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**Documentation of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)  
Fenceline Prescribed Fire**

**Applicant:**  
**Case File No.:**  
**ID-110-2007-DNA-3400**

**Location:**

Township	Range	Section
T1N	R1W	11-14,23,26,33,35
T1S	R1W	1,2,11-14,23-26
T1S	R1E	31
T1N	R1E	32-34
T1S	R1E	3-5,8-10,14-17,20-23,26,27, 35
T2S	R1E	1,2,11,13,17,24
T2S	R2E	28-30
T3S	R4E	2,3,10,11,14,16,21-23,25-28,34-36
T4S	R4E	13,22-24,27,28,31-33
T4S	R5E	1-3,9,17,18
T5S	R5E	11-14,23,24
T5S	R6E	7,18
T4S	R8E	10-12,17,18

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**Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)**  
 U.S. Department of the Interior - Bureau of Land Management  
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**A. BLM Office:**

**Four Rivers Field Office, Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area**

**Proposed Action Title/Type: Prescribed Fire**

**Location of Proposed Action:**

- Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (NCA), north of the Snake River
- north and south of Interstate 84

**Description of the Proposed Action**

Conduct a prescribed burn on approximately 500 acres along fence lines north of the Snake River and south of Interstate 84 to reduce fuels and wildland fire hazard beginning in April 2007 and ending in mid-May 2007. The proposed action would:

- 1) Reduce wildfire hazard along fence lines and roads by reducing buildup of Russian thistle (tumbleweeds) and other highly flammable fuels.
- 2) Provide a training opportunity and exercise for fire personnel in prescribed fire and wildland fire safety, methods, and firing equipment.

**B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans**

LUP/Document	Sections/Pages	Date Approved
Kuna Management Framework Plan	RM-1.7, RM-1.8	1983
Snake River Birds of Prey NCA Management Plan	Fire Management, pg 61	1996

**C. Identify applicable NEPA documents and other related documents that cover the Proposed Action.**

NEPA/Other Related Documents	Sections/Pages	Date Approved
Fenceline Environmental Assessment (EA)	ID-095-2002-EA-025	2002
Slickspot Peppergrass Conservation Agreement	9.04, 9.07 (pg 24)	2006
Boise District Fire Management Plan	pg 138	2005

## **D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria**

**1. Is the current Proposed Action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Is the current Proposed Action located at a site specifically analyzed in an existing document?**

Yes, the action would be the same as described in ID-095-2002-EA-095; however, the treatment area would be subset, approximately 500 acres, of the area analyzed in the 2002 EA.

**2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current Proposed Action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values, and circumstances?**

The range of alternatives in the existing NEPA document consisted of a No-Action and the Proposed Action. When public scoping occurred in 2001, no comments were received. Environmental concerns at that time included effects to known slickspot peppergrass (LEPA) populations, because it was being considered as a threatened and endangered species. Areas containing known LEPA populations were excluded from the prescribed fire and any associated activities, including driving vehicles on or near LEPA sites. Since 2001, the status of LEPA has been changed to a BLM Type 2 Sensitive Species; however, BLM effectively manages the species as if it were listed. Under the existing Slickspot Peppergrass Conservation Agreement between the BLM and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, known LEPA populations would continue to be avoided when implementing the proposed action. No other environmental concerns, interests, resource values, or circumstances related to this project have changed since 2002.

**3. Is the existing analysis adequate and are the conclusions adequate in light of any new information or circumstances (i.e., riparian proper functioning condition reports; rangeland health standards assessments; inventory and monitoring data; most recent USFWS lists of threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species; most recent BLM lists of sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and all new circumstances are insignificant with regard to analysis of the proposed action?**

The status of slickspot peppergrass has changed (see 2 above), but BLM's management strategies related to slickspot peppergrass have not changed. There have been no known changes in slickspot peppergrass populations adjacent to the project area; however, implementation of the Slickspot Peppergrass CCA since the 2002 EA formalized procedures already in place to protect the species.

**4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current Proposed Action?**

Yes. Although methods for considering and analyzing cumulative effects have been refined since the Fenceline EA was prepared, the decision made under the previously analyzed proposed action for the Fenceline EA is still valid.

**5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current Proposed Action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document analyze site-specific impacts related to the current Proposed Action?**  
 Direct and indirect impacts of the current Proposed Action would not substantially differ from those identified in the existing Fenceline EA. Site-specific impacts were analyzed, with respect to vegetation, air quality, cultural resources, special status species, and other resource concerns affected by the proposed action (pg 5, Fenceline EA).

**6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current Proposed Action substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?**  
 Yes, the Cumulative Impacts are substantially unchanged from those described in the 2002 EA (pgs 5-6, Fenceline EA)

**7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current Proposed Action?**  
 The areas to be burned under the current Proposed Action are identical to the ones analyzed and reviewed under the existing EA. Public involvement and interagency review occurred when the existing NEPA document was prepared. No comments were received when the Draft EA was mailed out to approximately 30 interested publics.

**E. Interdisciplinary Analysis:**

Name	Title	Resource Represented
Irene Saphra	Fuels Specialist	Fuels/Vegetation
Mark Steiger	Botanist	Special Status Species

**F. Mitigation Measures:** List any applicable mitigation measures that were identified, analyzed, and approved in relevant LUPs and existing NEPA document(s). List the specific mitigation measures or identify an attachment that includes those specific mitigation measures. Document that these applicable mitigation measures have been incorporated and implemented.

From the Fenceline EA:

- “Populations of slickspot peppergrass, Davis peppergrass, and white eatonella exist in various locations adjacent to the project area. An avoidance map (Map 1) will be provided to the Burn Boss prior to implementation. Fencelines adjacent to sensitive plant areas will not be burned in order to reduce the risk of escaped fire and other possible project implementation impacts (i.e. vehicle travel).” (pg 5, Fenceline EA)
- “Engines would be driven adjacent to the burn areas, to help control fire spread, especially into adjacent sagebrush areas, if any are present. The burn site would be patrolled until the fire is declared out by the Burn Boss, to mitigate risk of escape and to ensure that any wooden fence posts are protected. If fence posts are burned by the prescribed fire, they will be replaced by the BLM. In addition, any interested permittees would be notified prior to burning. The site would be monitored one year after

implementation to see if objectives were met, and for reinvasion of noxious weeds and exotic annuals.” (pg 4-5, Fenceline EA)

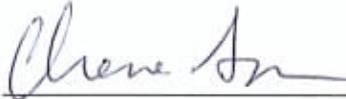
These mitigation measures were followed. Maps showing any existing or newly-mapped BLM sensitive species and proposed burn areas were provided to the Botanist in order to update the avoidance areas resulting in the attached avoidance area map (Map 1).

**G. Conclusion**



Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the Proposed Action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

Note: If one or more of the criteria are not met, a conclusion of conformance and/or NEPA adequacy cannot be made and this box cannot be checked.



Preparer

3-29-07

Date



NEPA Specialist

3-29-07

Date

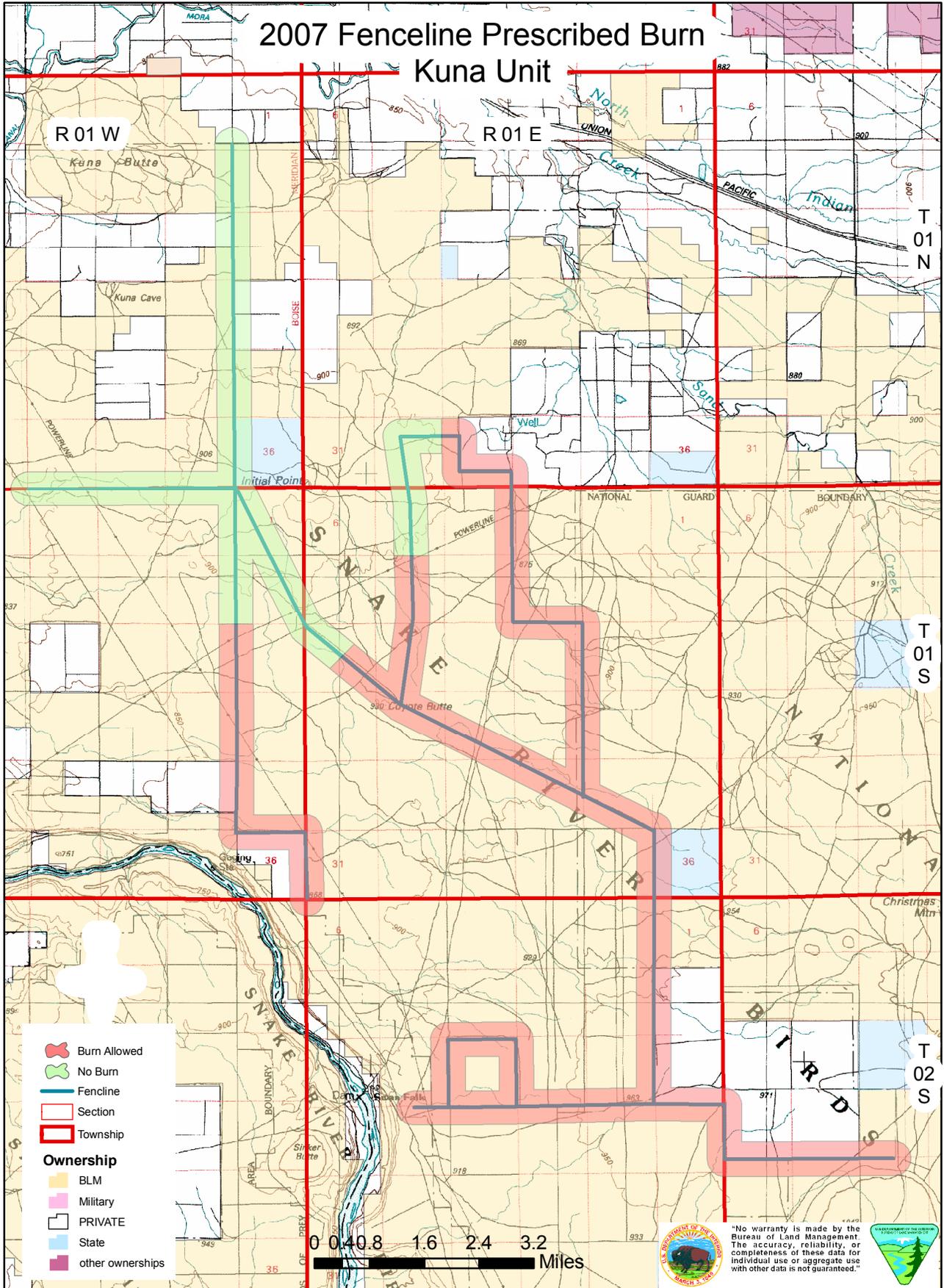
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Four Rivers Field Manager

3-29-07

Date

# 2007 Fenceline Prescribed Burn Kuna Unit



- Burn Allowed
  - No Burn
  - Fenceline
  - Section
  - Township
- Ownership**
- BLM
  - Military
  - PRIVATE
  - State
  - other ownerships

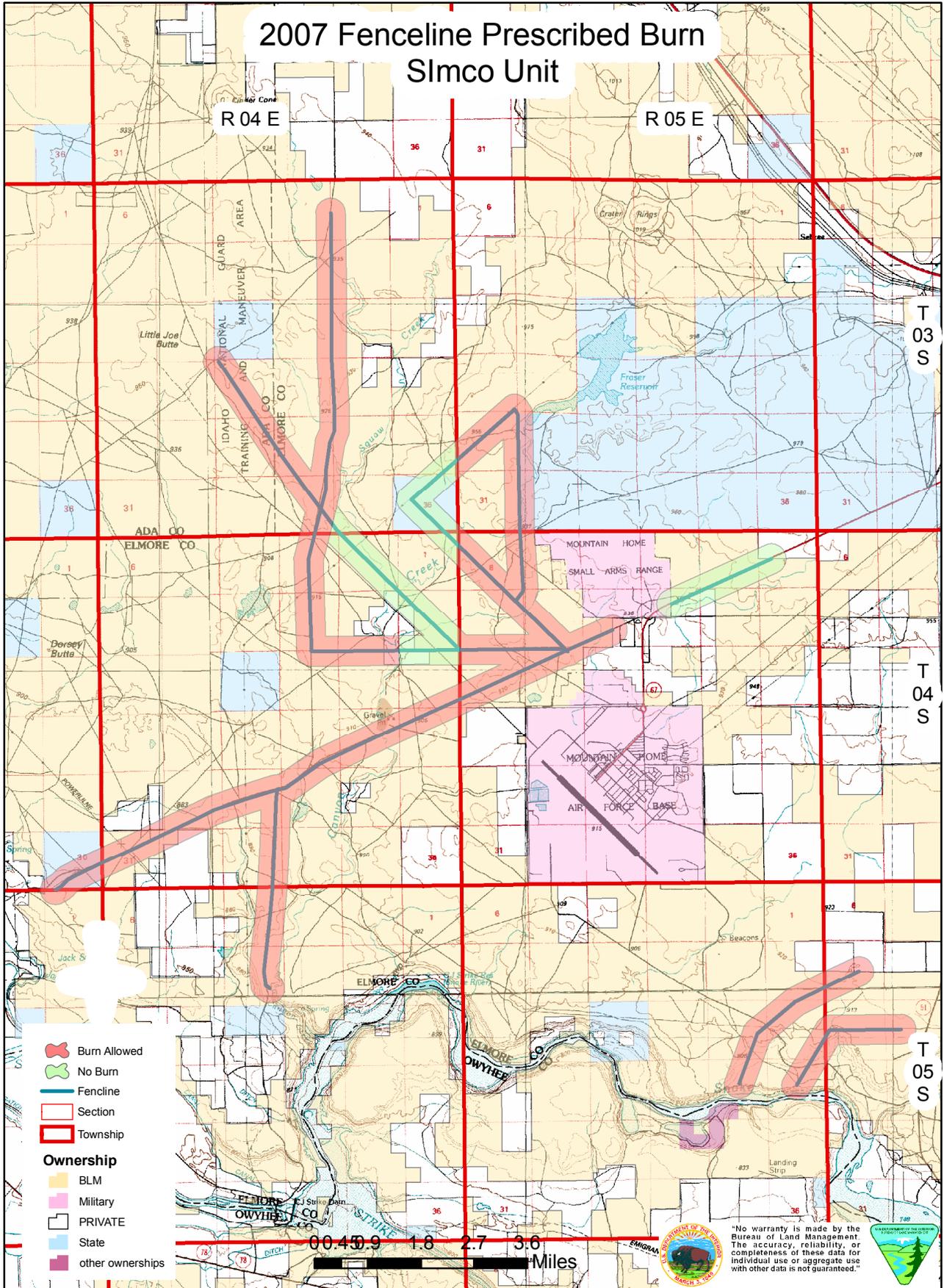
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# 2007 Fenceline Prescribed Burn SImco Unit



-  Burn Allowed
  -  No Burn
  -  Fenceline
  -  Section
  -  Township
- Ownership**
-  BLM
  -  Military
  -  PRIVATE
  -  State
  -  other ownerships

0.0 0.45 0.9 1.8 2.7 3.6 Miles



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