PRIA) provides opportunity for consultation, cooperation and coordination (CCC) with the states. When reaching agreement on complex rangeland management issues at the local level is difficult, the provisions of PRIA open the door to seek assistance from the state to address conflict resolution.

Idaho BLM and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture recently entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to take advantage of this consultation, cooperation, and coordination provision of PRIA. This MOU (BLM MOU ID-450, attached) identifies a process by which the BLM or permittees/lessees are able to obtain assistance from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture who will bring together appropriate people, skills, and resources to participate in efforts to resolve complex rangeland management issues. As a result, this additional assistance is expected to contribute to improved decisions regarding livestock grazing management and the attainment of resource objectives and standards.

**Timeframe:** This MOU became effective July 5, 2005 and will remain in effect for five years. Upon implementation this MOU supersedes BLM MOU ID-269.

**Background:** The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA, Sec. 202) provides, among other things, for meaningful public involvement of state officials in the development of land use program regulations and land use decisions for public land which may have a significant impact on non-federal land. FLPMA, coupled with PRIA (Sec. 8), provide the basis for seeking consultation, cooperation, and coordination through this MOU.

**Budget Impact:** Impacts to the budget would be negligible as the time spent using this process in complex range management situations would be expected to provide better and more defensible decisions that should save time and money in litigation.

**Manual/Handbook Sections Affected:** None.

**Coordination:** This directive and attached MOU have been coordinated with the BLM Idaho State Office and ISDA. Managers are asked to ensure wide distribution of this directive among their staffs and to encourage the use of this MOU as a valuable management tool.

**Contact:** Any questions pertaining to this issue should be directed to Tom Miles, Rangeland Program Lead, Idaho State Office, at (208) 373-3804.

**Boise District with Union:** No Union notification or negotiation is required.

Signed  
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