

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN - STEP 1
ACTIVITY OBJECTIVES

Name (MFP)	Bennett Hills-Timmerman Hil
Activity Lands	
Objective Number	L-1

Objective:

Urban/Suburban

Reserve 200 acres for possible expansion along I-80N west of Bliss.

Rationale:

According to the Planning Area Analysis, no demand exists for urban/suburban expansion on National Resource Lands in the foreseeable future. This is essentially due to the declining population trend for the county and city populations within the planning units. All the local communities, except Bliss, are encompassed by private lands and, if growth should occur, it is reasonable to assume that the private lands would be developed first due to the availability of water, sewer, power, and other services.

The area north of Bliss has had much of the recent lands filing activity. In addition, the Clover Creek area has been identified as valuable prospectively for geothermal resources, and approximately 17,000 acres have been filed on for geothermal resource leasing. Should geothermal and agricultural development occur based upon current filings, this area will undergo extensive growth and development.

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RECOMMENDATION-ANALYSIS-DECISION

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RECOMMENDATION

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Withdraw these lands from mineral entry and retain MU classification until an obvious need is shown for expansion and a comprehensive development plan is approved, and dispose of specific lands when appropriate authority for disposal is available.

Support Needs

State Office - Minerals.

RATIONALE

The MUC segregates against appropriation under Homestead Entry, Desert Land Entry, Indian Allotment, and Public Sale. Special Land Use Permits and Free Use Permits could continue to be issued on these lands. The Bliss area currently has heavy lands and minerals filing activity. Should agricultural and mineral development occur in this area, Bliss will undoubtedly undergo extensive growth.

Multiple-Use Analysis

No significant conflicts exist with other activities for this recommendation.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Accept Step I recommendation

Reason

See Rationale

Support Needs

Minerals investigation.

Alternatives Considered

Withhold action on recommendation until legislation becomes available to effect recommendation.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation

Note: Attach additional sheets, if needed

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Name (MFP)	Bennett Hills-Timmerman Hill.
Activity	Lands
Objective Number	L-2

Objective:

Recreation & Public Purposes

Provide approximately 400 acres of National Resource Land for Recreational & Public Purposes development.

Rationale:

There is currently one 10-acre site classified for R&PP. This site has been used in the past for a county dump. Although Blaine County presently has a sanitary land-fill in the Hailey-Ketchum area it is rather distant from the public who use the subject site.

Currently lands in Sections 17 and 18, T. 2 S., R. 21 E., are being managed for recreational purposes under a cooperative agreement between the BLM and the Idaho Fish & Game Dept. This land lies along Silver Creek, a well-known fly fishing stream. Much of the land traversed by Silver Creek is in private ownership which creates access problems for the public. Recreation facilities development under R&PP authorization would enhance and protect existing resource values.

Approximately 160 acres along Mormon Reservoir has potential for development into a popular recreation site. Present use is approximately 16,000 visitor days annually. Visitor use is expected to increase significantly with development of better facilities.

Approximately 40 acres of National Resource Lands near Bliss has been developed into a rodeo ground/cutter track. Making this land available for lease would terminate the present trespass situation.