

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
POCATELLO FIELD OFFICE  
4350 CLIFFS DRIVE  
POCATELLO, IDAHO 83204**

**POCATELLO NORTH EAST HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION  
AND RESTORATION PROJECT  
EA ID-320-2009-EA-3698**

**DECISION RECORD AND  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

***RECOMMENDATION***

I recommend implementation of the Proposed Action Alternative for the Pocatello Northeast Fuels Reduction and Restoration Project. The treatment methods would be conducted as described in the Proposed Action Alternative and accompanying environmental analysis. Treatment restrictions specified in the Fire, Fuels, and Related Vegetation Management Direction Plan Amendment Environmental Impact Statement (FMDA; USDI BLM 2008b) would be applied to all vegetation treatments with the intent of meeting current BLM, state, or federal policy and preventing significant impacts to natural and human resources.

***RATIONALE***

Implementation of the Proposed Action Alternative is advantageous because it would reduce hazardous fuel loadings and intensity of fire behavior which would reduce the threat of wildland fire within the Pocatello Northeast project area. In addition, the project would improve ecosystem health in both the low- and mid-elevation shrub communities and the dry conifer and aspen/conifer vegetation types.

The Proposed Action is in conformance with the following landscape-level objectives and management actions set forth in the FMDA (USDI BLM 2008b, pgs. 2-30 and 2-31):

*Objective 1* – Make Progress toward Desired Future Conditions (DFC) in the Low-elevation Shrub, Perennial Grass, Invasive Annual Grass, Mid-elevation Shrub, Mountain Scrub, and Juniper vegetation types.

*Management actions* – Use chemical, mechanical, seeding, and prescribed fire treatments as appropriate to achieve DFC.

*Objective 4* – Make progress toward DFC in historically frequent fire regimes (Aspen/Conifer, Dry Conifer, Mid-elevation Shrub encroached by juniper,) by increasing wildland and prescribed fire to create a fire regime within the historical range of variability.

*Management actions* – Use mechanical and chemical treatments to prepare areas in FRCC 2 and FRCC 3 for prescribed and wildland fire.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Mann  
Fire Use Specialist

11/12/09  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***DECISION AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE***

With adherence to the treatment restrictions specified in the FMDA, the recommendation and its rationale are adopted as my decision.

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

For interested parties wishing to appeal this decision, appeals procedures are attached.

Approved by:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
David Pacioretty  
Field Manager

11/12/09  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**INFORMATION ON TAKING APPEALS TO THE INTERIOR BOARD OF LAND APPEALS**

**DO NOT APPEAL UNLESS**

1. This decision is adverse to you,
- AND
2. You believe it is incorrect

**IF YOU APPEAL, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES MUST BE FOLLOWED**

**1. NOTICE OF APPEAL.....**

A person who wishes to appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals must file in the office of the officer who made the decision (not the Interior Board of Land Appeals) a notice that he wishes to appeal. A person served with the decision being appealed must transmit the *Notice of Appeal* in time for it to be filed in the office where it is required to be filed within 30 days after the date of service. If a decision is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, a person not served with the decision must transmit a *Notice of Appeal* in time for it to be filed within 30 days after the date of publication (43 CFR 4.411 and 4.413).

**2. WHERE TO FILE**

NOTICE OF APPEAL..... U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management, Pocatello Field Office  
4350 Cliffs Drive, Pocatello, ID 83204

WITH COPY TO SOLICITOR... U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor, University Plaza  
960 Broadway Ave., Suite 400  
Boise, ID 83706

**3. STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Within 30 days after filing the *Notice of Appeal*, file a complete statement of the reasons why you are appealing. This must be filed with the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Interior Board of Land Appeals, 801 N. Quincy Street, MS 300-QC, Arlington, Virginia 22203. If you fully stated your reasons for appealing when filing the *Notice of Appeal*, no additional statement is necessary (43 CFR 4.412 and 4.413).

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**4. ADVERSE PARTIES.....**

Within 15 days after each document is filed, each adverse party named in the decision and the Regional Solicitor or Field Solicitor having jurisdiction over the State in which the appeal arose must be served with a copy of: (a) the *Notice of Appeal*, (b) the Statement of Reasons, and (c) any other documents filed (43 CFR 4.413).

**5. PROOF OF SERVICE.....**

Within 15 days after any document is served on an adverse party, file proof of that service with the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Interior Board of Land Appeals, 801 N. Quincy Street, MS 300-QC, Arlington, Virginia 22203. This may consist of a certified or registered mail "Return Receipt Card" signed by the adverse party (43 CFR 4.401(c)).

**6. REQUEST FOR STAY.....**

Except where program-specific regulations place this decision in full force and effect or provide for an automatic stay, the decision becomes effective upon the expiration of the time allowed for filing an appeal unless a petition for a stay is timely filed together with a *Notice of Appeal* (43 CFR 4.21). If you wish to file a petition for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Interior Board of Land Appeals, the petition for a stay must accompany your *Notice of Appeal* (43 CFR 4.21 or 43 CFR 2801.10 or 43 CFR 2881.10). A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the *Notice of Appeal* and Petition for a Stay **must** also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

**Standards for Obtaining a Stay.** Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulations, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards: (1) the relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied, (2) the likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits, (3) the likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and (4) whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Unless these procedures are followed, your appeal will be subject to dismissal (43 CFR 4.402). Be certain that **all** communications are identified by serial number of the case being appealed.

**NOTE:** A document is not filed until it is actually received in the proper office (43 CFR 4.401(a)). See 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart B for general rules relating to procedures and practice involving appeals.

### 43 CFR SUBPART 1821--GENERAL INFORMATION

Sec. 1821.10 Where are BLM offices located? (a) In addition to the Headquarters Office in Washington, D.C. and seven national level support and service centers, BLM operates 12 State Offices each having several subsidiary offices called Field Offices. The addresses of the State Offices can be found in the most recent edition of 43 CFR 1821.10. The State Office geographical areas of jurisdiction are as follows:

#### STATE OFFICES AND AREAS OF JURISDICTION:

Alaska State Office ----- Alaska  
Arizona State Office ----- Arizona  
California State Office ----- California  
Colorado State Office ----- Colorado  
Eastern States Office ----- Arkansas, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri  
and, all States east of the Mississippi River  
Idaho State Office ----- Idaho  
Montana State Office ----- Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota  
Nevada State Office ----- Nevada  
New Mexico State Office ---- New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas  
Oregon State Office ----- Oregon and Washington  
Utah State Office ----- Utah  
Wyoming State Office ----- Wyoming and Nebraska

(b) A list of the names, addresses, and geographical areas of jurisdiction of all Field Offices of the Bureau of Land Management can be obtained at the above addresses or any office of the Bureau of Land Management, including the Washington Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

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