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**Proposed RMP/Final EIS**  
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Greetings:

Enclosed you will find the *Proposed Pocatello Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement* (EIS). This Proposed Plan/Final EIS sets forth the management direction for resources and uses on approximately 613,800 acres of public lands in southeastern Idaho. This Final EIS describes four alternatives and contains an analysis of the impacts related to implementing each of the alternatives.

This Proposed Plan/Final EIS is the result of the planning team review and analysis of Tribal and public comments received on the Draft Pocatello Resource Management Plan/EIS following a 90-day comment period ending on April 4, 2007. The draft document, released in January 2007, presented and analyzed four alternatives in which Alternative B was identified as the Preferred Alternative.

This Proposed Plan/Final EIS, presents an overview of the planning process and planning issues, describes all alternatives and their associated impacts, summarizes public comments received on the *Draft Pocatello Resource Management Plan and EIS* and provides responses to the substantive issues raised. Based on public comments and planning team discussions, **Alternative B** has been modified and is now presented as the **Proposed Plan** in the Final EIS. The extent of changes made between the draft and final documents are described in Chapter 1. Specific changes made to Alternative B are shown in Chapter 2, Table 2-1.

The printed version of the *Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final EIS* contains three volumes which includes all chapters and figures. The appendices to the document can be found on the CD-ROM located inside the back cover of Volume I. The entire document is also available for viewing on the project Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/pocatello/planning.html>.

This Proposed Plan/Final EIS is open for a 30-day no-action/protest period beginning with the date the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes the Notice of Availability of the FEIS in the Federal Register. During this period, the BLM will take no action to implement the plan. However, the Proposed Plan/FEIS may be protested by any person who participated in the planning process and who has an interest that may be adversely affected by its approval. A protest may raise only those issues that were submitted for the record during the planning process (see Code of Federal Regulations 1610.5-2). Protests must be filed with the Director, Bureau of Land Management.

Regular mail protests and overnight mail should be sent to: Director, Bureau of Land Management (210) Attention – Brenda Hudgens-Williams, 1620 L Street, Suite 1075, Washington, D.C. 20036. Emailed and fax protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these

conditions, BLM will consider the emailed or faxed protest as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide BLM with such advance notification, please direct faxed protests to the attention of the BLM protest coordinator at (202) 452-5112, and emails to Brenda\_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov.

All protests must be written and must be postmarked on or before the 30th day following publication by EPA of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. Protests must contain the following information:

- The name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest;
- A statement of the issue or issues being protested;
- A statement of the part or parts of the document being protested;
- A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues previously submitted during the planning process by the protesting party, or an indication of the date the issue or issues were discussed for the record; and
- A concise statement explaining precisely why the decision presented in the Proposed Plan/FEIS is believed to be wrong.

The Director, Bureau of Land Management, will promptly render a decision on the protest. The decision will be in writing and will be sent to the protesting party by certified mail, return receipt requested. The decision of the Director shall be final.

Upon resolution of any protests, a final plan will be approved with a Record of Decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David A. Pacioretty".

David A. Pacioretty,  
Field Manager