

BIG BUTTE RESOURCE AREA

BIG DESERT
MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN

DECISION UPDATE AND STATUS SUMMARY
January 1988

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Lands

Decision
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Decision

Status

L 1.1	Lease landfill sites to Bingham County. McDonaldville I-2432 Springfield I-1395	Violates current policy. I-2432 expires 12/16/88 I-1395 expires 7/3-/88. Both sites will be closed and rehabilitated.
L 1.2	Transfer management of Snake River island T. 3 S., R. 34 E., Sec. 14 Lots 8, 9 58.99 acres to IF&G through Coop Agreement. Livestock grazing will continue.	Completed 2/16/82.
L 2.1	Dispose of public lands in area 1 and 2 (See Overlay).	All lands in area 1 are in Twin Buttes State Ex- change Phase 1 and 2 scheduled for completion in 1988. Ten DLE's on file all scheduled to be processed in 1988. Low interest in sales none planned for 88. IF&G appealed '87 sales. Now before IBLA.
L 3.1	Establish a communications site on Big Southern Butte.	This decision rejected.
L 4.1	Reject USFWS withdrawal applica- tions I-010203 and I-021996 on Snake River Omitted lands.	Relinquished by USFWS Feb. 1983.
L 4.2	Revoke all C&MU classifications (activity plan will be developed on disposal areas 2&3 prior to revocation).	C&MU classifications have been revoked. National Wildlife Federation law- suit has resulted in a court injunction in changing classifications. No activity plan developed.
L 4.3	Revoke all administrative with- drawals that no longer serve intended purpose.	Reviewed and retained withdrawals on China Cup Butte, stock driveway and INEL.

- L5.1 Approve Lebrecht private exchange. Exchange completed Feb. 1983.
- L6.1 Dispose of isolated tracts which do not have resource values. Consider exchange as first priority disposal method. No opportunity for exchange identified. Low interest in sales. IF&G appealed 87 sales now before IBLA.
- L 6.2 Dispose of 3300.94 acres of public land. This decision resulted from a planning ammendment. See attached summary for current status.

Attachment 1

Butte County

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<u>Tract</u>	<u>Case No.</u>		<u>Status</u>
T. 1 N., R. 26 E., B.M. 1 Sec. 1, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Lot 3	I-19723	71.99 acres	Not offered
T. 1 N., R. 29 E. 2 Sec. 9, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	I-19722	40 acres	Not offered
T. 3 N., R. 26 E., B.M. 3 Sec. 29, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$		40 acres	Not offered

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T. 1 N., R. 31 E., B.M. 4 Sec. 2, Lots 3 & 4		46.36 acres	Not offered
5 Sec. 3, Lots 1 & 4		45.50 acres	Not offered
6 Sec. 4, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$		170.80 acres	Not offered
7 Sec. 5, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$		171.80 acres	Not offered
8 Sec. 6, Lots 1 & 2		46.85 acres	Not offered
T. 1 N., R. 32 E., B.M. 9 Sec. 27, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$		40.00 acres	Sold 1986
T. 2 S., R. 32 E., B.M. 10 Sec. 25, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$		40.00 acres	Offered 1986-Not sold
T. 4 S., R. 30 E., B.M. 11 Sec. 26, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$		40.00 acres	Not offered
12 Sec. 27, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$		40.00 acres	Not offered
T. 4 S., R. 31 E., B.M. 13 Sec. 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$		80.00 acres	Sold 1986
14 Sec. 11, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$		80.00 acres	Sold 1986
15 Sec. 27, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	I-20355	40.00 acres	Offered 1987 Appealed by IF&G
16 Sec. 28, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	I-20354	40.00 acres	Offered 1987 Not sold
17 Sec. 33, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$		40.00 acres	Offered 1987 Appealed by IF&G
18 Sec. 31, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$		80.00 acres	(Disallowed DLE offered for sale)
19 Sec. 31, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$		40.00 acres	Sold 1985
T. 4 S., R. 31 E., 20 Sec. 1, Lots 1 & 2		80.05 acres	Not offered BLM CL non suitable for UTA sale

21	T. 4 S., R. 33 E., B.M. Sec. 28, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	40.00 acres	Sold 1986
22	T. 5 S., R. 30 E., B.M. Sec. 11, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	280.00 acres	Not offered-IF&G claims high value for antelope winter range.
23	T. 6 S., R. 30 E., B.M. Sec. 6, Lot 1	52.24 acres	Sold 1985
	Blaine County	80.00	
24	T. 2 S., R. 29 E., B.M. Sec. 19, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	I-19730 40.00 acres	Not offered
	T. 3 S., R. 29 E., B.M. Sec. 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	I-19731 40.00 acres	Not offered
	Power County	1,775.35	
26	T. 5 S., R. 29 E., B.M. Sec. 23, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	40.00 acres	Sold 1986
27	Sec. 26, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	40.00 acres	Not offered
28	Sec. 27, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	80.00 acres	Not offered
29	Sec. 33, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	40.00 acres	Not offered
30	Sec. 34, N $\frac{1}{2}$	320.00 acres	Not offered
31	Sec. 35, W $\frac{1}{2}$	320.00 acres	Not offered
32	T. 6 S., R. 29 E., B.M. Sec. 1, Lot 4	53.98 acres	Not offered
33	Sec. 2, Lots 1, 2, & 4 S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	321.37 acres	Not offered
34	Sec. 3, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	120.00 acres	Not offered
35	Sec. 5, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	40.00 acres	Sold 1984
36	Sec. 6, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	40.00 acres	Sold 1984
37	Sec. 11, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	120.00 acres	Not offered
38	Sec. 17, NW $\frac{1}{4}$	160.00 acres	Not offered
39	Sec. 18, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	80.00 acres	Not offered

Current as of 2/4/88

Minerals

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M 1.1

Allow mineral leasing and exploration on the entire planning unit. Activities shall not impair wilderness values on the following areas; Hells Half Acre WSA, Cedar Butte WSA, Great Rift WSA. No surface occupancy is allowed on the following areas; Saddle Butte, China Cup Butte, Big Southern Butte, Quaking Aspen Butte, Snake River Omitted Lands.
Allow geothermal leases in area north and west of Craters of the Moon Flow only in accordance with interim management guidelines for WSA's.

On going. Potential for mineral leasing, exploration and development are remote.

M 2.1

Keep all public lands open to mineral entry under the 1872 mining law with the following modification: Apply 3809 regulations to mitigate adverse impacts. Areas of particular concerns are:

Ongoing. Mineral potential is low.

Sage grouse strutting and nesting areas:

Big Southern Butte
Great Rift
Hells Half Acre
China Cup Butte
Box Canyon of Big Lost River
Snake River Omitted Lands
Saddle Butte
Quaking Aspen Butte
Slopes over 15%
Soil Association #8
Kings Bowl
INEL
Firth River Bottom
Cedar Butte

M 3.1

Keep entire planning unit open to saleable materials except for the following which will be closed to sale of mineral materials.

Snake River Omitted Lands

Firth River bottoms

Great Rift WSA

Big Southern Butte

Cedar Butte WSA

*Hells Half Acre WSA

Saddle Butte

Quaking Aspen Butte

Box Canyon Big Lost River

Ongoing.

*See M3.2

M 3.2

Conduct only competitive commercial sales on Hells Half Acre lava flow east of Interstate-15 near Firth, Idaho.

Some sales held in past; no demand in recent years.

*One sale
8/1/79 - support
I-15 construction CC*

Forestry

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F 1.1	Introduce hardwood species along the Snake River.	Recommendation rejected.
F 1.2	Harvest over mature timber for firewood.	Recommendation rejected.
F 2.1	Reforest 810 acres along the Snake River.	Recommendation rejected.
F 2.2	Establish a seed tree orchard along Snake River	Recommendation rejected.

Range Management

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Status

RM 1.1A

Quaking Aspen allotment. Implement a rest rotation grazing system.

1. Implement a grazing preference reduction of 1,084 AUMs (16%).
2. Delay spring turnout from 4/16 until range readiness around 5/1.
3. Authorize exchange of use for 174 AUMs of State land under lease.
4. Divide operators into 3 groups based on their season of use.

5. Provide the following new range improvements:

1. 1 well
2. 1 storage tank
3. 14 miles of fence
4. 3 cattleguards
5. Burn 2,500 acres or other suitable treatment.
6. Develop any existing USGS wells

AMP with rest rotation grazing system prepared in 1983. Has not been fully implemented due to need for pasture fencing. This is planned for 1988. Ten percent reduction imposed in 1982. Additional reductions not implemented based on monitoring. Turnout is now based on range readiness studies. Exchange of use agreements authorized leaseholder credit for State lands. Some of these have since dropped leases. BLM will acquire State lands in 1988.

Quaking Aspen Airport Well drilled 1982. Storage tank installed at well. Miles of fence built. 4.5 miles built.

Big Lake burn proposed for 1989

Investigation shows these wells have too small casing to accomodate pumps.

RM 1.1B

Sunset Allotment
Implement a 3 pasture deferred grazing system.

1. Implement a grazing preference reduction of 250 AUMs (16%)
2. Delay spring turnout from 4/16 until range readiness about 5/1.

AMP implemented with deferred grazing system.

Ten percent reduction imposed in 1982. Additional reductions not implemented based on monitoring. Turnout is now based on range readiness.

3. Authorize exchange of use grazing agreements for 89 AUMs of State land under lease.

State lands not under lease BLM will acquire State land in 1988.

4. Provide the following new range improvements.

1. 4 miles of fence
2. 3 cattleguards
3. Burn 2,500 acres

Not built.
Not built
3500 acres burned in 1985.

RM 1.1C

Smith Allotment

Implement a 3 pasture deferred grazing system.

AMP implemented with deferred system.

1. Implement a grazing preference reduction of 385 AUMs 14%.

Ten % reduction imposed in 1982. Monitoring shows additional reduction may be needed

2. Delay spring turnout from 4/4 until range readiness about 5/1.

Turnout now based on range readiness.

3. State land in allotment has carrying capacity of 79 AUMs.

State section is unleased. Will be acquired by BLM in 1988.

4. Burn 5,000 acres.

3,000 acres burned in 1986.

RM 1.1D

Big Butte Allotment

Implement a 5 pasture deferred grazing system.

AMP implemented. Grazing system changed to rest rotation.

1. Implement a grazing preference reduction of 475 AUMs 12%.

Ten percent reduction imposed in 1982.

2. Delay spring turnout from 4/6 until range readiness about 5/1.

Turnout now based on range readiness.

3. Authorize exchange of use agreement for 51 AUMs of the 76 AUMs of State land in the allotment.

Exchange of use authorized. BLM will acquire State lands in 1988.

4. Implement additional reduction of grazing preference if unused areas remain unused.

No additional reductions imposed.

5. Provide the following new range improvements.

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| 1. 5 miles of pipeline | Four mile Webb Spring pipeline planned for 1988. |
| 2. 3 troughs | Planned for 1988 |
| 3. 8 miles of fence | 9 miles built |
| 4. Burn 1,200 acres | 8,000 acres planned for 1989. |

Note - 1786 AUM decision set carrying capacity @ 3551 AUMs

RM 1.1E

Houghland Allotment

Implement a 5 pasture deferred grazing system.

Grazing system operated by user. Allotment in good condition.

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| 1. Data shows carrying capacity is 245 AUMs in excess of preference. Allocate excess AUMs only after monitoring studies. | No additional AUMs have been allocated. |
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| 2. Delay spring turnout from 4/1 to range readiness about 4/15. | Turnout is based on range readiness. |
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| 3. Authorize exchange of use grazing agreement for 159 AUMs of State land. | Exchange of use authorized. BLM will acquire State lands in 1988-89. |
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| 4. No new range improvements will be provided. | None have been built by BLM. |
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RM 1.1F

Springfield Allotment

Implement a 5 pasture deferred grazing system.

AMP implemented. Grazing system changed to rest rotation.

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| 1. Implement a grazing preference reduction of 1,111 AUMs (29%). | Twenty percent reduction imposed. Monitoring shows further reduction unnecessary. <i>(Additional information in Range Section)</i> |
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| 2. Delay spring turnout from 4/1 to range readiness about 4/15. | Turnout based on range readiness. |
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| 3. Authorize exchange of use grazing agreements for 78 AUMs of State land under lease. | Exchange of use authorized. |
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4. Provide the following new range improvements.

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| 1. 2 miles of pipeline | None built |
| 2. 4 troughs | None built |
| 3. 3 miles of fence | None built |
| 4. Burn 15,000 acres | 3,000 acres burned 1982. |

RM 1.1G

Klempel Allotment
Implement a 2 pasture deferred grazing system.

No grazing system implemented, seasonal use only.

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| 1. Implement a grazing preference reduction of 44 AUMs (77%). | Ten percent reduction imposed (Cheatgrass allotment). |
| 2. Spring turnout will be 4/16 and fall turnout will be 10/1. | Spring turnout is 4-16
No fall use is made. |

RM 1.1H

Bowers Allotment
Implement a 2 pasture deferred grazing system.

No grazing system implemented. Seasonal use only.

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| 1. Implement a grazing preference reduction of 20 AUMs (59%). | 50% reduction imposed. |
| 2. Spring turnout will remain at 4/20 and will be alternated with fall use. | Spring use only is being made. No fall use. |

RM 1.1I

Cinder Cone Allotment
Implement a deferred grazing system.

AMP implemented with a rest rotation grazing system, 2 pastures—one grazed and one rested each year. No additional AUMs have been allocated.

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| 1. Data shows carrying capacity 192 AUMs in excess of preference. Allocate excess AUMs only after monitoring studies. | |
| 2. Authorize an exchange of use grazing agreement for 150 AUMs of State land under lease. | Permittee has dropped lease
BLM will acquire State lands 1989. |
| 3. Delay spring turnout until 4/16. | Turnout changed to 4/8. |
| 4. No new range improvements will be provided. | Pipeline, fence and reservoir have been built under cooperative agreement. |

Range Management (continued)

RM 1.1J

East Butte Allotment
Implement a deferred grazing system.

AMP implemented with deferred system.

1. Impose a grazing preference reduction of 7 AUMs (6%) if monitoring shows it to be justified.
2. Authorize exchange of use grazing agreements for 33 AUMs of State land under lease.

No reduction imposed.

Exchange of use authorized.

No AMP CRMP in process of being developed

RM 1.1K

Moonshine allotment
Implement a deferred grazing system.

AMP implemented with deferred system.

1. Data shows carrying capacity is 173 AUMs in excess of preference.
2. Implement a deferred grazing system.
3. No new range improvements will be provided.

Stocking rate remains at preference, no additional AUM's allocated.

Implemented.

User has constructed one mile of pipeline and one trough in 1983.
Allotment was also cross fenced 2-miles of fence materials furnished by Advisory Board.

RM 1.1L

Rudeen allotment
Implement a deferred grazing system.

An AMP implemented with rest rotation grazing system.

1. Impose a grazing preference reduction of 740 AUMs (53%).
2. Authorize exchange of use grazing agreement for 60 AUMs of State lands under lease.
3. Burn 2,000 acres.
4. Delay spring turnout until 4/15.
5. Provide the following new range improvements.

33 % reduction imposed.
1,566 AUMs reduced to 1,058.

Exchange of use authorized.

Prescribed burn planned then cancelled due to prominence of cheatgrass in selected area
Turnout based on range readiness.

1. 3 miles of fence

4 mi. fence built.

Used for...

2. 1 cattleguard
3. Burn 2,000 acres

Installed 1986.
See 3 above.

RM 1.1M Riverfield allotment

RM 1.1N AEC Riverfield allotment

These two allotments have been combined as pastures in the Deadman allotment of the Big Lost Planning Unit.
See RM-3 in Big Lost MFP.

RM 1.10 No. 2 Well allotment
Implement a deferred grazing system.

AMP implemented with deferred system.

1. Impose a grazing preference reduction of 163 AUMs (11%)
Delay spring turnout to 4/16.
2. Not a decision
3. Authorize an exchange of use grazing agreement for 41 AUMs of State lands under lease.
4. Provide the following new range improvements.
 1. 6 miles of pipeline
 2. 4 troughs
 3. Burn 12,000 acres.

11 % reduction imposed in 1982. Restored in 1987.
Turnout based on range readiness.

87 decision - Restored use to 922 AUMs

Exchange of use authorized.

One mile built in 1983
One installed in 1983
6,900 acres burned as follows:

1982 - 2700 acres
1983 - 1200 acres
1984 - 3000 acres

Range Management (continued)

RM 1.1P

Cox's Well allotment
Implement a 3 pasture deferred
grazing system.

1. Impose a grazing preference
reduction of 353 AUMs (18%)
Delay spring turnout until
4/15.
2. Not a decision
3. Authorize an exchange of
use grazing agreement
for 183 AUMs of State
land under lease.
4. Provide the following new
range improvements.
 1. 2 miles of pipeline
 2. 3 reservoirs
 3. 1 storage tank

2 pasture
AMP implemented with a rest
rotation grazing system.

No reduction imposed. 1981
wildfire increased production.
Turnout based on range readi-
ness.

Exchange of use authorized
BLM acquired one Section in
1987. Remainder will be
acquired in 1988 and 1989.

None of these projects con-
structed. Two ponds Benton-
ited. 2 cattleguards
installed.

*1984 AAI's decision set capacity
at 1941 AUMs and 1988 decision
changed capacity to 2125 AUMs
with the exchange of State
land.*

Range Management (continued)

RM 1.2A

Huddles Hole allotment
Implement AMP with seasonal grazing.

No AMP implemented.

1. Data shows carrying capacity is 10 AUMs in excess of preference. Allocate excess AUMs only after monitoring studies.
2. No management changes recommended.
3. Improve roads in allotment
Use water trough locations to improve livestock distribution.

No additional AUMs allocated.

No changes made.

No work done

RM 1.2B

Rock Corral allotment
Implement an AMP with seasonal grazing.

An AMP with a rest rotation grazing system implemented.

1. Data shows carrying capacity is 2,489 AUMs in excess of preference. Increase in stocking rate or season's possible.
2. Delay spring turnout until 4/16.
3. Provide the following new range improvements for Rock Corral, Springfield and No 2 Well allotments.
 1. 1 well
 2. 9 mile pipeline
 3. 4 troughs
 4. 1 storage tank

Due to conversion to cattle preference is now 800 AUM's.

Turnout based on range readiness 4/16.

Rock Corral allotment has the following range improvements. 4.5 mi. fence.

Planned water developments have not been built

RM 1.2C

Webb allotment
Implement AMP with seasonal grazing system.

AMP not implemented

1. Manage this allotment for annual rather than perennial vegetation. Determine stocking rate based on carrying capacity of annual vegetation. Do not reseed allotment.

Twenty two percent reduction imposed.

Range Management (continued)

RM 1.2D

Judge allotment
Implement AMP with seasonal
grazing system.

AMP not implemented.

1. Implement grazing preference reduction of 10 AUMs (56%).
2. Dispose of allotment from public lands if it does not have other significant resource values. Manage as is, if not disposed of. Do not reseed.

Thirty three percent reduction imposed.

Allotment not sold.
No particular resource values.

RM 1.2E

Big Desert Common Sheep Allotment. Implement AMP with seasonal grazing system

AMP implemented.

1. Data shows carrying capacity is in excess of preference. Allocate excess only after monitoring studies.
2. Delay spring turnout until about April 15.
3. Authorize exchange of use grazing agreements for 482 spring AUMs and 657 fall/winter AUMs for State lands under lease.

No demand for excess AUMs.
None allocated.

Decisions issued establishing April 10 as turnout date.

Exchange authorized for sections under lease. State lands will be acquired by BLM through exchange in 1988-89.

Do not authorize exchange of use for state lands leased but are located outside outside permittees allotment. Work out trades so leased State sections occur within the permittees allotment.

Exchange of use authorized only on State sections within leases allotment.

Range Management (continued)

4. Provide the following new range improvements

1. 1 well
2. 1 storage tank
3. 5 mi. road
4. Burn 18,000 acres
5. Plow and reseed 4800 acres.

Split top well and storage tank installed, 1986.
Not built.
No burning done
500 acres of plow & seeding completed.

RM 1.2F

Cedar Butte allotment
Implement AMP with seasonal grazing system.

1. Data shows carrying capacity to be 16 AUMs in excess of preference. Allocate excess AUM's only after monitoring studies.

No additional AUMs allocated.

2. Authorize exchange of use grazing agreements for 56 AUMs of State lands under lease.

Exchange of use authorized.

3. Continue present management operation.

Livestock distribution managed through location of water troughs.

RM 2.1

Transfer management of the following allotments to Idaho Department of Lands.

Carter, Nipples, State Twin Buttes, Katseanes, Whitehead.

Draft Cooperative Agreement to transfer administration.

Format transfer of management not completed. IDL will acquire these public lands through Twin Buttes exchange in 1988-89.

RM 2.2

Continue to authorize the U. S. Sheep Experiment Station use in the Moreland allotment under Cooperative Agreement until lands are exchanged to Idaho Department of Lands.

U. S. Sheep Station relinquished grazing use in 1985.

RM 2.3

Muirbrook Allotment
Continue to authorize 10 AUMs of livestock grazing as in the past.

Reduced to 2 AUMs.

RM 3.1

Manage grazing on the Omitted lands to reflect:

1. Proper carrying capacity (stocking rates)
2. Season of use based on physiological needs of vegetation. Recognize Multiple Use values.
3. Percent public land factor

Manage grazing to improve and maintain a wide diversity of vegetative species, heights and age structures.

Intensive forestry practices, recreation development, acquiring of access, mineral sales, and oil and gas surface occupancy will not be allowed.

RM 4.1

Create 3 new allotments on unallotted public land.

All lands allotted

1. Bauers
2. Gneiting
3. O'Brien

Exchange.

Resolve any resource conflicts prior to allotting grazing use.

Watershed

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W 1.1	<p>*Protect soil association 8 from wind erosion by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reduce grazing if necessary2. Suppress wildfire threat3. Limit ORV use4. Limit any use that would reduce vegetative cover.	<p>On going. Not a serious wind erosion problem area.</p>
W 2.1	<p>Continue livestock driveway withdrawal in Big Desert Sheep allotment.</p> <p>Related decisions;</p> <p>RM1.2-develop an AMP</p> <p>RM1.2E, 4F reseed stock driveway.</p> <p>RM1.2E 4G construct an alternate route for trailing</p>	<p>Withdrawal remains in effect.</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Trial seedings done.</p> <p>More needed.</p> <p>Route not built.</p>
WSW 2.1	<p>Stabilize erosion areas using native or exotic species which will be most successful soil stabilization.</p>	<p>No erosion.</p> <p>Areas identified.</p>
W 2.2	<p>*Reseed area shown as W2.2 where good potential exists. Exclude area covered by WL 4.2 about 2,500 acres. Resolve treatment method between range watershed and wildlife. Defer from grazing to establish seedlings.</p>	<p>No reseeding done, need questionable.</p>
W 3.1	<p>*Management of isolated tracts within the Twin Buttes and Flat top watersheds will include either of the following actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Develop AMPs with goals and objectives emphasizing soil and water conservation.2. Include isolated tracts in soil and watershed conservation plans.	<p>No action. Isolated tracts are small acreages with little public values.</p>

Watershed (continued)

- W 3.2 Retain all public lands within the flood plains in public ownership. No disposals planned.
- W 3.3 *Reseed areas shown as W.W and E.4 within Flat top watershed, defer grazing for 3 years after seeding. Do not reseed the area within T. 1 N., R. 33 E. of Twin Buttes watershed. No reseeding done nor planned
- W 4.1 Improve rangeland on 689,896* acres to good condition by implementing AMPs. AMPs will include grazing system, plan for development and a monitoring system. AMPs have been completed on 13 allotments making up 88 % of the area.
*Question acreage figure - only 580,871 acres of public land in unit.
- W 4.2 Allow for natural recovery after wildfire by providing rest from grazing. Conduct variability testing to determine survival. Reseed if necessary where perennial species are killed and no seed source exists of where species diversity may need to be improved. Ongoing. No seeding of wildfires need to date due to natural regeneration.
- W 4.3 Reseed areas in poor range condition. Consider other resource values in project planning. No seed done nor planned.

Note: The watershed decisions for reseeding need on the ground study prior to planning projects. Reseeding to the extent indicated by the decisions is neither practical nor necessary.

* Decisions with questionable viability.

Wildlife Aquatics

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WLA 1.1	Defer Snake River Omitted lands islands from livestock use until after spring high water flow to prevent entrapment and excessive use. No structural streambanks will be implemented by BLM.	Livestock management including season of use and stocking rates is as successful in RM3.1.
WLA 1.2	Clean up 7 unauthorized dumps and manure disposal areas in omitted lands.	No work done on this decision.
WLA 3.2	Retain all riparian areas in public ownership. Lands may possibly pass from federal control to State (IF&G) consistent with objective 3.	All lands retained in public ownership. Management of an island - T. 3 S., R 34 E Section 14 lots 8 and 9, 58.99 acres authorized to IF&G by cooperative agreement. (See in Lands Section L 1.2). This Cooperative Agreement should be reviewed for compliance.
WLA 4.1	Stocking rates for the omitted lands will be authorized as shown in decision RM 3.1.	Stocking rates and seasons of use are as specified in RM3.1.

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WL 1.1

Allocate forage to support present antelope population as estimated below.

Winter 415

Spring 490

Summer 540

Fall 465

Forage allocated to support present population and a 100% increase by 1995. AMP's include considerations for increased antelope. Prescribed burns have increased for composition, improving antelope habitat. Water catchments have also been installed for antelope.

Provide sufficient forage to support a 100% increase in antelope numbers by 1995 through improved rangeland condition expected through intensive livestock management.

WL 1.2

✓ Maintain existing vegetative composition on 167,620 acres antelope range with the following exceptions.

1. Vegetative manipulation would be as proposed by range as shown in Alternative 4 of the Big Desert EIS. Prescribed burning primary control method.

2. Do not plow and seed unless area does not have sagebrush.

See Range section for vegetative manipulations completed by allotment. 16,400 acres burned. One plow and seed project completed to control cheat-grass 500 acres.

WL 1.3

Convert 67,740 acres of shrub land to grass-forb-composition by chaining and burning. Reseed with mixture of grass, forbs, shrubs. Determine project location, methodology etc. using wildlife watershed and range specialists. Limit acreage to amount required to achieve resource goals. Consider benefit/cost.

No chaining done nor planned. See WL 1.2 for details on prescribed burning projects completed.

WL 1.5

Percentage of forage utilization allowed by livestock will be as follows:

Degree of utilization will depend upon annual monitoring of condition, trend, species dynamics, actual use and grazing system used.

Rest rotation grazing systems will be implemented in Quaking Aspen and Sunset allotments. The remaining 28 allotments will have seasonal or deferred systems.

See Range Section for status of grazing systems implemented.

WL 2.1

Allocate forage to support present mule deer population as estimated below:

Winter	325
Spring	175
Summer	145
Fall	175

Forage allocated in grazing EIS to support present populations and 100% increase by 1995. Forage is not a limiting factor in mule deer habitat requirements in the Big Desert. Water and cover are limiting factors.

Provide sufficient forage to support a 100% increase in mule deer numbers by 1995 through improved rangeland condition expected from intensive livestock management.

WL2.2

Improve 30,720 acres of mule deer range through controlled burning. Consolidate mule deer burning needs with those proposed by range program. Burn additional areas shown to have mule deer values where species diversity or quality can be improved. Limit acreage to reasonable amount recognizing that water and cover are limiting habitat factors not forage.

No burns planned for sole benefit of mule deer due to abundance of forage available.

WL 3.1

Maintain the current predator control program in the unit.

Present system remains in effect.

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1987*

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- WL 4.1 No vegetative manipulation projects will be undertaken within 1/4 mile of strutting grounds. Prescribed burning is the only method of vegetative manipulation done in the unit. This is under taken only after consultation with IF&G.
- WL 4.2 Do not allow vegetative control within 100 yards of water sources. Vegetative control will be allowed along intermittant stream courses. This decision refers to streams and riparian zones. The only vegetative control which may fall in this area is noxious weed control which will continue.
- WL 4.3 Wildlife input to AMP's should include consideration of forage species diversity desirable to wildlife. Ideal mixture of grasses/forbs/sagebrush would be 25/25/50 percent. Deferred grazing systems would be better than rest rotation systems in sage grouse habitats. One of the 30 Big Desert allotments will have a rest rotation grazing system. All AMP's have interdisciplinary resource input. See Range Section for grazing system status.
- WL 5.1 Make trial plantings on two selected areas to determine feasibility of wind breaks adjacent to agricultural lands to protect chuckars. This proposal has not been implemented and does not appear to be feasible.
- WL 5.2 Allow no vegetative control within 1/2 mile of vegetative lands to protect pheasant cover. Vegetative control where annuals or poisonous plants dominate will be allowed. No control work done.
- WL 5.3 Develop wildlife water to enhance existing habitat. Seventeen catchments have been built and 5 well systems improved. This program should be evaluated and expanded in some areas.

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- WL 6.1 Authorize livestock grazing during seasons and at stocking rates listed under RM 3.1 for the omitted lands. This was done by decision in 1982. See Range Section for status.
- WL 6.2 Manipulate the vegetative resource on the omitted lands through regulation of grazing use rather than burning. Goal would be to facilitate waterfowl use. No specific vegetative manipulations done using livestock.
- WL 6.3 Install goose nesting platforms on omitted lands to increase nesting success. (Many ground nests are flooded each year). Twenty nine platforms scheduled to be installed in 1983. Some washed away by flood. Need to inventory to determine how many exist and if hay bales need replacement.
- WL 7.1 Maintain 17,600 acres of juniper woodlands for raptor nesting and hunting habitat. Do not allow vegetative manipulation. Minimize human disturbance within 1 mile of potential nest sites. Feb. 1 - July 1. No projects planned. Number of nesting sites unknown.
- WL 10.1 Reseeding projects will use a mixture of native and introduced species adapted to the site. Specific species and rates to be planted should be developed on a site specific basis. Limited need for seeding exists. Seeding is needed on disturbed areas of construction projects and along sheep driveway.
- WL 10.2 Make water available to wildlife on all livestock watering facilities. Work with ranchers and IF&G to provide needed water. See WL 5.3. Need exists for expansion of water for wildlife program.
- WL 10.3 Protect and enhance riparian and aquatic habitat areas of the Snake River Omitted lands. An omitted lands Habitat Management Plan was developed in 1982

WL 10.4

Retain in public ownership isolated tracts which have wildlife or other resource values. If these values are not evident or anticipated, dispose of the tracts. Consider private exchange as a first priority disposal method.

See lands section for status of disposal of Omitted lands tracts.

WL 10.5

Do not develop a comprehensive HMP for antelope or sage grouse in this area beyond planning for providing of wildlife water. Develop a priority listing of water developments for planning and construction.

See attached list of water developments. Water development needed for resident elk herd in Sunset allotment and other locations.

WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENTS

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
4496	Big Butte Res. #3 WL Water	T. 1 S., R. 29 E., Sec. 5 NW
4489	Sunset Lake WL Water	T. 1 S., R. 29 E., Sec.17 NE
4492	Pack Saddle Lake WL Water	T. 2 S., R. 29 E., Sec.15 SE
0210 (4798)	Pack Saddle Well WL Water	T. 2 S., R. 30 E., Sec.30 NW
4807	Antelope Lake WL Water	T. 2 S., R. 28 E., Sec.24 NW
4494	Cox's Res. WL Water	T. 2 S., R. 28 E., Sec.29 NE
4806	Cox's Airstrip WL Water	T. 2 S., R. 28 E., Sec.33 SE
4673	Split Top Well WL Water	T. 3 S., R. 27 E., Sec.27 NW
4495	Rocky Lake WL Water	T. 1 N., R. 29 E., Sec.34 SE
4493	Mosby Butte WL Water	T. 5 S., R. 28 E., Sec. 1 SE
4808	Big Lake WL Water	T. 1 N., R. 28 E., Sec.25 NW
4674	Quaking Aspen WL Water	T. 1 N., R. 28 E., Sec. 3 NE
4498	Fingers Butte Res. WL Water	T. 1 N., R. 27 E., Sec.11 SW
4140 (4800)	Fingers Butte Well WL Water	T. 1 N., R. 27 E., Sec.22 NE
4805	Muddy Res WL Water	T. 1 N., R. 28 E., Sec.31 SE
4801	Coyote Water hole WL Water	T. 1 S., R. 28 E., Sec. 8 SE
4497	Pratt Lake WL Water	T. 1 S., R. 27 E., Sec.13 SE
4490	Rock Lake WL Water	T. 3 S., R. 29 E., Sec.32 NW
4002	Apollo Well WL Water	T. 5 S., R. 27 E., Sec.17 NW
4236	Wheatgrass Well WL Water	T. 1 S., R. 30 E., Sec.23 SW
4488	Wood Road Lake WL Water	T. 1 S., R. 31 E., Sec.27 NE
0135 (4797)	No. 2 Well WL Water	T. 2 S., R. 31 E., Sec.10 NW
4670	Sauce Pan WL Water	T. 2 S., R. 30 E., Sec.21 SW
4672	Rye Grass Res. WL Water	T. 2 S., R. 30 E., Sec.24 NW
4491	Powerline WL Water	T. 3 S., R. 30 E., Sec.24 NW
0006 (4796)	No. 3 Well WL Water	T. 3 S., R. 30 E., Sec.20 NW
4218	Cross roads Well WL Water	T. 1 S., R. 28 E., Sec. 2 SW

Recreation - VRM

Decision
Number

Decision

Status

VRM 1.1

Scenery units classified as VRM Class II shall be managed so that changes in the basic elements should not be evident in the characteristic landscape. Class II areas are:

1. Wapi lavas
2. Craters of the Moon lava (Great Rift)
3. Big Southern Butte.

These criteria are applied but have not been given over riding priority.

VRM 1.2

Scenery units classified as VRM III, shall be managed so that changes in the basic elements may be evident, but subordinate to the characteristic landscape. Class III areas are:

1. Lava Plain 1,233,000 ac.
2. Cedar Butte 46,560 ac.
3. Agriculture
Zone 1 69,000 ac.
Zone 2 290,000 ac.

These criteria are applied but have not been given over riding priority.

VRM 2.2

Do not allow material sales along the Snake River. Manage any mining claim development under 3809 regulations.

No sales have been made. No mining claim developments.

VRM 2.4

Do not use heavy equipment in suppressing fires on:

1. China Cup Butte
2. Big Southern Butte
3. Hells Half Acre

Has been made a part of fire management planning.

VRM 2.5

Use indigenous species and materials if they are available and adaptable to the site. If not use other suitable species and materials.

Crested wheatgrass has been planted in Spring-field seeding and on disturbed areas caused by road maintenance.

Recreation

Decision Number

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Status

R 1.1

Manage and protect the recreational values of the following areas and in the priority as listed.

Priority 1 & 7 have been designated Natural History land marks.
Priority 2 & 4 have been recommended for wilderness status. Priority 3 and 5 no action taken.
Priority 6 recommended non wilderness.
Specific recommendations for these areas were all rejected.

1. Big Southern Butte 1982
2. Great Rift WSA 1984
3. Kings Bowl 1983
4. Hells Half Acre 1983
5. Lava Tube Caves 1984
6. Cerro Grande 1984
(Cedar Butte WSA)
7. China Cup Butte 1982

Goose Butte

R 1.3

Provide resource protection and management of the Kings Bowl by:

BLM now maintains road as funding allows. Road is scheduled for maintenance in 1988. Agreement with Power Co. discontinued. The option remains to renew this agreement.

A. Provide maintenance of No. Pleasant Valley road to Crystal Ice Cave.
Continue \$2,000/year to Power Co. for maintenance.

C. If and when Crystal Ice Cave concessionaire terminates operation consider the following alternatives in priority.

Special land use permit for Crystal Ice Cave expire 12/31/90. Continued operation would need to be under authority. Need to work with operator to upgrade signs and appearance of Crystal Ice Cave and area.

1. Lease to another concessionaire.
2. BLM operate cave.
3. Close the cave to public use.

R 1.4

Provide resource protection and management of Hells Half Acre lava flow by:

Will be completed in 1988. Twin Butte Phase II private inholding (160 acres) acquired Dec. 1987.
Trail constructed as planned. Brochure not published. Signs erected to interpret features Idaho Department of Transportation has plans to relocate and upgrade reststops.
No action taken.

A. Acquire State inholdings.
B. Install self guiding trails at I-15 reststop by FY83. Publish brochure, make available to trail head.
C. Improve the aprking area and interpretive signs at Twenty mile rock. Develop a self guiding tour.

*Crystal Ice Cave
closed summer 88, solicited
proposals 88/89 - S. K. 1/2
closed & cleaned up - Cave locked
by 88/89 - same clean up needed
FY 90 to*

*I-15 trail 88/89
organizing cc*

*26 miles total
1/91 established
14.92*

Recreation (continued)

- D. Acquire 17 mile cave through exchange with land owner. No action taken. Feasibility questionable.
- E. Manage Hells Half Acre as follows; manage for multiple use, some areas open to lava sales. Primitive reaction will have management emphasis. Hells Half Acre WSA managed under IMP. Lava sales conducted. Outside WSA.

R 1.6

Provide resource protection and management of Cerro Grande (Cedar Butte) lava flow by:

- A. Manage under multiple use principles if not designated wilderness. WSA managed under IMP. Recommended non wilderness by BLM.
- B. Rebatte community pit if use impairs wilderness values. Community pit still in effect. No sales have been made in last 3 years. Demand low-should be restored and closed.
- C. Initiate an injunction and a validity determination on mining claims in Sec. 5 & 6 T. 31 E., R. 1 S. No action taken. Demand for building stone non existant.

R 1.7

Accomplish the following actions on China Cup Butte.

- A. Install interpretive signs. No action taken.
 - B. Do not allow environmental modification unless required for scientific research Monitor any research. No ORV use noted.
 - C. Fence if ORV problems develop. No ORV use noted.
- China Cup Butte is currently a Research natural area.

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Recreation (continued)

- R 2.1 Accomplish the following action on public lands along Snake River and Big Lost River.
- A. Retain in public ownership for multiple use management except forestry and minerals with emphasis on wildlife management. No lands disposed of except through Omitted Lands Act.
 - E. Restrict livestock grazing on Omitted lands in accordance with 1979 SVIM inventory. Done by EIS Decision in 1982.
- R 3.1 When recreation demand warrants establish a public campground and picnic area in T. 1 S., R. 36 E., Sec. 26 Firth river bottom. Demand not demonstrated. No action taken.
- R 4.1 Provide for ORV use by establishing the Snake River plain National Recreation Trail. Place no restriction on vehicle type. No action taken. Not a feasible decision due to adverse impacts on other resources.
- R 4.2 Close the following areas to ORV use. These areas are closed, restricted or open as indicated. No signs posted. Barriers erected on Big Southern Butte, violations occurring. New signs on order for Big Southern Butte.
- A. China Cup Butte Research Natural Area.
 - B. Cedar Butte
 - C. Saddle Butte
 - D. Big Southern Butte
Limit ORV use to existing roads and trails on the following
 - E. Quaking Aspen Butte
 - F. Areas of greater than 15% slope and soil association 8. Difficult to identify areas of over 15% slope.
 - G. Allow ORV use on all lands not closed or restricted.

Cultural Resources

<u>Decision Number</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Status</u>
CRM 1.1	Interpret through signing selected segments of the Oregon Trail (Gooddales Cutoff).	No signing has been done This trail is covered by the South Central and South East Idaho Imigrant Trails management plan written in 1985.
CRM 1.2	Record remaining evidence of Big Butte Stage Station site.	No action taken. Site is totally destroyed.
CRM 1.4	Erect interpretation signs at Big Southern Butte explaining prehistory and history.	No action taken. Signs describing National Natural land mark have been erected - now need replacement.
CRM 2.1	Allocate 11 cultural sites for surface erosion data collection.	Status unchanged. No action taken.
CRM 2.2	Allocate 27 Cultural Sites for data collection related to unauthorized and unregulated surface collecting of artifacts.	Status unchanged. No action taken.
CRM 3.1	Allocate 15 sites for future scientific use.	Status unchanged. No action taken.
CRM 4.1	Allocate 2 sites for scientific surface collecting and test excavating.	
CRM 4.2	Allocate 17 sites for systematic surface collecting.	Status unchanged. No action taken.
CRM 5.1	Protect 36 sites conduct patrols.	Status unchanged. No action taken

CRM (continued)

CRM 5.2

Protect 17 sites relocate and redocument these sites.

Status unchanged.
No action taken.

CRM 5.3

Protect and preserve old Salmon River RR site at Cerro Grande by:

Status unchanged.
No action taken.

1. Fencing
2. Signing to prohibit removal of cultural materials.

CRM 5.4

Intensively inventory areas of Great Rift WSA.

Status unchanged.
No action taken.

Bear Paw Kipuka
New Butte
Purple Butte
Snowdrift Crater
Bowl Crater
No. Laidlaw Butte
Bear Park

A problem exists with the Cultural section of Big Desert MFP. The known cultural sites have been given a number of designation but no records exist in the MFP to indicate where that site is located or what it consists of. There is no overlay showing the sites. The problem this presents is that when reviewing data to identify resource impacts of a development proposal, cultural considerations are overlooked. This situation should be corrected by the Cultural Resource Specialist and recorded in the MFP.

5-1879 Bob Post Camp
Rocky dig

Wilderness

Decision
Number

Decision

Status

W 1.1

Recommend Congress to designate 341,000 acres of the Great Rift WSA as Wilderness excluding 33,400 acres unsuitable for management.

EIS prepared with this proposal. Total acreage with acquired lands is 384,000 acres.

W 1.2

Improve quality of the wilderness resource in the Great Rift WSA by:

A. Acquire 4 Idaho Transportation Department material sites through exchange.

Not a practical decision- Should have been rejected.

B. Acquire the 18,500 acres of State lands within the Great Rift WSA.

Acquired through exchange in 1987.

C. Stipulate "no surface occupancy on geothermal lease applications pending north and west of Craters of the Moon flow".

Geothermal lease applications dropped by company. May not be a logical decision.

Coordinate with Shoshone + *Burley* district

Joint management of area.

W 1.3

A. Acquire 3420 acres of State land on edge of Great Rift WSA.

Acquired in 1987.

B. Minimize AMP developments close to WSA boundary.

Wilderness coordinator has input to EA process.

C. Using VRM guidelines minimize visibility of geothermal developments from highway 93, 20, 26 and the WSA.

Geothermal application dropped - No adverse visual impacts.

D. Clean up 7 unauthorized dumpsites near WSA boundary. Coordinate with Shoshone/Districts *Burley*

No action taken.

Fire

Decision
Number

Decision

Status

FM 1.1

Continue to maintain the ^{fire}~~fire~~ lookout on Big Southern Butte.

Ongoing.

FM 2.1

Limit fire suppression actions on Hell's Half Acre, Cedar Butte and Great Rift Lava flows. Provide full fire protection on Big Southern Butte and East Butte on any fires that may threaten fire lookout or communication facilities. Heavy equipment will not be used.

Has been made a part of fire management planning.

FM 2.2

Establish areas in the Big Desert where wildfires will be allowed to burn under controlled conditions.

Has been made a part of fire management planning.

*Big Southern Butte
6/1/09
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MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN
 COMPLETION AND REVIEW RECORD

District Office Idaho Falls
 Planning Area Big Butte
 Planning Unit(s) Big Desert

ORIGINAL

REVISION

	DO Completion		SO Review	
	Date	Surname	Date	Surname
I. Activity Objectives and Recommendations	////	////////	////	////////
Lands		Klingenberg		
Minerals		Carroll	5/2/80	(L)
Forest & Veg. Products	4/28/80	Green		
Range Management	5/1/80	Maggio		
Watershed	4/28/80	Jeppesen	4/28/80	MR-II 9-9-88 - Kg
Wildlife			9/9/80	Thomas (signature)
Recreation		Collins		
Cultural Resources		Hill		
Supporting Activities	////	////////	////	////////
Protection	4/80	Casey		
Access				
Cadastral Survey				
Realty				
Appraisal				
Construction & Maintenance				
Engineering				
Communications				
Law Enforcement				

Chief Resources, DO Date _____ Signature _____
 Planning Coord., DO Date _____ Signature _____

Review
 Chief, Resources, SO Date _____ Signature _____
 Chief, P&EC, SO Date _____ Signature _____
 Chief, Tech. Services, SO Date _____ Signature _____

II. Multiple Use Recommendations
 Area Manager Date _____ Signature _____

III. Decisions
 District Manager Date _____ Signature _____

IV. Approval
 State Director Date _____ Signature _____

BIG DESERT MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN

District Response to State Office Comments

October 13, 1981

- RM1.2E-4J The allotment which this comment refers to is one allotment with many users. The proposal of splitting the allotment is an allotment management plan consideration.
- 1.2E Statement on maintenance was eliminated.
- RM2.3 It has been determined that 10 AUMs is within the grazing capacity of the allotment. Grazing can be accomplished without detriment to the allotment.
- W2.1 Livestock will continue to use the stock driveway. The stock driveway will be reseeded and an alternative route will be developed. See RM1.2E-4F & 4G. This will be reviewed as part of the withdrawal review process.
- W3.2 Public lands which fall within designated flood plains will be retained in public ownership. Decision was changed to accept resource recommendation.
- WL1.5 The reference to rule of thumb was dropped from the multiple-use recommendation. The 50% utilization will be the standard that utilization is judged against. The percent of utilization will vary according to the grazing system used. Utilization will be determined as part of the monitoring system.
- WL2.3 Forage is not the limiting factor for mule deer populations in the Big Desert. Competition for forage in the area with livestock is minor. Water is the limiting factor not forage availability.
- WL4.8 The multiple use decision was changed to reject the recommendation of seasonal surface occupancy.
- WL13.2 The two year moratorium on grazing on vegetation rehab projects is a standard operating procedure and does not need an MFP decision. Exotic reference was dropped from the recommendation. This was meant to include such plants as crested wheatgrass.
- WL13.4 We do not see any conflict between livestock grazing and riparian habitat. Wildlife has been determined to be the primary concern and livestock will be managed accordingly.
- WL13.5 Resource values on the isolated tracts is not fully known. Disposal or retention of these tracts will depend on a site specific analysis. Until such time, the lands will be retained.

- WLA1.1 The word consider was dropped out of the multiple use recommendation. The island will be deferred.
- WLA3.3 All riparian tracts will be retained in public ownership. We are not proposing disposal of any riparian areas.
- FM2.4 The reference to let burn was eliminated from the recommendation. The following was added in place of let burn, ...will be allowed to burn under prescribed conditions.
- R1.3 The designation of Kings Bowl as an ACEC was rejected because of commercial development.
- R1.4 The multiple use decision was changed to allow other acquisition methods for Seventeen Mile Cave.
- R1.5 Parts A, B & C of this recommendation were eliminated as activity planning.
- R1.6 Parts A, B & C were retained as part of the recommendation because it was felt that a MFP decision was needed to accomplish them.
- R2.1 This comment is in reference to B not D. B will be rejected because leasable and saleable are discretionary.
- R4.1 The recommendation to establish an ORV race area will be changed so that it is rejected because of small demand.
- VRM1.1 & Sorry. The multiple use recommendation and decisions for these were
1.2 inadvertently left out. They will both be accepted.
- M1.1 Correction made as stated in the comment.
- L4.1 The FWS withdrawal application will be rejected based on the decision to retain land in public ownership.
- L8.1 An overlay reference to identify tracts for disposal has been developed as part of MFP3.



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Big Desert

In Reply Refer To:

IDI 31274 (933)

September 11, 1996

Mr. Donald F. McNarie
Idaho Department of Lands
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0050

Dear Mr. McNarie:

This is to notify you that the Bureau of Land Management has approved the reconveyance of Carey Act lands identified as follows:

Township 6 South, Range 31 East, Bingham County
Section 2: Lot 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and that portion of the
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying north and west of American Falls Reservoir

Township 6 South, Range 19 East, Lincoln County
Section 18: Portions of Lots 1 and 2 lying north of the Union
Pacific Railroad Right of Way

Township 9 South, Range 17 East, Twin Falls County
Section 29: Part SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and part NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, all lying
south of the Snake River
Section 30: Part SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying south of the Snake River

Township 11 South, Range 14 East, Twin Falls County
Section 12: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Our field offices will be notified of this reconveyance and our records noted. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

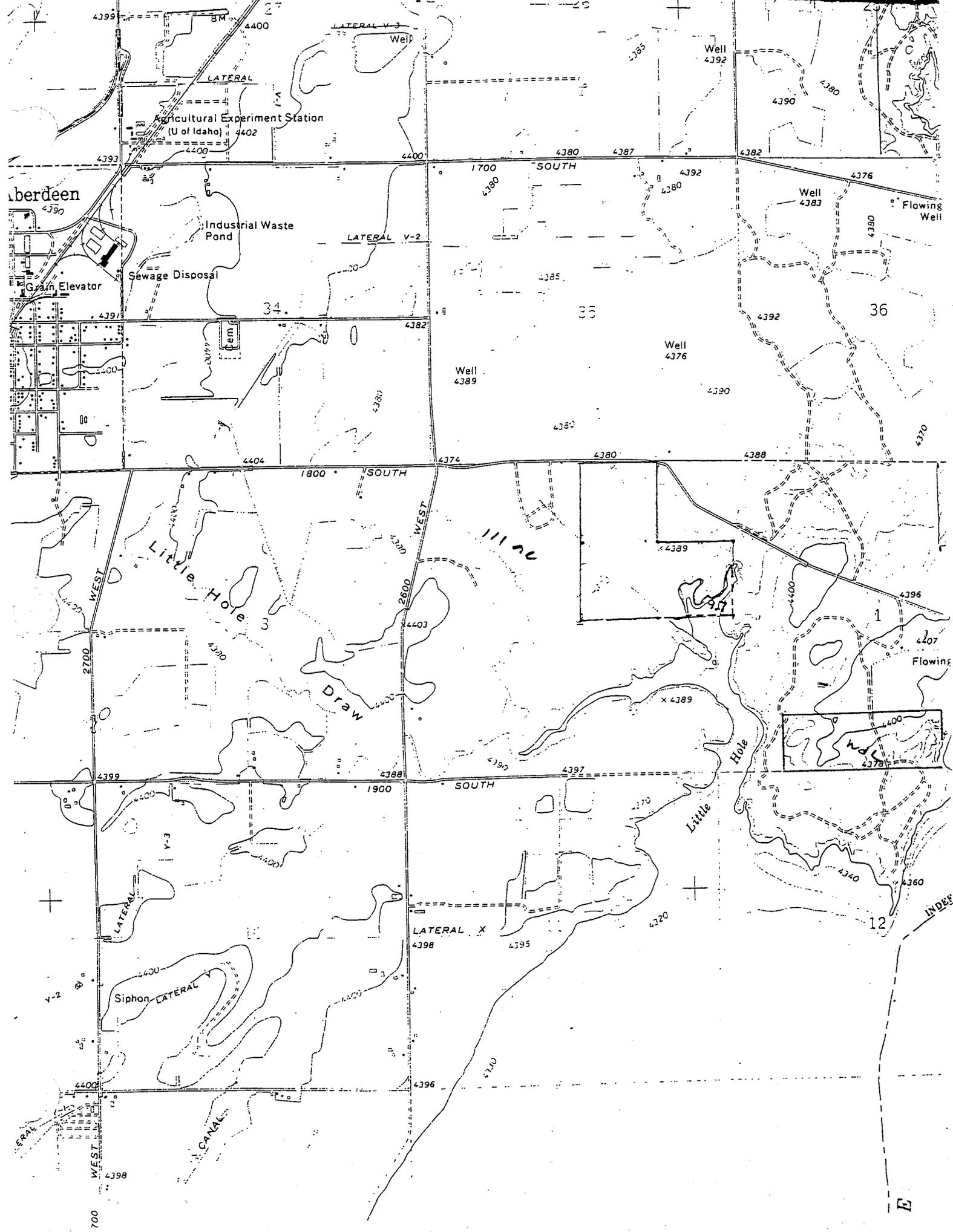
Sincerely,

/s/ Jimmie Buxton

Jimmie A. Buxton
Branch Chief, Lands and Minerals

cc.

AM, Snake River RA
AM, Bennett Hills/ Monument RA
AM, Big Butte RA
FOSTER:id:September 10, 1996



RANGE 31 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, IDA

