

Cottonwood Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement

1. **Responsible Agency:** United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
2. **Type of Action:** Administrative (X) Legislative ()
3. **Document Status:** Draft () Final (X)
4. **Abstract:** This Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement describes and analyzes four alternatives for managing approximately 132,526 acres of public lands and resources administered by the Bureau of Land Management's Cottonwood Field Office in Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis, Idaho, and Adams Counties of north-central Idaho. This acreage figure reflects the recent transfer of approximately 11,304 acres of public land to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to be held in trust for the benefit of the Nez Perce Tribe. Acreage figures or references used throughout the RMP/EIS have not been updated to reflect this recent land transfer which represents only 0.2 percent of the public land managed by the CFO. An acreage figure of 143,830 acres has been carried through the RMP/EIS. The plan alternatives are Alternative A (the "no action" alternative or continuation of current management), Alternative B (the agency preferred alternative), Alternative C (minimal active management/preservation emphasis), and Alternative D (commodity/utility emphasis). Planning issues addressed include invasive plant species, forest vegetation, special status species and habitats, priority watersheds or areas for conservation and/or restoration strategies, motorized and nonmotorized travel, levels of commercial uses (minerals, forest products, livestock grazing, and recreation), fuels reduction, adjusting land ownership, and existing and future recreation demand. The alternatives also address designation of Areas of Critical Environmental Concern and the eligibility and suitability of river segments for designation under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.
5. **Protest period:** The protest period on the Cottonwood Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement is 30 calendar days. The protest period begins when the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register*.
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