

**Pocatello Field Office
Proposed Resource Management Plan and
Final Environmental Impact Statement (April 2010)**

[] Draft Environmental Impact Statement [X] Final Environmental Impact Statement

Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management

Type of Action: [X] Administrative [] Legislative

ABSTRACT:

This Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement describes and analyzes the impacts of four alternatives for managing the public lands administered by the Pocatello Field Office in southeastern Idaho. The four alternatives are: Alternative A (No Action Alternative), **Alternative B (Proposed Plan)**, Alternatives C and D. The alternatives provide management direction to guide the multiple use management of resources and resource uses.

Planning issues addressed include: OHV use and associated conflicts, containment of hazardous substances (e.g., selenium) and other contaminants from mining/reclamation activities, acquiring and maintaining access to public lands, balance use and demand for quality recreational opportunities with other resources and resource uses, management of the sagebrush ecosystem, and balancing social and economic benefits of commodity and amenity uses.

The alternatives also address the designation of the Petticoat Peak, Area of Critical Environmental Concern and Wild and Scenic River suitability findings.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This Proposed Resource Management 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. 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 as described in the Dear Reader Letter.

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