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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Boise District Office is preparing a Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) for the Four Rivers Field Office (FRFO) planning area (Figure 1). This area was previously recognized as the Cascade Resource Area of the Lower Snake River District. When reorganization occurred in 2001, portions of the old Bruneau, Owyhee and Jarbidge Field Offices were incorporated with the Cascade Resource Area, and the name was changed to Four Rivers. Management decisions for this area are currently covered under the 1983 Kuna Management Framework Plan (MFP), the 1987 Jarbidge RMP, and the 1988 Cascade RMP.

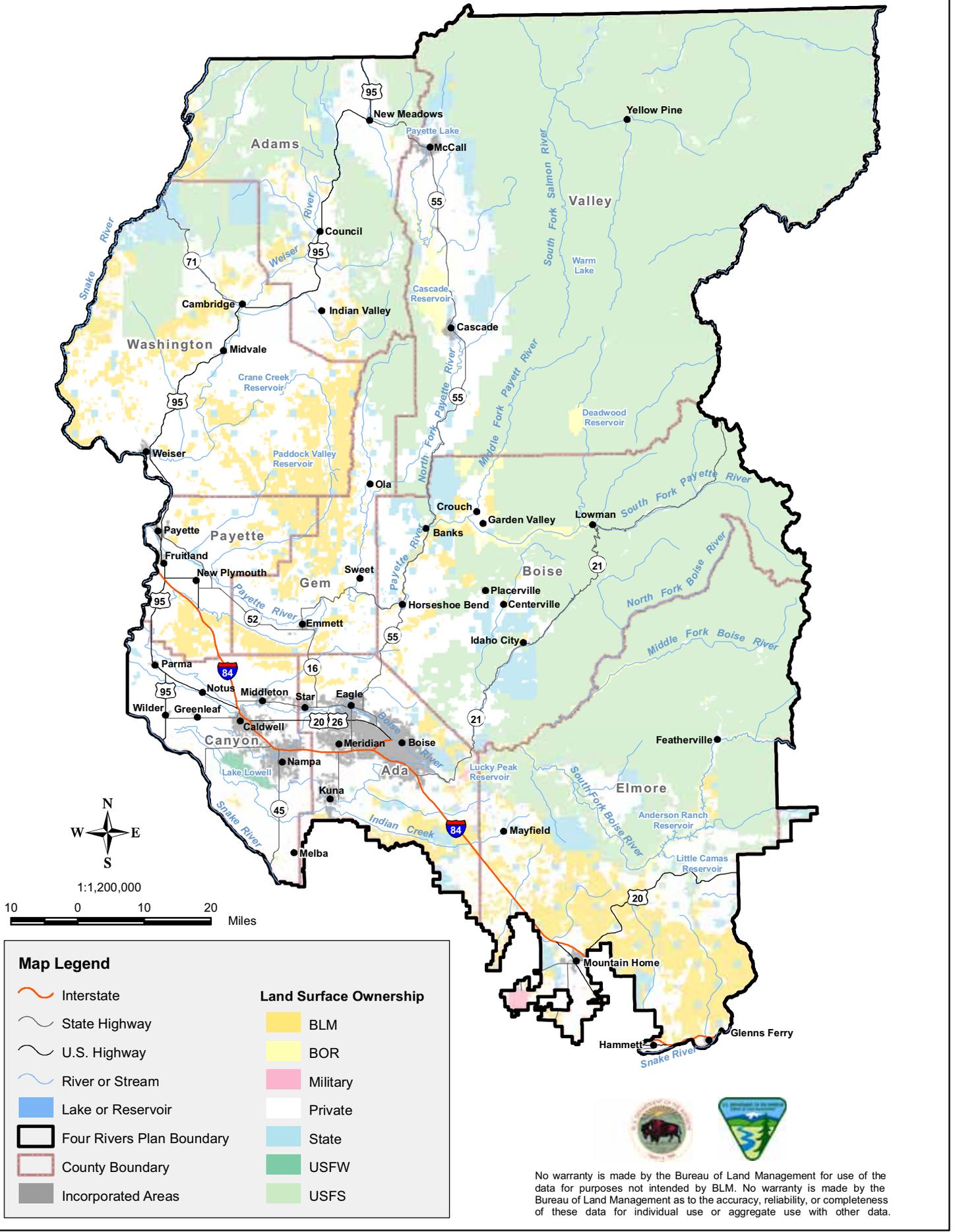
1.1 Purpose and Need for the Resource Management Plan

Currently, the FRFO Planning Area is managed under three separate land use plans. The new FRFO RMP will replace the three existing land use plans and provide consistent and integrated land use decisions. The draft and proposed RMP will be supported by a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis. The Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (NCA), located within the FRFO, is being addressed in a separate, stand alone RMP.

1.2 Planning Area Description

The FRFO RMP Planning Area, located in southwestern Idaho's Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Payette, Valley, and Washington counties, encompasses approximately 778,000 BLM-administered acres. The planning area extends north of the Snake River from approximately Glens Ferry in the southeast to the Oregon border in the west and north to McCall. Much of the Planning Area is comprised of interspersed public, private, state, and Forest Service lands. Many towns that historically served only the local ranching and farming populations are experiencing rapid residential and commercial growth. As private lands adjacent to public lands are transformed to residential and commercial uses, the traditional agricultural economic and social base is increasingly supplanted, while the roles and demands upon public lands are also changing.

Figure 1. FRFO RMP Planning Area



1.3 Scoping Process Description

Scoping is the term used in the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 *et seq.*) to define the early and open process for determining the issues to be addressed in the RMP/EIS. The scoping process serves a number of purposes. It provides an avenue to involve the public in identifying significant issues related to potential land management actions, and helps identify issues that are not relevant and can, therefore, be eliminated from detailed analysis. The list of stakeholders and other interested parties is also confirmed and augmented during the scoping process.

The Notice of Intent (NOI) is the legal document notifying the public of the BLM's intent to initiate the planning process and to prepare an EIS for a major Federal action. It invites the participation of the affected and interested agencies, organizations, and members of the general public in determining the scope and significant issues to be addressed in the alternatives analyzed in the EIS. The NOI to prepare the FRFO RMP/EIS was published in the *Federal Register* on April 3, 2008 (Appendix A). This Notice served as the beginning of BLM's formal scoping process for the RMP. It included the following internally identified issues:

- land tenure adjustments
- lands and realty management
- special status species management
- recreation management
- public access and transportation
- livestock grazing management
- wild and scenic river evaluations
- riparian-wetland management
- upland vegetation management
- noxious weed management
- wildfire management
- social and economic sustainability of local communities
- mineral and energy exploration and development
- nominations for Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)

In April, May and June 2008, Open House scoping meetings were held in Boise, Nampa, Mountain Home, Weiser, Payette, Emmett, Eagle and Council, Idaho. Eighty-nine individuals participated in these meetings (Table 1). This format was used to encourage two-way dialogue/discussions about issues to be addressed in the plan, concerns about the process, planning criteria, and the development of the range of alternatives to be analyzed in the draft RMP/EIS. At each Open House, at least five members of the RMP Interdisciplinary (ID) Team, plus the Four Rivers Field Manager, were available to answer questions. Maps and posters were displayed around the room to help discussion between staff and the public.

Some attendees submitted written comments at the open houses. In addition, following each open house, ID Team members documented the issues and concerns they heard from the public.

Table 1. Open House Scoping Meeting Location, Dates and Attendance.

Location	Date	Number of Attendees
Boise – BLM District Office	April 23, 2008	6
Nampa – Civic Center	April 30, 2008	6
Mountain Home – Public Library	May 1, 2008	5
Weiser – Vendome Events Center	May 6, 2008	14
Payette –McCain Middle School	May 12, 2008	5
Emmett – Junior High	May 21, 2008	13
Eagle – Fire Station #1	May 28, 2008	13
Boise – Foothills Learning Center	June 3, 2008	6
Council – FS/District Ranger’s Office	June 18, 2008	21
Total Attendees		89

A Communication Plan was prepared to help identify how the BLM would contact the public to inform them of the RMP process. The Communication Plan is a living document and tracks what public contact has been done to date (see Appendix B). Several methods were used to advertise the meetings and the scoping period.

An e-mail address and website for the RMP were created when the NOI was published (four_rivers_rmp@blm.gov) and (http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/four_rivers/Planning/four_rivers_resource.html). The website provided information regarding the open houses, instructions for submitting scoping comments, a fact sheet about the FRFO, and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet about the RMP process (Appendix C). Next, ID Team members compiled a mailing list for the RMP newsletter (Appendix D), which included over 1,000 individuals and groups. The first FRFO RMP newsletter was mailed in April 2008 and informed recipients of the planning process for an RMP, public participation avenues, and how to submit comments either electronically or by mail.

Press releases, advertisements in local papers and a television interview were used to reach the public to inform them of the public meetings and scoping process.

- April 7, 2008: News release for Boise and Nampa meetings – *Idaho Statesman*, *Idaho Press Tribune*, *Boise Weekly* and *Capital Press* (an agricultural weekly).
- April 18, 2008: Flyers about the Boise meeting posted at the Boise Co-op and Boise Public Library.

- April 23, 2008: News release for Nampa meeting – *Idaho Statesman, Idaho Press Tribune, Boise Weekly, Owyhee Avalanche* and *Capital Press*.
- April 24, 2008: News release for Weiser, Mountain Home, and Payette Meetings – *Weiser Signal American, Mountain Home News* and *Independent Enterprise*.
- April 27 and 28, 2008: Paid advertisement in the *Idaho Statesman* newspaper.
- April 30, 2008: Paid advertisement in the *Weiser Signal American* newspaper.
- April 25, 2008: ABC TV (KIVI Channel 6) – On-camera interview about the RMP.
- May 1, 2008: Public meeting notice – *Weiser Signal American* newspaper.
- May 1, 2008: Additional information provided to KIVI Channel 6 about the public meetings.
- May 6, 2008: Public meeting notice *Weiser Signal American* newspaper
- May 6, 2008: Additional information provided to the Idaho Statesman outdoor reporter about the RMP and its public meetings.
- May 7 and 14, 2008: Paid advertisement in the *Emmett Messenger-Index* for the Eagle public meeting.
- May 8, 2008: Front page article in the *Weiser Signal-American* about the Weiser scoping meeting.
- May 14, 2008: Paid advertisement in the *Emmett Messenger-Index* concerning the RMP public meetings in Payette, Emmett and Eagle.
- June 3, 2008: News release for the Council Meeting – *Adams County Record*.
- June 5 and 12, 2008: Legal Notice in the *Adams County Record* for public meeting in Council.
- June 12, 2008: Paid advertisement in the *Adams County Record* concerning the RMP public meeting in Council.
- June 12 and 17, 2008: Paid advertisement in the *Weiser Signal American* concerning the RMP public meeting in Council.

1.4 Cooperating Agencies/Invitees

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) requested participation in the RMP as a Cooperating Agency. IDFG and IDPR staffs have been attending all ID Team meetings since requesting Cooperating Agency status. FRFO is finalizing Cooperating Agency Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with IDFG and IDPR. Agreements should be in place by fall 2008. The following agencies were also invited to participate as cooperating agencies, but declined.

Federal Agencies

- Boise National Forest
- Mountain Home Air Force Base
- National Marine Fisheries Service

- Payette National Forest
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

State Agencies

- Idaho Department of Lands
- State of Idaho Office of Species Conservation
- Idaho State Department of Agriculture
- Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
- Idaho Department of Water Resources
- Idaho Army National Guard
- Idaho Soil Conservation Commission

Local Agencies

- Ada County Recreation & Event Services
- Ada County Planning & Zoning
- Nine County Commissions: Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Payette, Valley, and Washington
- The cities of Boise, Caldwell, Cambridge, Cascade, Council, Crouch (Garden Valley), Eagle, Emmett, Horseshoe Bend, McCall, Midvale, Mountain Home, Nampa, New Meadows, New Plymouth, Payette, Star, and Weiser.

1.5 Tribal Consultation

Consultation on the FRFO RMP with the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes is conducted through the Wings and Roots Native American Campfire, an established government-to-government consultation process. The FRFO RMP was discussed at Wings and Roots meetings held on June 19, 2008 and July 17, 2008. In addition, on August 19, 2008, BLM met with the Natural Resources staff for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe to discuss areas of Tribal interest, and will continue to collaborate during the on-going planning process.

The Four Rivers Field Manager corresponded with the Shoshone-Bannock, Burns Paiute, and Nez Perce Tribes on June 19, 2008 offering government to government consultation on the FRFO RMP. Additional information has been provided to the Nez Perce Tribe, and BLM will continue to collaborate during the on-going planning process.

1.6 Other Briefing and Coordination Efforts

The BLM has conducted briefings and presentations on the FRFO RMP for a variety of groups. Many of these presentations were provided at regularly scheduled meetings, but others were given at the group's request. These presentations and meetings include:

Briefings

- Governor's Briefing: March 11, 2008
- Resource Advisory Council (RAC) Presentation: Scoping Update – March 28, 2008
- Congressman Simpson/Laura Hall (Resources Director) Briefing: RMP Scoping Effort – June 18, 2008
- Owyhee County Briefing: July 21, 2008

Intergovernmental Coordination Group (ICG)

Initial Meeting on May 30, 2008 attended by:

- Rosemary Thomas, Bureau of Land Management
- Jon Beck, Bureau of Land Management
- Mike O'Donnell, Bureau of Land Management
- Barbara Albiston, Bureau of Land Management
- Steve Douglas, Idaho Department of Lands
- Kurt Houston, Idaho Department of Lands
- Helen Harrington, Idaho Department of Water Resources
- Barbara Chaney, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Jim Brooks, City of Nampa
- Lane Jolliffe, Congressman Sali's office
- Bill Gamble, Payette National Forest
- John Caywood, Ada County
- Jarod Blades, URS Corporation (BLM contractor)
- Charlie Chambers, Idaho Army National Guard
- Ron Kay, Idaho Department of Agriculture
- Rick Ward, Idaho Department of Fish & Game

County Commission Meeting Updates

- Washington County – April 21, 2008
- Gem County – April 21, 2008
- Payette County – April 21, 2008
- Valley County – May 12, 2008 (Inadvertently left off agenda – Council unable to arrange time to hear presentation; planning materials left for later reading)
- Adams County – May 12, 2008
- Boise County – May 19, 2008
- Canyon County – June 2, 2008 (Canyon County Commissioners attended an RMP briefing for the City of Caldwell)

Requested Meetings

- Southwest Idaho Mountain Bike Association (SWIMBA) – May 20, 2008
- Caldwell City Council (Scoping Presentation) – June 2, 2008
- Idaho Power Company (Scoping Presentation) – June 10, 2008
- North Ada County Foothills Association (NACFA) (Scoping Update) – June 26, 2008
- Hillsdale Estates (Scoping Update) – July 22, 2008

1.7 Scoping Comment Analysis

This section of the report summarizes the comments received in response to the Four Rivers RMP scoping effort. The scoping period officially opened with the publishing of the NOI (April 3, 2008) and officially closed on July 2, 2008; although BLM will continue to accept and address scoping comments whenever they arrive. Comments received after July 2, 2008 may not be reflected in the scoping report but will be considered in the NEPA process. To date, 138 scoping letters and 270 individual comments have been received. Comments were received at the FRFO RMP email address, through the mail, by fax, and taken orally at scoping meetings.

The public scoping process provided opportunity for Federal, state and local agencies, interested organizations and industries, and members of the general public to express their comments and provide meaningful input to the RMP/EIS process. The BLM provided notice of the scoping process and offered different venues for the public to learn about the RMP and to provide input.

CommentWorks (a software program of the ePlanning suite) was used for issue sorting. Documents received electronically were imported into CommentWorks. Hard copy comments were scanned and imported into the program. A subset of the planning team met on July 18, 2008 and created an outline of known planning issues. Issues were added to the planning outline as new ones were identified in the comment letters. BLM delineated 34 issue categories. Team members read the letters in CommentWorks and highlighted the individual comments. These were then assigned to a category. The program generated a report that grouped the highlighted comments into their assigned categories (Appendix E).

Issue reports were provided to the core ID Team, which reviewed the information on August 14, 2008, and developed a set of planning issues addressing the public's concerns. The issues are listed in the "Planning Issues" section. Nested under each identified issue are examples of public concerns that the planning effort will address. Examples were included to demonstrate how the planning issue statements were responsive to input received.

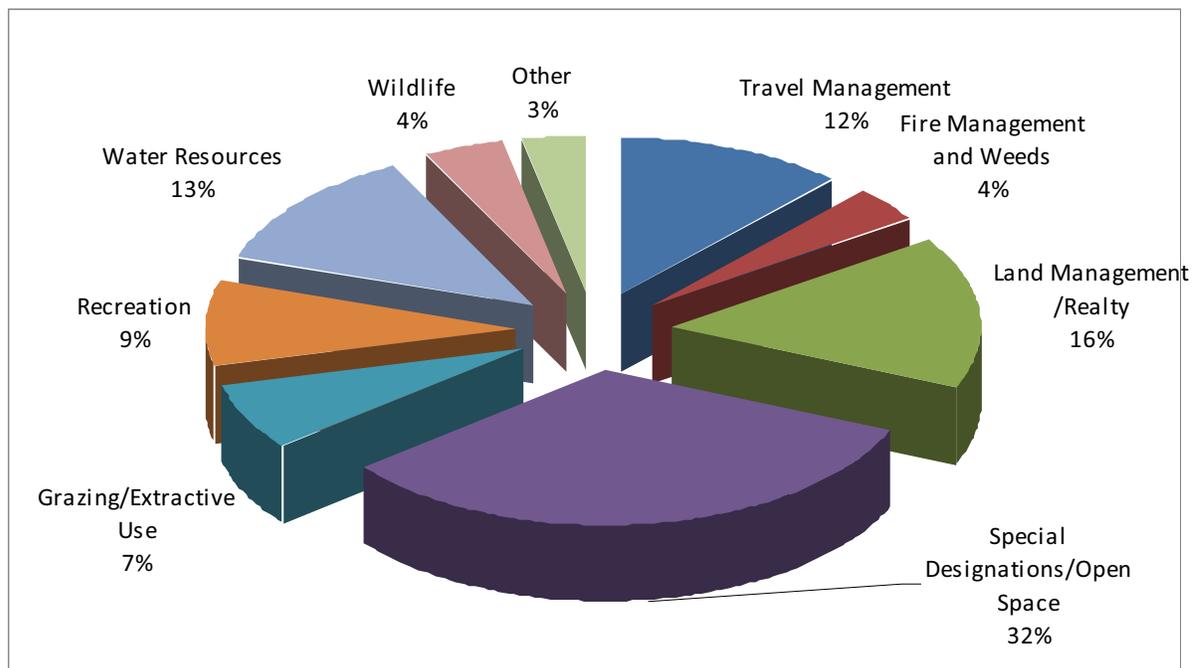
2.0 ISSUE SUMMARY

2.1 Summary of Public Comments

Public comments came from a variety of individuals, mostly within Idaho, but a few from out of state. Generally, each letter, email, fax, or discussion during public meetings contained many different points. Comments were sorted by topic for presentation in this report. All comments were considered. Many of these comments will be considered in the development of the RMP/EIS. Others comments raised points that fell outside the scope of the RMP/EIS. (see Section 2.5 below).

A total of 89 people attended the Open House public meetings, and 138 scoping letters were received. BLM received a total of 270 individual comments in 34 categories (see Issue Report – Appendix E and Table 2 below). Those 34 topics were grouped into 9 categories to create a snapshot of the public’s major concerns in the FRFO planning area (Figure 2). Special Designations/Open Space (in the Boise/Eagle front) and Land Management/Realty (management of scattered ownership in the Boise/Eagle front) received the most comments.

Figure 2. Percent of Comments Received in Each Category.



Most of the individuals who submitted comments reside within Idaho. Participants in the scoping process represented themselves, a government or state agency, or an organization.

BLM analyzed the scoping letters and comments received up until July 2, 2008 from a social science perspective. The report can be found in Appendix F.

2.2 Issues Identified During Scoping

The 34 issues categories identified by the public are listed in Table 2. The table also gives the number of comments received (relative importance) in each category.

Table 2. Issues identified during scoping and relative importance to the public.

Issue Number	Issue Category	Number of Comments Received in each Category
1	Travel Management	9
1.1	Non Motorized Use	8
1.2	Motorized Use	12
1.3	Access	3
2	Wildlife Habitat	9
3	Fire Management	4
4	Economics	2
5	Visual	1
6	Land Tenure Adjustments	22
6.1	Trades or Acquire Lands for Connectivity	13
6.2	Disposal for Personal Benefit	6
7	Preserve Open Space	44
8	Weeds	6
9	Forest Products	1
10	Special Designations	3
10.1	ACEC Designation or Management	41
11	Special Status Wildlife	1
12	Oil and Gas	3
13	Water	6
13.1	Water Resources Impacts From Development	28
14	Recreation	2
14.1	Shooting	6
14.2	Recreation Open Space	10
14.3	OHV	1

14.4	River Recreation	3
15	Riparian	1
15.1	Weiser River	1
16	ROW Moratorium	2
17	Grazing	13
17.1	Forage Reserves	2
18	Use Community Based Planning Documents	3
19	Management Should Reflect Changing Climate	2
20	Historic Preservation	1
21	Wildlife Reestablishment	1
		270

2.3 Anticipated Decisions to be Made

Following the scoping period, the ID Team refined the tentative decisions to be addressed in the RMP/EIS based on:

- public comments received (summarized above)
- issues and concerns raised during briefings
- consultations and coordination efforts
- issues previously identified by the team

Planning Issues

Land Management

How can BLM manage its scattered land base to meet the public's need for recreation, access, and resource extraction, while protecting and/or enhancing vegetation, soils, and fish and wildlife populations and habitat? Public comments include the desire to block up public lands, preserve open space, provide for recreational opportunities, and mitigate impacts of development on public lands.

What criteria will BLM use to determine which lands are suitable for acquisition or disposal? Public comments included the public's desire to acquire higher value lands in trades, to block up lands into more contiguous parcels, to assure no net loss of the land's biological value, and site specific disposal locations.

What areas should be excluded from or avoided for right-of-way purposes? Public comments included the consideration of future community growth and energy needs.

How should BLM minimize impacts from private development located near public lands?

Public comments included the request for trailheads, equestrian trail systems, development of facilities to reduce the impacts of concentrated use, development of ACECs, and specific protection for sensitive species.

Wildlife and Plants

How does BLM mitigate the impacts to plants and wildlife from habitat fragmentation in the planning area? Public comments included the public's desire to preserve open space, maintain wildlife migration corridors, acquire and/or dispose of public lands, and the desire to reduce impacts from wildland fire.

Access

How can BLM provide access to public land while limiting impacts to natural and cultural resources, reducing user conflicts, and promoting public safety? Public comments include, but are not limited to, restricting recreational shooting, non-motorized and motorized use, restricted public access through private lands, development of Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs) on BLM lands north of the city of Eagle, and possible travel restrictions.

Fire Management

How does BLM manage wildland fire to reduce impacts to sagebrush dependent species, private property, cultural resources and timberland? Public comments included protecting BLM lands in the FRFO from wildland fire (i.e., Boise Foothills, remote timberlands, and the Hixson Sharp-tail Preserve).

Vegetation

How can BLM best reduce the impacts of noxious and invasive weeds on resources and users? Public comments included devoting more effort to control noxious weeds on BLM lands adjacent to private and state endowment parcels, and reducing the impacts of weed infestations and proliferation on native ecosystems.

How will forest resources be managed in the FRFO? Public comments included protecting the remote timberlands and harvesting timber on FRFO's timbered areas.

Special Designations

Where should BLM use special designations to protect or enhance unique resources or recreational experiences? Public comments include: 1) designating new ACECs for Packard's Milkvetch, Slickspot peppergrass and greater sage-grouse, and continued management of the curlew and sharp-tailed grouse ACECs; 2) establishing a Rocky

Canyon/Woods Gulch ACEC within the Eagle Foothills, and a Dry Creek ACEC east of Highway 55; 3) considering King Hill Creek and portions of Syrup Creek as Wild and Scenic Rivers; and 4) developing an Eagle Foothills SRMA for sustaining non-motorized trail opportunities.

How will wild horse Herd Management Areas be managed? Public comments indicated that the herd size has increased beyond targeted numbers.

How will BLM identify and manage lands with wilderness values on lands outside of current Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs)? Public comments stated that the BLM should not allow the degradation of wilderness values outside of WSAs.

How will BLM protect wilderness characteristics in existing WSAs? Public comments stated that BLM should not allow the degradation of wilderness values inside of WSAs.

Minerals and Energy

Where and how should mineral development be authorized while mitigating impacts to other resources? Public comments include considering the FRFO area for oil, gas, and geothermal leasing.

What areas are suitable for renewable energy development? This planning issue was developed due to existing applications for rights-of-way for renewable energy development, and the potential for additional applications.

Recreation

What lands should be available or not available for special recreation permits? This planning issue was developed by the ID Team to address increased demand for special recreation permits.

How will the BLM respond to increasing demands for recreational activities and access to public lands? Public comments include, but were not limited to, restricting recreational shooting, non-motorized and motorized use, restricted public access through private lands, development of SRMAs on BLM lands north of the city of Eagle, and possible travel restrictions.

Grazing

What lands are available or unavailable for grazing and how can the lands be managed to be as productive as feasible for livestock grazing? This planning issue was developed by the ID Team to address productivity for grazing on public lands.

How will the BLM manage closed allotments or relinquished permits? Public comments included the desire to create forage reserves to offset impacts to operators.

Special Status Species

How will BLM manage land uses to protect and/or restore special status species and their habitats? Public comments stated concern for the following sensitive species: Packard's milkvetch, slickspot peppergrass, sharp-tailed grouse, greater sage-grouse, bighorn sheep and white sturgeon.

Climate Change

How should BLM management reflect changing climate? Public comments included concern about increase in greenhouse gas emissions, changes in weather patterns, precipitation rates, and chemical reaction rates.

Soils and Watershed

How will BLM manage activities to reduce and/or mitigate impacts to soil and water resources? This planning issue was developed by the ID Team to address soil stability, watershed, and riparian impacts in the Planning Area.

Restoration

How will BLM identify and prioritize habitat restoration activities? This planning issue was developed by the ID Team to address the concerns of post fire habitat loss.

Cultural Resources

How can BLM best protect and preserve cultural resources and values and tribal interests? Public comments included the preservation of traditional cultural properties and historic sites (Oregon Trail).

Caves

How will caves be managed in the Planning Area? This planning issue was developed by the ID Team to address the requirement to manage caves according to the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act.

Social and Economic

How will the FRFO manage public lands to help promote social and economic sustainability of local communities? Public comments included a desire for resource extraction for local community benefit from timber, grazing, minerals and biomass.

Education and Public Safety

How will the BLM promote safe and responsible use of public lands and provide educational opportunities to the public? The Shoshone-Bannock Tribe desires to educate the public about their traditional use of public land. Other comments related to public interest in managing recreational conflicts (OHV, horses, recreational shooting, and a desire for non-motorized use).

Visual

How will VRM objectives be applied to the planning area to manage different visual resource values? This was an issue raised by the public and the ID Team; as noted by the public, WSAs would be managed as VRM Class I.

2.5 Issues Raised that May Not be Addressed

How can BLM minimize the impacts of development on finite water resources? Regulating the use or development of water resources is outside the jurisdictional authority of the BLM. However, the potential impacts to this resource from specific BLM management decisions would be addressed during the site-specific, implementation decision making process at the time BLM receives a proposal.

BLM should consider a right-of-way (ROW) moratorium on new applications until the plan is revised. BLM will continue to manage the Four Rivers Field Office under the Cascade RMP, Jarbidge RMP, and Kuna MFP. This includes realty actions such as granting new ROWs. BLM will consider the proposal for new ROWs if the action is consistent with management guidance described in the applicable land use plan.

Do not support a land swap for development and/or BLM should not sell off any land. The RMP planning process does not serve as a mechanism to dispose of public land, but to identify lands appropriate for future disposal consideration (Appendix C of the Land Use Planning Handbook). This issue would be addressed during the site-specific or implementation decision making process at the time BLM receives a proposal, but only if the lands are identified as eligible for disposal during the planning process.

Maintain a “hands off” policy on BLM natural open space. This issue would not comply with the mandate of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA).

2.6 Valid Existing Management to be Carried Forward

The FRFO is currently managed under three separate land use plans: the 1983 Kuna Management Framework Plan (MFP), the 1987 Jarbidge RMP, and the 1988 Cascade RMP.

The FRFO RMP/EIS may result in the continuation of some existing land use planning decisions and the development of new decisions.

2.7 Special Designations, Including Nominations

The FRFO manages approximately 29,309 acres of the King Hill Creek Wilderness Study Area (WSA) and approximately 440 acres of the Box Creek WSA within the Planning Area. Though neither King Hill Creek nor Box Creek WSAs were recommended as suitable for wilderness designation, they continue to be managed under BLM Interim Guidelines for Lands Under Wilderness Review [also known as Interim Management Policy (IMP)] until Congress acts on these wilderness recommendations. Only Congress can designate wilderness areas or release them from further review.

There are seven Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) and five Research Natural Areas (RNAs) located in the Planning Area. They are managed for either Special Status plants or animals.

A single 8-mile stream segment, the Staircase section of the South Fork of the Payette River above Banks, was determined eligible for inclusion in the Wild and Scenic River (WSR) Act in the 1988 Cascade RMP. King Hill Creek and portions of Syrup Creek were nominated for study and possible inclusion in the Wild and Scenic River System.

There were multiple nominations to create ACECs and SRMAs in the Planning Area, including an ACEC for Packard's milkvetch, slickspot peppergrass, and greater sage-grouse; an ACEC for the Rocky Canyon/Woods Gulch area within the Eagle Foothills and the Dry Creek area east of Highway 55; and a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) in the Boise Front for sustaining non-motorized trail opportunities.

3.0 DRAFT PLANNING CRITERIA

Planning criteria primarily identify the legal, regulatory, and policy authorities and requirements that direct or limit the ability of the BLM to resolve issues. BLM managers can also identify additional factors to guide decision making, analysis and data collection during planning. Overall, planning criteria describe:

- the general and resource-specific standards, rules and measures that constrain or shape decisions;
- guide the development of the RMP/EIS to ensure it is tailored to the identified issues; and
- identify factors and data to consider in making decisions and gathering data to deter unnecessary data collection and analysis.

Planning criteria also streamline the plan's preparation; establish standards, rules, and measures to be used; guide and direct the resolution of issues through the planning process; and indicate factors and data that must be considered in making decisions. The following general planning criteria will be considered in developing the RMP/EIS.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) provides the authority for BLM land use planning. The following summary of FLPMA requirements is addressed in BLM Manual 1601.

Section 201 requires the Secretary of the Interior to prepare and maintain an inventory of the public lands and their resources and other values, giving priority to ACECs.

Section 202(c)(1-9) requires that, in developing land use plans, the BLM shall use and observe the following principles of multiple use and sustained yield:

- Use a systematic interdisciplinary approach.
- Give priority to the designation and protection of areas of critical environmental concern.
- Rely, to the extent it is available, on the inventory of the public lands; consider present and potential uses of the public lands.
- Consider the relative scarcity of the values involved and the availability of alternative means and sites for realizing those values.
- Weigh long-term benefits to the public against short-term benefits.
- Provide for compliance with applicable pollution control laws, including State and Federal air, water, noise or other pollution standards or implementation plans.
- Consider the policies of approved State and tribal land resource management programs, develop land use plans that are consistent with State and local plans to the maximum extent possible consistent with Federal law and the purposes of this Act.

Section 202(d) provides that all public lands, regardless of classification, are subject to inclusion in land use plans, and that the Secretary may modify or terminate classifications consistent with land use plans.

Section 202(f) and Section 309(e) provide that Federal, State, and local governments and the public be given adequate notice and an opportunity to comment on the formulation of standards and criteria for, and to participate in, the preparation and execution of plans and programs for the management of the public lands.

Section 302(a) requires the Secretary to manage BLM lands under the principles of multiple use and sustained yield, in accordance with available land use plans developed under Section 202 of FLPMA.

The BLM Planning Handbook H-1601-1 relies on available inventories (with updates) of the public lands, their resources, and other values to reach sound management decisions.

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) requires the consideration and public availability of information regarding the environmental impacts of major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. This includes the consideration of alternatives and mitigation of impacts.

The Clean Air Act of 1990 requires Federal agencies to comply with all Federal, State and local requirements regarding the control and abatement of air pollution. This includes abiding by the requirements of State Implementation Plans.

The Clean Water Act of 1987 establishes objectives to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's water.

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1948 requires Federal land managers to comply with all Federal, State, and local requirements, administrative authorities, processes, and sanctions regarding the control and abatement of water pollution in the same manner and to the same extent as any nongovernmental entity.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 requires:

Section 1531(b) provides a means whereby the ecosystems upon which endangered and threatened species depend may be conserved and provides a program for the conservation of such endangered and threatened species.

Section 1531(c)(1) requires all Federal agencies to seek to conserve endangered and threatened species and utilize applicable authorities in furtherance of the purposes of the Endangered Species Act.

Section 1536(a) requires all Federal agencies to avoid jeopardizing the continued existence of any species that is listed or proposed for listing as threatened or endangered or destroying or adversely modifying its designated or proposed critical habitat.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 requires Federal land management agencies to identify potential river systems and then study them for potential designation as wild, scenic, or recreational rivers.

The Wilderness Act of 1964 authorizes the President to make recommendations to Congress for Federal lands to be set aside for preservation as wilderness.

The Antiquities Act of 1906 protects cultural resources on Federal lands.

The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 expands protection of historic and archaeological properties to include those of national, State, or local significance and directs Federal agencies to consider the effects of proposed actions on properties eligible for or included in the National Register of Historic Places.

The American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978 establishes a national policy to protect and preserve the right of American Indians to exercise traditional Indian religious beliefs and practices.

The Taylor Grazing Act of 1934 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to establish grazing districts, or additions thereto and/or modify the boundaries thereof.

The Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978 provides that the public rangelands be managed so that they become as productive as feasible in accordance with management objectives and the land use planning process.

The General Mining Act of 1872 authorizes and governs prospecting and mining for economic minerals, such as gold and silver, on federal public lands.

Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 authorizes and governs leasing of public lands for developing deposits of coal, phosphates, petroleum, natural gas and other minerals in the United States.

Energy Policy Act of 2005 authorizes the Department of the Interior to grant leases for activities that involve the production, transportation, or transmission of various energy resources.

Executive Orders 11644, and 11989 establish policies and procedures to ensure that off-road vehicle use shall be controlled so as to protect public lands.

Executive Order 13007 requires Federal agencies to the extent practicable, permitted by law, and not clearly inconsistent with essential agency functions to:

- Accommodate access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners;
- Avoid adversely affecting the physical integrity of such sacred sites.

Executive Order 13112 provides that no Federal agency shall authorize, fund, or carry out actions that it believes are likely to cause or promote the introduction or spread of invasive species unless, pursuant to guidelines that it has prescribed, the agency has determined and made public its determination that the benefits of such actions clearly outweigh the potential harm caused by invasive species; and that all feasible and prudent measures to minimize risk or harm will be taken in conjunction with the actions.

3.1 Specific Guidance

In addition to the general criteria listed above, the following program-specific criteria will apply to individual program decisions. Most of the program specific guidance comes from the Land Use Planning Handbook (H-1601-1).

Air quality: Under the Clean Air Act, BLM lands were given a Class II air quality classification. This classification allows deterioration associated with moderate, well controlled industrial and population growth. All lands will be managed under Class II standards unless they are reclassified by the State as provided for in the Clean Air Act.

Water Quality: BLM will incorporate applicable best management practices or other conservation measures into the RMP for specific programs and activities. Water quality will be maintained or improved in accordance with State and Federal standards.

Vegetation Management:

- Identify the desired future conditions for vegetative resources, including the desired mix of vegetative types, structural stages, and landscape and riparian functions, and provide for native plant, fish, and wildlife habitats. Idaho Standards for Rangeland Health establish the minimum standards that will be applied to the development of the desired future conditions.
- Designate priority plant species and habitats, including Special Status Species and populations of plant species recognized as significant for at least one factor such as density, diversity, size, public interest, remnant character, or age.
- Identify the actions needed to achieve desired vegetative conditions.
- Use the guidance provided in the Management Considerations for Sagebrush (*Artemisia*) in the Western United States: a selective summary of current information about the ecology and biology of woody North American sagebrush taxa.

Noxious Weed Control: Noxious weed control will be conducted in accordance with the integrated weed management guidelines and design features identified in the Final Vegetation Treatments Using Herbicides on Bureau of Land Management Lands in 17 Western States Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) and the Final Vegetation Treatments on Bureau of Land Management Lands in 17 Western States Programmatic Environmental Report (PER) and the statewide Noxious and Invasive Weed Environmental Assessment (EA) of 2007.

Cultural Resources: Identify area-wide criteria and use restrictions that apply to special cultural resource issues that may affect the location, timing, or method of development or use of other resources.

Visual Resources: Manage visual resources in accordance with VRM objectives. Designate VRM management classes for all areas of BLM land based on an inventory of visual resources and management considerations for other resource uses. VRM management classes may differ from VRM inventory classes based on management priorities for land uses.

Special Status Species: BLM sensitive species will be managed such that BLM actions do not contribute to the need to list any species as threatened or endangered. Apply the guidance contained in the Framework to Assist in Making Sensitive Species Habitat Assessments for BLM Administered Public Lands in Idaho.

Fish and Wildlife: Work with State and Federal wildlife agencies to describe existing and desired populations and habitat conditions for major habitat types that support a wide variety of game and non-game species. Identify actions and area-wide use restrictions needed to achieve desired populations and habitat conditions while maintaining a thriving natural ecological balance and multiple-use relationships.

Fire Management: Fire, as a critical natural process, will be integrated on a landscape scale through the planning process. The response to wildland fire will be based on ecological, social, and legal consequences of fire. The RMP will set the objectives for the use of fire and the desired future conditions of the public lands. The following categories will be identified to achieve the desired future conditions.

- A. Areas where wildland fire is not desired at all. In these areas, emphasis should be placed on prevention, detection, rapid response, and non-fire fuels treatments. Fire suppression may be required to prevent unacceptable resource damage or to prevent loss of life and property.
- B. Areas where unplanned fire is likely to cause negative effects, but these effects can be mitigated or avoided through fuels management, prevention of human-caused fire, or other strategies.

- C. Areas where fire is desired to manage ecosystems but where there are constraints because of the existing vegetation conditions due to fire exclusion (more substantial nonfire fuels treatments may be necessary prior to the use of prescribed fire).
- D. Areas where fire is desired, and where there are no constraints associated with resource conditions, or social, economic, or political considerations.
- E. Broad treatment levels in areas B through D above.

Livestock Grazing: Decisions identifying lands available or not available for livestock grazing may be revisited through the RMP revision process. This analysis would consider other uses for the land; terrain characteristics; soil, vegetation, and watershed characteristics; the presence of undesirable vegetation, including significant invasive weed infestations, and the presence of other resources that may require special management or protection, such as special status species or ACECs.

For lands available for grazing, the land use plan would describe how those lands would be managed to become as productive as feasible for livestock grazing, including a description of possible grazing management practices, i.e., grazing systems, range improvements, changes in seasons of use and/or stocking rates. The plan will identify priorities for completing assessments based on specific natural resource objectives and conditions. Initial actions and assumptions for achieving Idaho's Standards for Rangeland Health will be identified.

Recreation: The public lands will be managed to enhance recreational opportunities. The BLM's Priorities for Recreation and Visitor Services and the Unified Strategy will be used as guides. All lands will be evaluated to determine whether they fit the criteria for designation as either a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) or an Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA). For each SRMA selected, a market-based strategy will be developed to identify whether it should be managed for a *destination* recreation-tourism market; a *community* recreation-tourism market; or an *undeveloped* recreation-tourism market. SRMAs with more than one distinct, primary market will be divided into separate areas. Each SRMA identified will have distinct Recreation Management Zones. In each zone, the Land Use Plan will identify the recreation niche to be served; the specific recreation opportunities to be produced; the activities, experiences and benefits that will be provided in that zone; the recreation setting that is required to produce the desired recreation experiences and benefits; and the administrative support actions necessary to attain recreation management prescriptions and settings.

Comprehensive Trails and Travel Management: The RMP will delineate travel management areas and designated off-highway vehicle (OHV) management areas. Comprehensive trails and travel management will address all resource use aspects (e.g. recreational, traditional,

agricultural, and commercial) and all accompanying modes of travel on public lands. For motorized vehicle activities, all areas of public lands must be classified as Closed, Open or Limited. In Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs), motorized and mechanized travel must be limited to ways and trails existing at the time the area became a WSA. Future travel designations may be made in the RMP for a WSA in the event it is released from study.

If it is not practical to define or delineate the travel management network during the land use planning process, a preliminary network must be identified and a process established to select a final travel management network. In this case, the RMP must produce a map of a preliminary route network; define short-term management for road and trail access in areas not completed; provide a clear planning and public participation sequence for road and trail identification; provide a schedule for areas not yet completed. If the decision on delineating travel management networks is deferred in the land use plan, all deferred work should normally be completed within five years of the signing of the Record of Decision (ROD).

Lands and Realty: Identify lands available for disposal; criteria under which proposed Section 205 acquisitions or interest in lands would occur; proposed withdrawal areas; where and under what circumstances land use authorizations such as major leases and land use permits may be granted; right-of-way corridors, avoidance areas, and exclusion areas. All public lands will be retained in Federal ownership unless determined that disposal will serve the public's interest. Criteria developed to identify lands for acquisition will be based on public benefits, management considerations, and public access needs. Specific actions to implement the land tenure decisions will include full public participation. Public lands will generally be available for transportation and utility rights-of-way except where specifically prohibited by law or regulation (such as WSAs), or in areas specifically identified for avoidance or exclusion to protect resource values.

Energy and Minerals: Identify areas open or closed to the operation of the mining laws, mineral material disposal, and non-energy leasing. In open areas, identify any area-wide terms, conditions or special considerations needed to protect resource values. Except where specifically withdrawn to protect resource values, public lands will be available for energy and mineral exploration and development based on applicable Federal and state laws and regulations. Mitigation measures will be developed to protect resource values.

Special Designations: Consistent with Section 202 of FLPMA, analyze nominations from the public for special designations; in particular, WSAs to be managed under the interim management policy. Update inventory of lands with wilderness characteristics in the planning area and identify decisions to protect or preserve wilderness characteristics (naturalness, opportunities for solitude, and outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation). Include goals and objectives to protect the resource and management

actions necessary to achieve these objectives. For authorized activities include conditions of use that would avoid or minimize impacts to wilderness characteristics.

Riparian Areas, Flood-plains and Wetlands: Generally riparian areas, flood plains and wetlands will be managed to protect, improve and restore their natural functions to benefit water storage, groundwater recharge, water quality, and fish and wildlife values. The Clean Water Act and the Idaho Standards for Rangeland Health will be used to establish the minimum standards that will be applied to the development of the desired future conditions.

4.0 DATA SUMMARY AND DATA GAPS

The FRFO planning area contains approximately 778,000 BLM-administered acres. The Birds of Prey NCA, within the FRFO, has a separate RMP and will not be addressed as a part of this planning area. However, analysis and, in some cases, decisions in the FRFO RMP must be consistent and compatible with the NCA RMP.

Data needs for the FRFO planning effort were identified in the Preparation Plan. Data is being collected on leasable and locatable mineral sites, current mining claims, paleontological sites, cave locations, and existing oil and gas leases within the Planning Area. The special status plant and animal inventory is being updated, facilitated by an agreement with the Idaho Conservation Data Center. The FRFO is currently working with the Idaho BLM State Office to address standardized categories of vegetation types. There is a need to collect customer/community data related to SRMA development to address recreation program requirements for RMP revisions.

5.0 SUMMARY OF FUTURE STEPS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

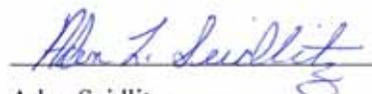
The FRFO will work with the Idaho BLM State Office as it continues to prepare the RMP/EIS. In particular, the FRFO will seek concurrence from the Idaho BLM State Director on matters such as the ID Team's recommendations found in this report, issues to be addressed in the RMP, the approach for addressing those issues, and RMP alternatives. The BLM will continue to keep the public and intergovernmental entities informed and involved throughout the development of the plan. The RMP website email address will be updated as appropriate, and newsletters will be sent as pertinent news becomes available.

The BLM welcomes public input at any time during the project. The next steps in the RMP will be development of the Desired Future Conditions and draft alternatives. Processes for involving the public in these steps are expected to be similar to the processes used during scoping, and may include Open House meetings and/or workshops. The next formal public comment period will be upon publication of the Draft RMP/EIS. The draft document will be widely distributed and available on the FRFO RMP website. The availability of the draft

document will be announced in the *Federal Register*, and a 90-day public comment period will follow with public meetings held in a variety of locations.

APPROVAL

Having considered the information presented from public, governmental and Tribal input, I approve this Scoping Report for the Four Rivers Field Office Resource Management Plan.



Aden Seidlitz
District Manager
Boise District Office



Date

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A
NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE THE FRFO RMP/EIS

ACTION: Notice of Final Agency Determination to take land into trust under 25 CFR part 151.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 0.94 acres of land into trust for the Skokomish Indian Tribe of Washington on March 14, 2008. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, MS-3657 MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR part 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Secretary's decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period in 25 CFR 151.12(b) is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land in trust for Indian tribes and individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs. On March 14, 2008, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs decided to accept approximately 0.94 acres of land into trust for the Skokomish Indian Tribe of Washington under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 465. The 0.94 acre parcel is located within the exterior boundaries of the Skokomish Indian Tribe in Mason County, Washington. The parcel is currently used for the Tribe's gaming facility. No change in the use is anticipated following conveyance of the parcel to the United States in trust for the Tribe. The property is located adjacent/contiguous to the location of the Lucky Dog Casino and its parking lot, which are already held in trust. The legal description of the property is as follows:

All that portion of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) AND of Indian Lot twenty-three (23), all in Section two (2), township twenty-one (21) North, Range four (4) West, W.M., particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 16.20 chains East of the quarter Section post on the West line of said Section two (2), which point is a post 30 feet East of the center of US Highway 101; thence North 2° 15' East, 175 feet; thence west 235 feet; thence South 2° 15' West, 175 feet; thence West, 235 feet to the point of beginning.

Excepting therefrom right-of-way for U.S. Highway 101.

Parcel No. 42102 23 00012.

Together with and subject to a perpetual, non-exclusive easement for ingress, egress, drainage and utilities, 20 feet in width, as described in instrument recorded January 30, 1979, Auditor's File No. 356506. Situated in Mason County, Washington. Containing 0.94 acres, more or less.

Dated: March 25, 2008.

Carl J. Artman,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-110-1610-DG-053D-DBG081008]

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan for the Four Rivers Field Office (Idaho) and Associated Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and Section 102 (2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Four Rivers Field Office (FRFO), Boise, Idaho intends to prepare a RMP with an associated EIS for the Four Rivers Planning Area. Publication of this notice also initiates a public scoping period to extend until 15 days after the last public scoping meeting. RMPs are the basic land use documents used by the BLM that guide land use decisions and management actions on public lands. RMP level decisions establish goals and objectives (i.e. desired future conditions), the measures needed to achieve those goals and objectives and the parameters for resource use on BLM lands. This RMP will replace the 1988 Cascade RMP and portions of the 1983 Kuna Management Framework Plan (MFP) and the 1987 Jarbidge RMP. The Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (NCA), located in the FRFO, is being addressed in a separate, comprehensive RMP currently available as a Final EIS.

DATES: The BLM will announce public scoping meetings pursuant to 43 CFR 1610.2 (BLM Planning Regulations) and 40 CFR 1501.7 (NEPA Regulations) to identify relevant issues. Meetings will be announced through local news

media, newsletters and the Idaho BLM Web site (listed below) at least 15 days prior to the first meeting once specific dates and locations are finalized. Throughout the planning process, the public will be given opportunities to participate through workshops and open house meetings. Workshops will provide the public an opportunity to work with BLM in (1) identifying the full range of issues to be addressed in the RMP/EIS and (2) developing the alternatives to be analyzed in the EIS. BLM will also provide an opportunity for public review upon publication of the Draft RMP/EIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Web site: http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/four_rivers/Planning/four_rivers_resource.html.

- E-mail: Four_Rivers_RMP@blm.gov.

- Fax: 208-384-3493.

- Mail: Bureau of Land Management, Attn: RMP Project Manager, Four Rivers Field Office, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses and individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Four Rivers Field Office at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information and/or to have your name added to the mailing list, contact Jonathan Beck, FRFO RMP Project Manager, Four Rivers Field Office, at the address above. Telephone: 208-384-3300 or e-mail:

Four_Rivers_RMP@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The planning area is located in southwestern Idaho's Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Payette, Valley and Washington counties, encompassing approximately 783,000 public land acres administered by the BLM. The planning area includes all of the FRFO located outside the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (NCA), and encompasses an area extending north of the Snake River from approximately Glens Ferry in the

southeast, west to Weiser, and north to McCall. Much of the planning area is comprised of interspersed sections of public, private, State or Forest Service lands. While the FRFO includes the approximately one half million acre NCA, along about 81 miles of the Snake River, the NCA is managed under its own comprehensive RMP. The Four Rivers RMP will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and BLM management policies. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions best suited to local, regional and national needs and concerns.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis and EIS alternatives. These issues also guide the planning process. You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria, in writing, to the BLM at any public scoping meeting or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you should submit formal scoping comments within 15 days after the last public meeting.

Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by BLM personnel, other agencies, and individuals and user groups. They represent BLM's knowledge to date regarding existing issues and concerns with current land management. The preliminary issues that will be addressed in this planning effort include: land tenure adjustments, lands and realty management, special status species management, recreation management, public access and transportation, livestock grazing management, wild and scenic river evaluations, riparian-wetland management, upland vegetation management, noxious weed management, wildfire management, social and economic sustainability of local communities, and mineral and energy exploration and development.

In addition, the BLM also requests public input for nominations considered worthy of Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) designation. To be considered as a potential ACEC, an area must meet the criteria of relevance and importance as established and defined at 43 CFR 1610.72. There are nine ACECs and six ACEC/Research Natural Areas within the Four Rivers Planning Area. All ACEC nominations within the planning area will be evaluated during RMP

development. After gathering public comments on which issues the plan should address, the suggested issues will be evaluated for their applicability to the planning process and categorized into one of following categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan.

This evaluation and categorization will be described in the plan with associated rationale. In addition to the issues to be resolved in the plan, a number of management questions and concerns will also be addressed. The public is encouraged to help identify these questions and concerns during the scoping period.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan. In order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified, specialists with expertise in the disciplines corresponding to the issues listed above will be represented and utilized in the planning process.

Dated: March 27, 2008.

David Wolf,

Associate District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-020-08-1220-DA]

Notice of Intent To Name a Geographic Location the Craig Thomas Little Mountain Special Management Area, Big Horn County, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intent to name an area of the public lands administered by the Cody Field Office. These lands include the Little Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), a portion of the West Slope Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), and recently acquired lands near Little Mountain. In recognition of the late United States Senator Craig Thomas' support and assistance in furthering public land management in the area administered by the BLM Cody Field Office, this notice announces that those public lands collectively will be known as the "Craig Thomas Little Mountain Special Management Area".

DATES: This naming will be in effect the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Additional information regarding the naming and the public lands affected by it may be obtained by written request to the BLM Cody Field Office, P.O. Box 518, Cody, Wyoming 82414; or by visiting the BLM Cody Field Office, 1002 Blackburn Avenue, Cody, Wyoming, during its business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Stewart, Field Manager, BLM, Cody Field Office, P.O. Box 518, 1002 Blackburn Avenue, Cody, Wyoming 82414. Mr. Stewart may also be contacted by telephone at (307) 578-5900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In June 2003, the BLM acquired approximately 8,200 acres of land on and near Little Mountain, approximately 15 miles east of Lovell, Wyoming. The land was previously part of the Devils Canyon Ranch. Acquisition of the land improved access to thousands of acres of State, BLM-administered public, and National Forest System lands on the western slope of the Bighorn Mountains. Funding for the first phase of the acquisition was made through a \$4 million congressional appropriation from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act and by a \$100,000 donation from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. An additional 3,000 acres are being held by the Trust for Public Land, a national land conservation group, for transfer to the BLM at a later date. When the transfer occurs, these lands would automatically become part of the Craig Thomas Little Mountain Special Management Area.

The area proposed for naming offers a variety of recreational and educational opportunities and sites of historic, cultural, and paleontological interest. Portions of the area lie within the Little Mountain ACEC and the West Slope SRMA, as established in the Cody Resource Management Plan (RMP). The RMP restricts vehicular travel to designated roads and trails within the area administered by the Cody Field Office. The specific routes designated for travel were established by an Activity Plan and its implementation is currently in progress.

The following described lands are included: Approximately 69,253 acres of BLM-managed public land in Townships 56 through 58 North, and Ranges 92 through 94 West, 6th Principal Meridian lying north of U.S. Highway Alternate 14 (14A), south of the Montana state line, east of the

APPENDIX B
FRFO RMP COMMUNICATION PLAN

Communication And Public Participation Plan

Resource Management Planning

For

The Four Rivers Field Office

Boise District Office

September 2008

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this communication plan is to provide guidance and direction for internal and external communications' objectives of the communication and public participation activities that are critical to, and public involvement activities associated with, the development and implementation of the Resource Management Plans (RMP) for the Four Rivers Field Office (FRFO) Planning Area. This document identifies the goals, preliminary management concerns, key messages, roles and responsibilities, and targeted audiences of the RMP. A schedule of major RMP milestones and public participation details are also included.

2. BACKGROUND

The format and process for the RMP will be based on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations; Department of the Interior (DOI) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) planning regulations, manuals and handbooks; and applicable policy documents. This includes the CEQ memorandum to the heads of Federal agencies on the subject of "Cooperating Agencies in Implementing the Procedural Requirements of NEPA" to ensure Federal agencies actively engage state, local and other Federal agencies in preparation of NEPA analyses and documentation.

The BLM Boise District Office (BDO) plans to use an approach in preparing the RMP that mirrors the spirit of the "4C's initiative - communication, cooperation, consultation, all in the service of conservation". This initiative complements BLM's initiatives to foster citizen participation in the development of its land use plans. The goal is to provide the public with an opportunity to have ownership through participation in their development, with the desired outcome of increased support for the decisions and their implementation. This is a significant departure from the approach of simply seeking public comment on interdisciplinary team-developed alternatives and proposals.

Other land and resource "stewards", including the Tribes, Federal and state agencies, state, county, and city governments, are being asked to share relevant data and other information that can help during development of management alternatives, and provide review and comments throughout the NEPA portion of the planning process. Interested individuals and non-governmental organizations are also invited to actively participate throughout the process.

BLM is hopeful that the citizens, governmental agencies, state and local officials and nongovernmental organizations will assist BLM in a meaningful and productive manner in the development and implementation of this RMP. Numerous opportunities for information sharing and participation are detailed in the public participation section. The RMP process provides for significant opportunities for the public to assist with issue identification, alternatives development and analysis, and review.

From April to July 2008, BLM hosted eight Open House scoping meetings throughout the Planning Area where individuals, governmental, and non-governmental agencies and organizations were invited to identify and discuss management issues and concerns with BLM's interdisciplinary team. These issues were recorded during the meetings, and other written comments were received during the comment period that lasted from April through July 2008. In fall 2008, BLM will provide the public with a summary of the bundled issues that came from these meetings. The BDO Resource Advisory Council (RAC) may host public workshops to help BLM develop a range of management alternatives to be analyzed in the RMP/EIS. Currently available data gathered from the planning area will be used in developing and assessing the alternatives as well as the issues identified during scoping. Public meetings, held during fall 2009, will explain the preferred and additional alternatives analyzed in the draft RMP/EIS. The public will be invited to attend these meetings, review the alternatives, and provide BLM with written input on the preferred alternative and analysis in the draft EIS.

These comments will be incorporated into the proposed final RMP/EIS which is scheduled to be available during summer 2012. The Governor then has a 60-day review period, and there is a 30-day protest period. If appropriate, BLM will amend the document to address specific comments received from the Governor or protests received from the public. A record of decision (ROD) will then be prepared for the BLM State Director's signature later that year.

3. GOALS OF THE COMMUNICATION PLAN

BLM is under increased scrutiny in the management of public lands. External and internal outreach efforts are critical in communicating goals and objectives for the management and use of the FRFO Planning Area. This communication plan establishes six key goals:

1. Develop a consistent, meaningful and coordinated approach to external and internal communication themes and outreach strategies for development of the RMP for the Planning Area.
2. Increase public awareness and understanding of natural resource planning and public lands stewardship through meaningful and productive constituent and local stakeholder involvement in the development and implementation of the RMP.
3. Achieve increased public support for RMP decisions.
4. Increase use of the "4C's"- communication, cooperation and consultation all in the service of conservation with Tribes, Federal and state agencies, and state and local elected and appointed officials.
5. Encourage BLM employee participation in the development and implementation process.
6. Evaluate the success of the communication and public participation activities through external and internal feedback mechanisms.

4. OBJECTIVES

The following objectives are vital to meeting the goals of this communication and public involvement plan and associated actions having measurable results:

- Establish networks and procedures to ensure that accurate and consistent messages are communicated about the RMP to internal and external stakeholders and the public.
- Develop and implement communication tools (i.e., news releases, newsletters, an internet planning website and situation assessment), products and services to meet the informational and educational needs of the public, and the many constituencies served by BLM. Continue to identify and use creative and non-traditional planning and collaboration options.
- Provide frequent opportunities for two-way dialogue throughout the planning process with interest groups (e.g. Audubon Society) and interested constituents (e.g. livestock permittees). Extensive public involvement is an integral part of the communication plan.
- Use a collaborative approach with Tribes, Federal and state agencies, and state and local government officials throughout the planning process to address common needs and goals within the Planning Area. This will provide opportunities for other land and resource stewards to identify sources for additional data, to comment on preliminary issues to help the public understand the process as management alternatives are developed for analysis in the RMP/EIS, and to provide BLM with comments on any other decision documents prior to public issuance.
- Solicit the active engagement of Tribal, state, and local governments and other Federal agencies as cooperating agencies in preparation of NEPA analyses and documentation for the RMP.
- Ensure continued internal communication with BLM employees about the RMP process, public involvement and collaborative approaches being undertaken, with frequent invitations to participate.
- Develop mechanisms to continually improve communications processes; identify successful efforts to enhance existing approaches (e.g. feedback cards at open houses and workshops to solicit suggestions of participants for improvements to meeting format, presentations, information materials, meeting notification, etc.).

5. PRELIMINARY LIST OF KEY ISSUES

BLM's interdisciplinary team identified a number of preliminary management issues for the Planning Area. This preliminary list was discussed, revised, and expanded from information received at the Open House scoping meetings.

Common Issues:

- Land Tenure Adjustments
- Maintaining Open Space
- Transportation and Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) Management
- Recreation Management and Special Recreation Management Areas
- Special Status Species
- Cultural Resources
- Fire and Fuels Management
- Livestock Grazing Management
- Oil and Gas leasing
- Timber Management
- Special Designations (ACEC, Wild and Scenic Rivers, SRMAs)
- Private Land Development Impacts on Public Lands
- Weed Management

6. KEY MESSAGES

- Resource Management Plans are BLM's basic land use document. They guide land use decisions and management actions on public lands for 20 years or more, establish goals and objectives for resource management (i.e. desired future conditions), and measures needed to achieve these goals and objectives.
- RMP decisions ordinarily are made on a broad scale and customarily guide subsequent site-specific implementation decisions.
- RMP decisions may have broad implications for those who manage adjacent lands or resources. Thus, coordination is vital with Tribal, and other Federal and state agencies, and state and local government elected and appointed officials.
- When people, communities and governments work together towards a common objective, there is significant improvement in the stewardship of public lands. Thus, BLM is committed to completing these plans with an open, active public participation process.
- BLM has invited the Tribes, Federal and state agencies, state and local governments to become cooperators, specifically those having jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to all reasonable alternatives or significant environmental, social or economic impacts associated with a proposed action that requires NEPA analysis.
- Throughout the RMP process, BLM will look for opportunities to develop consultation agreements and other partnering arrangements with the Tribes, other Federal and state agencies, and state and local governments, as well as nongovernmental organizations interested in assisting FRFO, as management alternatives are developed for analysis in the RMP/EIS.
- BLM will work with the public and constituents throughout the development and implementation of the RMP so that common needs and goals are addressed within the

Planning Area, and there is shared "ownership" of the planning process, documents, management decisions, and implementation.

- The RMP and subsequent Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) route designation processes will result in the designation of a road and trail system to provide appropriate travel opportunities that balance public access needs and resource protection.
- The RMP will incorporate the Idaho Standards and Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management.
- Management actions will be identified in the RMP to protect cultural/historical resources from the impacts of increased land use and associated development.
- Appropriate management response to wildfire will be addressed throughout the process.
- Rapid population growth in southwestern Idaho has led to increased demand for recreational opportunities on public lands which may require restrictions to protect vulnerable resources and reduce user conflicts.
- This same rapid growth, especially near the Boise urban interface area, brings up other concerns. The RMP will analyze how potential BLM decisions may impact positively or negatively on the socio-economic structure of adjacent communities.

7. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Key management will be involved throughout the RMP process.

Idaho State Director: Approves preparation plan, ensures availability of adequate budget and staff to complete planning effort, approves documents for publication and files draft and final EIS with EPA, signs Record of Decision for EIS and approves RMP.

- **Boise District Manager:** Ensures availability of appropriate personnel to complete the planning effort, briefs State Director on plan progress, and approves planning criteria.
- **Four Rivers Field Manager:** Sets priorities for planning effort, serves as lead for public participation, and coordinates with collaborators.
- **Four Rivers Assistant Field Manager:** Manages budget, supervises FO Core Team, and provides direction for plan.
- **RMP Team Leader:** Implements priorities for completing planning effort, provides oversight of plan details, serves as contracting officer's representative (COR), and leads RMP Team in developing plan and EIS.

The FRFO does not have the staff available to complete the RMP without assistance, within the identified timeframes. A contractor was hired, utilizing its additional expertise for the development of alternatives and analysis of the impacts. The intent, through this contract, was to create an interdisciplinary team composed of BLM and contractor staff that will work together in

the completion of the RMP/EIS. BLM will provide a Management Representative, Team Lead, Lands/Realty Specialist, and an Outdoor Recreation Planner for the ID team. The following table identifies the BLM interdisciplinary core team and those specialists deemed necessary for support.

Core Team	
Position	Name
Project Manager	Jon Beck
Writer/Editor	Barbara Albiston
Lands and Realty	John Sullivan
Management Representative	John Sullivan
GIS	Kristine Kosnik
Natural Resources	Mark Steiger
Recreation, VRM, Special Designations, Travel Management	Frank Jenks
Support Team	
Public Affairs	MJ Byrne
Fire/Fuels	Irene Saphra
Air Quality, Soils, Hazmat	Paul Seronko
Riparian, Water Quality	Allen Tarter
Special Status Plants	Mark Steiger
Wild Horse and Burros	Chris Robbins
Minerals, Geology	Clint Hughes
Oil and Gas	Clint Hughes
Livestock Grazing, Noxious Weeds	Mike Barnum, Mary Clark, and Chris Robbins
Forestry	Frank Marsh

Cultural Resources	Dean Shaw
State Office Support	
Planning, NEPA	Brent Ralston
Fire Ecology	Krista Gollnick-Waid
Wildlife	Paul Makela
Socio-economics	Vacant position

Intergovernmental Coordination Group (ICG):

The ICG is a group of intergovernmental entities meeting to increase two-way information sharing about natural resource guidance, documents, data and initiatives to ensure that information is considered. It assists in resolving inconsistencies between Federal and non-Federal plans, and provides a forum for coordination and collaboration in development of the RMP. The ICG objectives are to:

- Pursue opportunities to develop complementary and coordinated plans with agencies and local governments;
- Serve as liaison with state and Federal agencies, counties and communities;
- Review and comment on issues to be addressed, alternatives formulation, and draft documents to identify potential inconsistencies with existing agency and local government plans and ongoing management initiatives; and
- Coordinate the sharing of data and assist in identifying opportunities for public involvement.

The ICG will conduct meetings at the following junctures:

- Prior to finalizing issues to be addressed
- Prior to finalizing management alternatives to be analyzed in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Prior to finalizing decision documents so the ICG will have the opportunity to comment on consistency of issues and areas of concern.
- At the request of any of the members

Native American Consultation:

The primary tribes that BLM will consult with during the RMP/EIS planning process are the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation, and the Nez Perce Tribe. Monthly, BLM meets with representatives of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes during government-to government consultations (Wings and Roots Native American Campfire) to discuss activities on public lands where they have demonstrated geographic, cultural, historic and other ties, thereby providing them with opportunities to express any concerns.

Consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act:

In August 2000, the BLM, US Forest Service (USFS), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding programmatic consultation for RMPs under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. The MOA outlines guidance and procedures for consultations as well as consideration of candidate species conservation in the RMP.

Boise District Office Resource Advisory Council Planning Subgroup:

The BDO Resource Advisory Council (RAC) was created to provide representative citizen counsel and advice to BLM concerning the planning and management of public land resources located within the Boise District. It was formed in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committees Act (FACA). The group's membership consists of Federal grazing permittees and representatives for energy and mineral development, timber, transportation, OHV, commercial and other private recreation interests. This broad cross-section provides a unique opportunity to open communication lines between the public and BLM planning teams. It serves to connect various special interest groups to encourage their involvement, assist BLM with information dissemination, provide analysis of specific issues and concerns, and assist in RMP development, review and analysis of management alternatives.

8. KEY GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL INTEREST GROUPS

A mailing list identifying individuals (as Points of Contact) in organizations, agencies, and interest groups has been compiled and is used for information sharing and public education, notification of publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI), public meetings, input deadlines, other key milestones and announcements during the public participation process. Throughout the RMP/EIS process, the mailing list will be periodically revised, updated and expanded.

- Interested individuals (the public)
- Congressional representatives
- Native American Tribal governments
- State, county and local elected and appointed governmental representatives
- Federal, state and local agencies
- Resource Advisory Council
- County weed districts
- Grazing permittees
- Adjacent private landowners
- Right-of-way, permit and lease holders
- Interested businesses and consultants
- Commercial outfitters and guides
- Special interest groups
- News Media

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TOOLS AND KEY STAGES, ACTIVITIES AND SCHEDULE

The goal of the public participation effort is to give those individuals/entities identified in Section 8 an opportunity to help identify issues, assist in shaping the alternatives to be analyzed in the RMP/EIS, and to comment on the plan as it is formulated. Through participation in the development process, it is hoped that there will be greater ownership of the plan, as well as cooperation and participation in its future implementation.

BLM seeks to provide public participation opportunities during key stages in the RMP planning process and the associated EIS that go beyond the formal requirements as stated in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations.

A. Tools

Partnering - Potential partnership opportunities exist throughout FRFO's nine counties that could help BLM develop broader involvement, wider acceptance and ownership in the planning process. Agreements with the local counties and communities need to be explored to help identify activities and needs.

Potential agency and private partners include the Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho Department of Lands, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Idaho Power Company, Golden Eagle Audubon Society, Idaho Cattleman's Association, off highway vehicle (OHV) associations, Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association, The Nature Conservancy, The Wilderness Society, The Idaho Conservation League, and hunting and shooting organizations.

BLM will continue to provide additional briefings and consultations on a government-to-government level, with members of the Tribal Business Council and other tribal officials. The Tribes were invited and encouraged to participate in the scoping process, and will be included in the development of alternatives, and in providing comments on the draft RMP/EIS.

Web Site

An interactive web site was developed in spring 2008 for the Four Rivers planning process. The address is http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/four_rivers/Planning/four_rivers_resources.html. It provides information about upcoming meetings and access to completed documents. Fact sheets describing the RMP are included on the site. The web site enabled the public and other interested governmental and nongovernmental organizations to submit scoping comments directly to the Four Rivers e-mail account.

News releases will be released to local and regional print, radio, and television news media. One edition of the RMP newsletter has been published. It was mailed in April 2008 to an extensive list of individuals and organizations prior to the scoping meetings.

B. Key Stages, Activities and Schedule

The RMP/EIS process began with the development of a Preparation Plan and publication of a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register. The Plan was issued and NOI published in spring

2008. Letters and information about the process were sent to points of contact on an extensive mailing list, notifying them of the publication of the NOI, informing them about the preparation and content of the plan, and outlining BLM's extensive public participation process. Briefings were conducted throughout the spring and summer, with Congressional, Tribal, and county officials from FRFO's nine counties, ICG, and RAC. The BDO offered to brief other special interest groups, when requested. Briefing materials included fact sheets on the FRFO Planning Area, a list of frequently asked questions, and a newsletter. Other documents will be developed as necessary during the planning process. Print, television and radio media will be kept informed about the progress of the RMP/EIS, and BLM's plans for extensive public participation during the four year planning process.

Scoping meetings: Eight public meetings were held from April through July 2008. The Open House format was used to encourage two-way dialogue and discussions about issues to be addressed in the plan. A public comment period provided opportunities to submit comments, via e-mail, letter and fax, on the proposed scope of the plan. Print, television and radio news media were also notified. Paid advertising, as well as news releases, appeared in local and statewide newspapers concerning the meetings.

Draft RMP/EIS: Thirty days prior to issuance of the draft RMP/EIS, a notice is published in the Federal Register, announcing the beginning of a 90-day public comment period. It provides information about the preferred alternative, and identifies dates and locations for public meetings to receive comments on the document. The notice will also be added to the FRFO planning web site. The comment period and availability of the draft RMP/EIS is scheduled for spring 2010.

Letters will be sent to those on the mailing list letting them know of the availability of the draft RMP/EIS, and about plans to conduct facilitated public meetings to gather comments and provide another opportunity for public discussion with the FRFO's RMP team. They will also be asked to notify BLM if they would like to receive a copy of the draft EIS.

Briefings will be conducted with Congressional, state and county government officials, ICG, RAC, and other special interest groups, if requested. News releases will be sent to local and regional print, television and radio media. A newsletter update will be published announcing the availability of the draft RMP/EIS and 90 day comment period, dates and locations for public meetings, and information about the preferred alternative. The draft RMP/EIS will be added to the FRFO's web site, and an e-mail address will be included in all communications identifying where comments can be sent.

Responses to comments received will be prepared as a "Comment Response" document and made available to the public when the Final RMP/EIS is issued.

Final RMP/EIS: During winter 2012, the final RMP/EIS will be prepared. A Notice of Availability will be published in the Federal Register. Copies can be sent to those that participated in the planning process along with a letter providing information about a 30-day protest period. A 60-day consistency review for the Governor also begins at the same time the notice is published. Congressional, state, and county government official briefings can be conducted and other special interest groups, if requested. News releases will be sent to local and

regional print, television and radio news media announcing the availability, including information about the 30-day protest period. A newsletter update will be published and sent to those on the mailing list, announcing the availability of the proposed final RMP/EIS, providing information about the 30-day protest period, and the 60-day period for the Governor's consistency review. The proposed final RMP/EIS will be added to the FRFO's web site.

Record of Decision: When the protest period ends and BLM has responded to all protests, a Record of Decision (ROD) will be prepared for the BLM State Director's signature. That is scheduled to occur during summer 2012. The ROD will include the approved RMP. The approved plan is scheduled to be available to the public by summer 2012.

When the plan is published, letters will be sent to those on the mailing list announcing its availability, and providing a contact number or address to request a copy. News releases and a final newsletter will be published summarizing key parts of the RMP and providing information regarding ongoing monitoring and evaluation activities that will commence. The RMP and information regarding ongoing monitoring and evaluation activities will also be downloaded onto the FRFO planning web site.

10. EVALUATION

In order for the communication and public participation processes of the RMP and other planning efforts to continually improve, identification of successful efforts and others that can be improved should have the following tools used:

- Progress reports addressing the issue of cooperating agency status will be provided to CEQ bi-annually
- RMP newsletter published quarterly with an invitation for the public to provide feedback about the contents and suggestions for future articles.
- Provide monthly updates on RMP and other planning efforts including upcoming public participation opportunities to local, statewide and regional newspapers, television and radio stations across the FRFO.
- Solicit periodic evaluation and feedback of the public participation process including all printed informational material used for external audiences from managers and staff within BLM, and key stakeholders, especially those involved in the assessment process. The purpose will be to review the effectiveness of messages, coverage of issues, and to assess whether the public understanding of the RMP process and other planning efforts has increased.
- Survey those individuals and organizations on the mailing list at the conclusion of the RMP process. Seek their input on what impact(s) they felt they had at various points in the process and, overall, whether they felt their time and participation was useful and had a positive effect on the decision making process, ownership in the decisions and support for implementation of them.

Key Milestones and Detailed Planning Schedule

PE Definition	Milestone	Expected Completion
Complete Scoping Report/Planning Criteria	State Director (SD) Approval	September 2008
Draft RMP/EIS	NOA published in FR	March 2010
Proposed RMP/Final EIS	NOA published in FR	September 2011
Resolve Protest/Prepare ROD	ROD signed by SD	June 2012

Timeline for completing the various steps associated with the RMP/EIS are as follows:

RMP Planning Timeline (Fiscal Year & Quarter)	2008				2009				2010				2011				2012			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Preplanning	X	X	X	X	X															
Identify funding needs	X																			
Prepare preliminary schedule	X																			
Identify ID Team, support and cooperating agencies	X	X																		
Review and describe existing land use plan decisions	X	X	X																	
Identify preliminary issues	X																			
Identify management concerns	X																			
Identify anticipated controversy	X																			

RMP Planning Timeline (Fiscal Year & Quarter)	2008				2009				2010				2011				2012			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Define proposal	X																			
Brief local, state and tribal governments	X	X	X																	
List data needs	X																			
Prepare MOU with cooperating agencies	X	X	X																	
Identify contract options	X																			
Secure contracts		X		X																
Prepare Public Participation Plan			X	X																
State Office (SO) Review				X																
Washington Office (WO) Review and approval			X	X																
Identification of Issues (Scoping)		X	X	X																
Publish Notice of Intent in Federal Register			X	X																
Prepare and send public notice		X	X																	
Initiate consultation with tribal governments		X	X																	
Conduct public scoping sessions			X	X																

RMP Planning Timeline (Fiscal Year & Quarter)	2008				2009				2010				2011				2012				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
(Contract)																					
Analyze scoping input (Contract)				X																	
Analysis of the Management Situation		X	X	X																	
Brief local, state and tribal governments			X	X																	
Determine issues to be addressed and scope of RMP				X																	
Prepare Scoping Report			X	X																	
Development of Planning Criteria			X	X	X																
Identify scope of decisions to be made			X																		
Prepare preliminary list of planning criteria			X																		
Brief local, state and tribal governments				X																	
Convene F&WS/BLM consultation planning team			X	X																	
Send preliminary proposed planning criteria to public				X																	
Public comment period on Planning				X	X																

RMP Planning Timeline (Fiscal Year & Quarter)	2008				2009				2010				2011				2012			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Criteria																				
Review public comments on planning criteria					X															
Revise planning criteria					X															
District Manager (DM) approves planning criteria					X															
Prepare Draft RMP/EIS		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X										
Link data needs with preliminary issues		X	X																	
Assemble existing data		X																		
Collect shortfall data			X																	
<i>Affected Environment Chapter</i>		X	X	X	X	X														
Write the Affected Environment Chapter		X	X	X	X	X														
<i>Purpose and Need</i>				X	X															
Prepare Chapter One Purpose and Need.				X	X															
Review by SO, DM, Cooperators					X															
<i>Formulation of Alternatives</i>				X	X	X	X													
Identify specific resource						X	X													

RMP Planning Timeline (Fiscal Year & Quarter)	2008				2009				2010				2011				2012			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
management requirements																				
Specify management prescriptions by alternative						X	X													
SO approval of alternatives						X	X													
Finalize alternatives for analysis							X													
<i>Estimation of Effects of Alternatives</i>							X	X	X											
Prepare reasonable, foreseeable future development scenarios							X													
Write Environmental consequences Chapter								X	X											
Brief local, state and tribal governments								X	X											
Prepare Draft RMP/EIS							X	X	X											
SO review of preliminary DRMP/DEIS									X	X										
Incorporate SO comments; prepare camera-ready copy										X										
State Director briefing and approval										X										
Brief local, state and tribal governments										X										
Washington Office Review										X	X									
DRMP/DEIS at printer											X									
DRMP/DEIS filed with EPA (Begins																				

RMP Planning Timeline (Fiscal Year & Quarter)	2008				2009				2010				2011				2012							
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4				
public comment period.)											X													
														X										
Prepare Final RMP/EIS											X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
90-day public comment period											X	X												
Review public comments (contracted)												X	X											
Revise document based on public comments													X	X										
Develop and analyze new alternative(s)														X	X									
SO review of preliminary PRMP/FEIS															X									
Incorporate SO comments															X									
Selection of the Proposed Alternative															X									
State Director briefing and approval															X									
Washington Review of RMP															X	X								
Conduct formal consultation with F&WS															X									
Conduct formal consultation with State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)																X								
PRMP/FEIS at printer																X								

RMP Planning Timeline (Fiscal Year & Quarter)	2008				2009				2010				2011				2012			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
NOA/PRMP/FEIS filed with EPA; 30-day protest period																X	X	X		
60-day Governor review																	X			
Respond to protests																	X	X		
Prepare ROD																		X		
RMP approved and ROD signed by State Director																				X
Prepare approved RMP for printer																				X
Approved RMP at printer																				X
Approved RMP available to public																				X
Monitoring and Evaluation																				X
Ongoing during life of plan																				X

APPENDIX C
FRFO RMP FACT SHEET AND LIST OF FAQs

FOUR RIVERS

Did you know that...

- The Four Rivers Field Office (FRFO) was named in honor of the rivers which run through it – the Snake, Boise, Weiser and Payette?
- The Four Rivers Planning Area encompasses about 783,000 public land acres within nine counties?
- The total area lies north of the Snake River from approximately Glens Ferry in the southeast, west to the Oregon border and north to McCall?
- The FRFO is presently managed under three separate land use plans: the 1983 Kuna Management Framework Plan (MFP), the 1987 Jarbidge Resource Management Plan (RMP) and the 1988 Cascade RMP?
- Idaho has seen its population expand by 5.6% between 2000 and 2003? Southwestern Idaho is the fastest growing region and the FRFO includes the portion experiencing the most rapid growth.
- The planning area contains many recreational opportunities from hiking in urban foothills to white-water rafting? Currently, there are 14 designated recreational sites, including two fee sites.
- The FRFO manages the Four Mile Wild Horse Herd, as well as 30 miles of the Oregon Trail?
- The planning area supports a number of species of special concern, including, Columbia sharp-tailed grouse, yellow-billed cuckoo, long-billed curlew, sage grouse, pygmy rabbit, mountain quail, bull and redband trout, and slickspot peppergrass.
- Planning information can be found at:
http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/four_rivers/Planning/four_rivers_resource.html;



Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Resource Management Plan (RMP) Process

<p>What is a Resource Management Plan (RMP)?</p>	<p>Resource Management Plans (RMPs) are the basic land use document used by the Bureau of Land Management. In general, they guide land use decisions and management actions on public lands for 20 years or more. RMP level decisions establish goals and objectives for resource management (i.e., desired future conditions), the measures needed to achieve these goals and objectives, and parameters for using BLM lands. RMPs identify lands that are open or available for certain uses, including any applicable restrictions, and lands that are closed to certain uses. RMP decisions ordinarily are made on a broad scale and customarily guide subsequent site-specific implementation decisions. RMP level decisions have broad implications for those who manage adjacent lands or resources. With this in mind, our planning guidance makes the following reference to the need to coordinate with other agencies.</p>
<p>How are partners and stakeholders involved in the Bureau's RMP process?</p>	<p>Federal planning regulations at 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1610.3-1(a) state: <i>"coordination is to be accomplished with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, and Indian tribes. The objectives of the coordination are for the State Directors and District and Area Managers to keep apprised of non-Bureau of Land Management plans; assure that consideration is given to those plans that are germane in the development of resource management plans for public lands; assist in resolving, to the extent practicable inconsistencies between Federal and non-Federal government plans; and provide for meaningful public involvement of other Federal agencies, State and local government officials, both elected and appointed, and Indian tribes in the development of resource management plans, including early public notice of proposed decisions which may have a significant impact on non-Federal lands."</i></p>



	<p>The BLM Planning Manual (1601) states: <i>“While the ultimate responsibility regarding land use plan decisions on BLM administered lands rests with the BLM official, managers have discovered that when people, communities, and government work together toward a common objective, there is significant improvement in the stewardship of public lands. A collaborative approach to planning means that the BLM must strive to work together with Federal, tribal, State, and local governments and other interested parties from the earliest stages and throughout the planning process to address common needs and goals within the planning area.”</i></p>
<p>How will land and resource managers provide input to BLM?</p>	<p>BLM intends to use a collaborative approach in preparing the Four Rivers Resource Management Plan (RMP). We anticipate providing opportunities for other land and resource stewards, including State, County, City and Tribal governments to help prepare, review, and comment throughout the planning process.</p>
<p>The following questions address typical issues that will be discussed during the RMP process. These issues will be expanded, developed, and refined throughout the planning process.</p>	
<p>How will livestock grazing be managed?</p>	<p>Public land grazing is governed by many existing laws and regulations. In 1997, the Secretary of the Interior approved Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management which apply to all BLM lands in Idaho. Grazing must be managed in compliance with laws, regulations, and standards.</p>
<p>How will transportation and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use be managed?</p>	<p>Inventory and evaluation of the current road and trail network through the RMP process will lead to development of a transportation system that balances public access and resource protection needs. The RMP process will address road and trail designations to provide appropriate travel opportunities.</p>

<p>How will recreational use be managed to meet public demand?</p>	<p>Rapid population growth in southwest Idaho has led to increased demands for recreational opportunities on public land. Increased recreational use will be managed to protect vulnerable resources and reduce conflicts between user groups.</p>
<p>How will special status and endangered plants and animals be protected?</p>	<p>Special status species include plants and animals listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as threatened or endangered, as well as candidate species, and BLM sensitive species. Coordination, including consultation/conferencing with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on affected species, will occur during the RMP process.</p>
<p>How will cultural resources be managed?</p>	<p>Theft and damage of artifacts can occur with increased use and various types of development. Management actions will be identified to protect cultural resources/.</p>
<p>How will Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) be managed?</p>	<p>These lands must be managed to protect the values that made them eligible for designation as wilderness. Wilderness advocacy groups can propose additions to existing areas or new study areas which must be evaluated as part of the RMP process.</p>
<p>Will rivers be considered for wild and scenic designation?</p>	<p>There are no rivers within the planning area that are currently managed under the Wild and Scenic Rivers (W&SR) Act. There are, however, eight (8) miles of rivers or river segments determined to be eligible and suitable for inclusion into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The RMP planning process affords the opportunity to inventory and assess all rivers and streams in the planning area for eligibility.</p>
<p>How will riparian and wetland habitats be managed?</p>	<p>Riparian and wetland habitats are often of critical importance to fish and wildlife. Riparian-wetland areas include streams, springs, seeps, and wetlands. Species such as the redband trout (a candidate species) is dependent upon these habitats.</p>

How will the role of fire be addressed?	The role of fire as a management tool will be explored throughout the process. Fire has been largely excluded since Euro-American settlement, resulting in extensive big sagebrush stands, the loss of valuable grass and forb communities, and the encroachment of noxious and invasive weeds.
How will the socio-economic impacts be addressed?	Much of the planning area is rural and lightly populated, with the exception of Ada County. Rapid population growth in many areas of southwest Idaho has led to increased demand on public lands. As public land use changes, there could be new opportunities for socio-economic growth. Both positive and negative impacts will be analyzed.

APPENDIX D
FRFO RMP NEWSLETTER

RMP NEWS

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FOUR RIVERS Planning Area



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Boise District is beginning a new Resource Management Plan for the Four Rivers Planning Area which encompasses about 783,000 public land acres within nine counties. This area lies north of the Snake River from approximately Glens Ferry in the southeast, west to the Oregon border and north to McCall. Much of the planning area is comprised of interspersed sections of public, private, State or Forest Service lands.

Resource Management Plans (RMPs) are the land use documents used by the BLM to guide land use decisions and management actions on public lands for 20 years or more. RMP-level decisions establish goals and objectives (i.e., desired future conditions), the measures needed to achieve those goals and objectives and the parameters for resource use on BLM lands.

RMPs identify lands that are open or available for certain uses, including any applicable restrictions, and lands that are closed to certain uses. RMP decisions

are made on a broad scale and guide subsequent site-specific implementation decisions.

For example, an RMP decision would determine if an area should be open, closed or limited for Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use. A subsequent site-specific implementation decision would address specific route designations.

RMP level decisions may have broad implications for those who manage adjacent lands or resources.

If your group or organization would like more information on this process, please contact me at (208) 384-3305 or e-mail me at jonathan_m_beck@blm.gov.

This edition of the *RMP News* contains a series of questions and answers, map and a chart that describes the Planning Process.

Jon Beck
Planning Team Lead



What issues are typically addressed during the RMP process?

The first step in the RMP process is the identification of management issues which will be used as the foundation for the entire process. Examples of issues include:

- special status species management
- lands to be retained or potentially made available for disposal
- recreation management
- special designation evaluations, i.e, Areas of Critical Environment Concern (ACEC) and Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR)
- access

How are issues identified and alternatives developed?

The public is encouraged to participate in the four step process leading to publication of the RMP/EIS.

Step 1: Scoping and Issue Identification

Public issues and concerns that need to be resolved are identified through this process. Issues may stem from new information or changed circumstances, the need to address environmental concerns or a need to reassess the appropriate mix of allowable uses. Resource protection that may require special designations begins at this point.

Step 2: Assess Information and Identify Where Issues can be Combined and Prioritized

Existing information can be directly incorporated into the assessment process which involves synthesizing, analyzing and interpreting data for a defined purpose. Assessment differs from inventory and monitoring which are data collection activities. Planning-related assessments generally address four key concepts: status, trend, risk and opportunity. These four concepts will be

used to identify outcomes that address the issues.

Step 3: Alternative Development

A range of desired outcomes, representing different levels or degrees of protection and use, may be evaluated as different alternatives to determine which combination best meets the present and future needs of the American people, while assuring the long-term health of the land and its resources.

Step 4: Analysis of Alternatives and Selection of the Plan

The alternative that best resolves the issues pertinent to the planning effort, meets statutory requirements and most closely achieves the plan goals, and are consistent with BLM policies will be identified as the preferred alternative and proposed plan. Following public review, consistency determinations and the public protest process, the approved plan and the rationale for its selection will be identified and adopted.

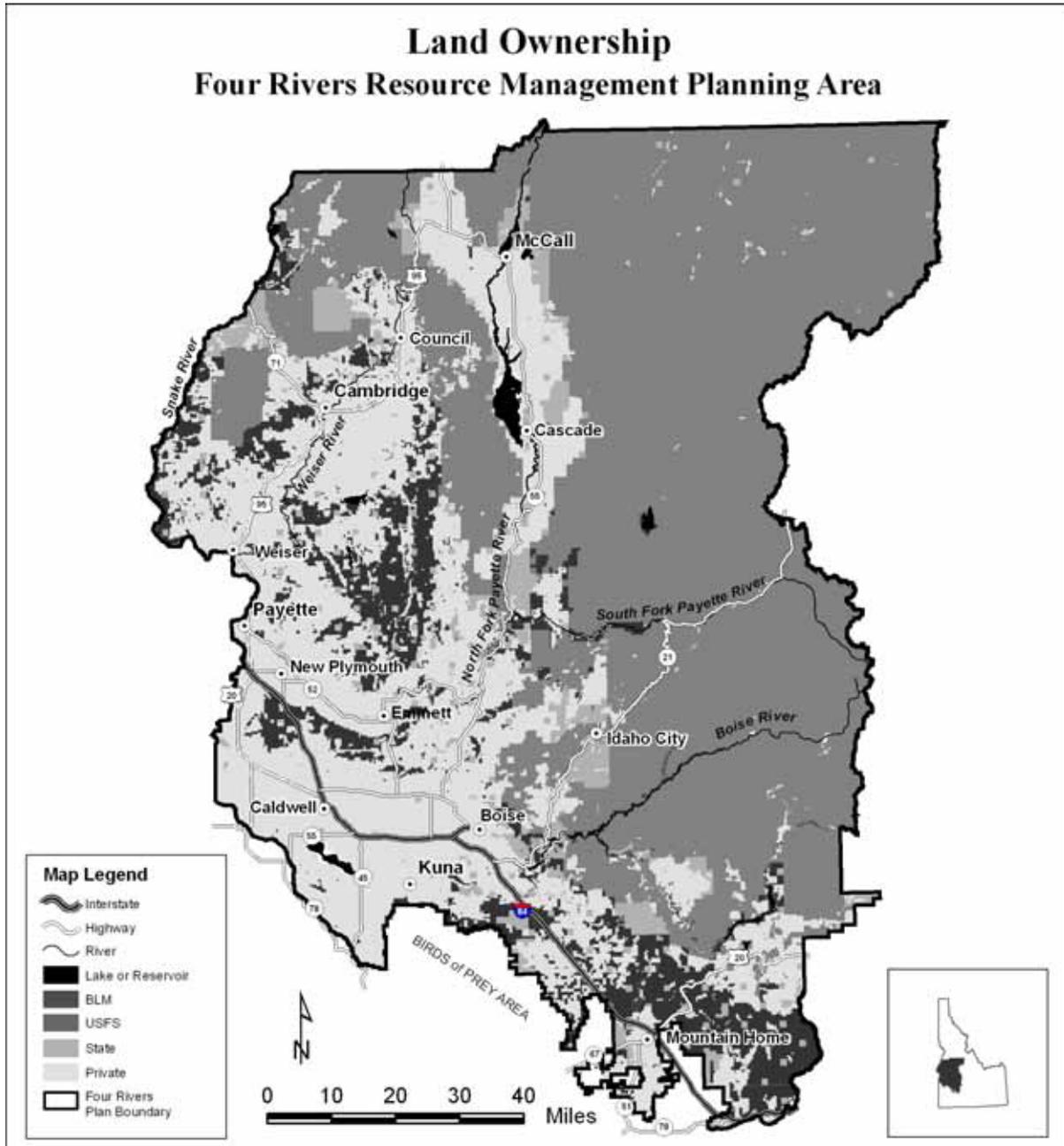
How can I be involved in this process?

The BLM will use a collaborative approach for this RMP to allow the public, elected officials and public/private agencies a variety of opportunities for input on the plan's development. Many approaches will be used to encourage input, participation and a sense of ownership in this RMP.

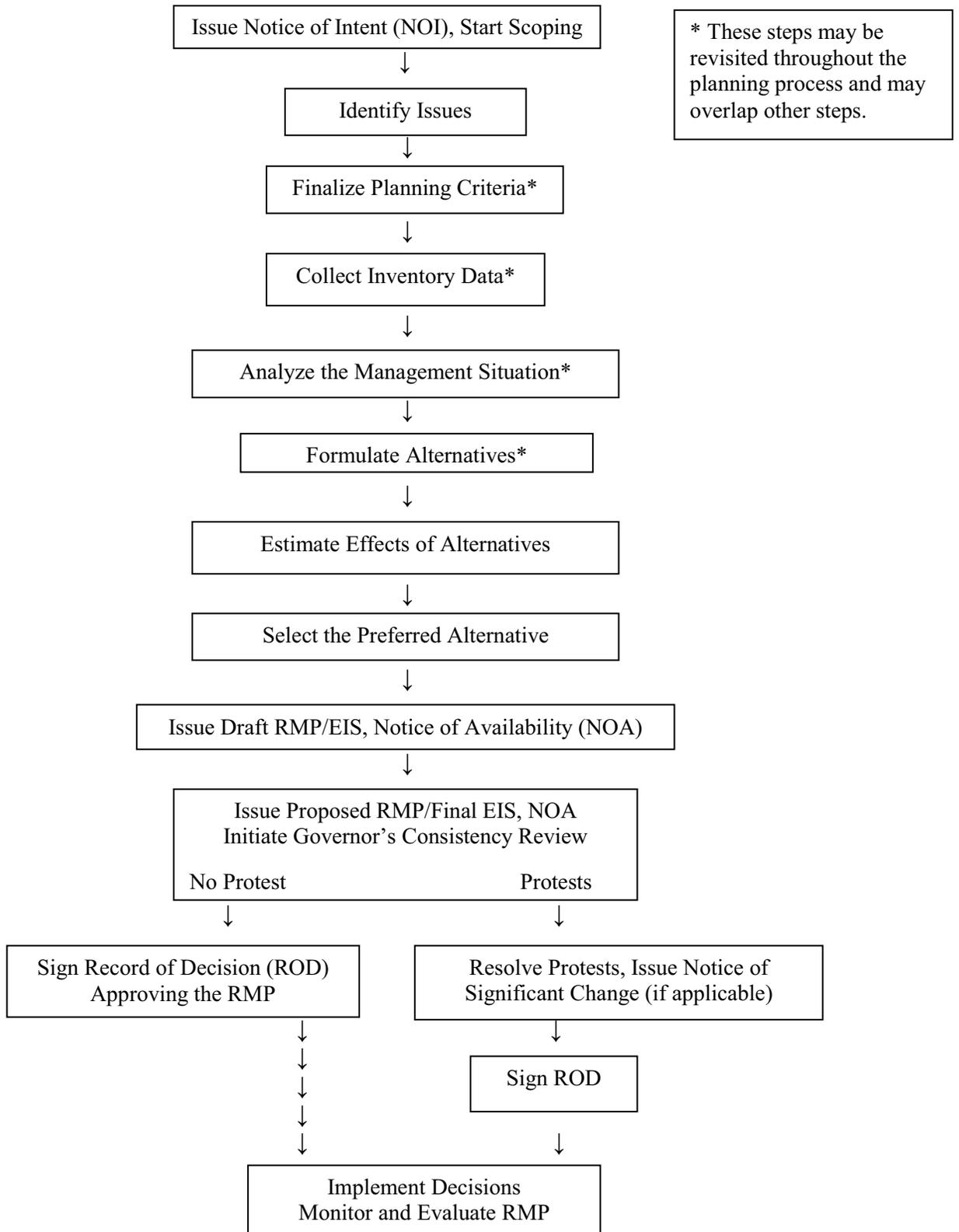
Public involvement will be critical for this multi-year planning process. In addition to structured meetings and workshops, the BLM will provide various opportunities for participation and comment, including individual and group interviews, formal meetings, access to an RMP web site (http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/four_rivers/Planning/four_rivers_resource.html), e-mail ([Four Rivers RMP@blm.gov](mailto:Four_Rivers_RMP@blm.gov)) and written comments.

If you are interested in any aspects of this endeavor, please fill out the bottom of the address cover used in this mailing. Fold it inside the pre-addressed page, tape and place postage in the designated spot.

Your name will be added to the Four Rivers mailing list so we can ensure that you stay current with this on-going process.



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My main area(s) of interest are: (You may check more than one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> OHV/Transportation Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Special status plants/animals |
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APPENDIX E
COMMENTWORKS ISSUE REPORT

CommentWorks® Issue Report

Initiative: Analysis FRFO RMP Scoping

Client Name: Agency

Author: Jon Beck

Created Date: Friday, August 29, 2008

Sort Order: No Sort Applied

Selected Filters:

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Number of Issues: 51

Section 1 - Travel Management

Total Number of Submissions: 5

Total Number of Comments: 9

Comment Number: 000000010-15

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Scoping Meeting Notes

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

[link play areas to designated travel routes]

Comment Number: 000000013-2

Organization: Boise Ridge Riders

Commenter: Barbara Poston

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

It is more important than ever to havemore trails open to the public to spread out the use of trails - which is good for the environment and issafer for the people.

Comment Number: 000000121-13

Organization: The Wilderness SocietyIdaho Conservation League

Commenter: Brad BrooksJohn Robison

Commenter Type: Environmental Protection Association

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

The RMP should also identify priorities for implementation of the travelmanagement plan, which may also be instructive in the event that the agency expects thatadditional travel planning will be needed.

Comment Number: 000000121-14

Organization: The Wilderness SocietyIdaho Conservation League

Commenter: Brad BrooksJohn Robison

Commenter Type: Environmental Protection Association

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Travel management planning within WSAs must minimize ORV motorized routes, whichcan impair wilderness characteristics. BLM is obligated to manage the WSAs inaccordance with the Interim Management Policy (IMP) for Lands Under WildernessReview (BLM Manual H-8550-1), which requires that WSAs are managed to protecttheir wilderness values.

Comment Number: 000000121-17

Organization: The Wilderness SocietyIdaho Conservation League

Commenter: Brad BrooksJohn Robison

Commenter Type: Environmental Protection Association

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

All routes designated in WSAs should be specifically identified inthe RMP as "ways" and distinguished from "roads," since WSAs are, by definition,roadless. All ways should also be identified as temporary. The RMP must acknowledge the likely damage from permitting ongoing ORV use in WSAs and the benefits towilderness values from limiting such access, and complete a thorough analysis of eachalternative.

Comment Number: 000000121-4

Organization: The Wilderness SocietyIdaho Conservation League

Commenter: Brad BrooksJohn Robison

Commenter Type: Environmental Protection Association

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

We would encourage the Four RiversFO to designate routes for motor vehicle use through the land use planning process, as theFO will be many years away from route designation if the BLM waits until it finishes theRMP process. Waiting until such time will ensure that route proliferation and resourcedamage from unauthorized off-road vehicle use will continue. The BLM must do morethan maintain the status quo.

Comment Number: 000000134-13

Organization: Western Watersheds Project (WWP)

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Association

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Restrict OHV use to designated routes under a closed unless posted open policy, andprohibit cross country travel by ORVs;

Comment Number: 000000158-4
Organization: Idaho Department of Lands
Commenter: Kurt Houston
Commenter Type: State Government
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Travel Management and/or Administrative designations that may inhibit management of endowment lands in situations where access is gained by going through BLM holdings or where endowment land is adjacent to or intermixed with BLM holdings. Additional management and mitigation issues arise as well from "spill-over" due to restrictions that may be placed on BLM roads/trails.

Comment Number: 000000158-6
Organization: Idaho Department of Lands
Commenter: Kurt Houston
Commenter Type: State Government
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Travel Management - BLM's management of OHV/OSV activity has a direct correlation to the potential impact on endowment lands. "Spill-over" activities on Endowment lands from areas that may be restricted by BLM are common and very costly. The mitigation required to address damaged rangeland and forest areas is unending. The cause of vehicular damage comes from 4-wheeling, mud bogging and cross-country travel. Every effort should be made to develop a "win-win" scenario for management of these locations.

Section 1.1 - Non Motorized Use

Total Number of Submissions: 7

Total Number of Comments: 8

Comment Number: 000000009-2
Organization: NACFA
Commenter: Alasya West
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Non-motorized recreation because there is plenty of motorized recreation north of the Eagle

Comment Number: 000000009-5
Organization: NACFA
Commenter: Alasya West
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Not allow new roads that would bisect the BLM parcels North of Eagle on either side of Willow Creek Road. The one BLM parcel west of Willow Creek Road is long and open for Equestrian use and would not be safe for riding if there were road crossings.

Comment Number: 000000029-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Even allowing ATV's and other motorized vehicles in the BLM designated areas [curlew ACEC] is a travesty.

Comment Number: 000000030-4
Organization:
Commenter: Ralph Erb
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

to allow QUIET, LOWPOWERED, MOPED typeaccess.A Moped, by definition, must also be capable of being HUMAN PEDAL POWERED. Such a defintion ofavehicle would eliminate ALL the objectionable high powered (read capable ofdamage to the ecology) types ofmotorcycles, four wheelers, jeeps etc.

Comment Number: 000000066-1
Organization:
Commenter: Linda Hamilton
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

It is essential that equestrian areas not be shard with motorized vehicles because horses are spooked and injuries could occur

Comment Number: 000000107-1
Organization:
Commenter: Joan, Ken Langdon
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Since the Eagle Comprehensive Plan 4wd users and shooters have increased and ATVs are making new roeats and testing on steep slopes (Hartly area).

Comment Number: 000000131-1
Organization: NACFA
Commenter: Alasya West
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

We are grateful to the Little Family and McLeod family for allowing us to recreate with non-motorized use for decades in these foothills. We are vitally concerned about conserving total acreages in this area of the BLM and State lands for public, non-motorized use in the future.

Comment Number: 000000152-1

Organization:

Commenter: Julie Masner

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Non-motorized recreation because there is plenty of motorized recreation north of the Eagle Foothills and motorized use does not go well with horses, dogs, and hikers and is

Section 1.2 - Motorized Use

Total Number of Submissions: 12

Total Number of Comments: 12

Comment Number: 000000010-9

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Scoping Meeting Notes

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Jim pointed out the OHV conflict, but didn't want closure, so much as a collaborative process to work out the issues, such as on the Willow Creek allotments.

Comment Number: 000000013-1

Organization: Boise Ridge Riders

Commenter: Barbara Poston

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

We believe we need to have an emphasis on increased motorized use on our public lands.

Comment Number: 000000035-1

Organization:

Commenter: Robert Kratt/Johanna Kratt

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

My wife and I ride trail motorcycles (on the trails) and enjoy the opportunity to ride through the open space.

Comment Number: 000000098-1

Organization:

Commenter: Barbara Albiston
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Most environmental damage is done by OHVs

Comment Number: 000000102-1
Organization:
Commenter: Barbara Albiston
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

OHV use is damaging allotments inthe Emmett area. What recourse do permittees have?

Comment Number: 000000114-10
Organization: EPA
Commenter: Teresa Kubo
Commenter Type: Federal Government
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

The impacts from recreation and access should be analyzed and reported in the EIS.Impacts such as those from off road vehicle use result in habitat destruction, increasedsedimentation to water bodies, noise and air pollution. The EIS should disclose all impactsassociated with such activities and describe what actions will be taken to manage recreationaland accessibility opportunities in the project area.

Comment Number: 000000121-16
Organization: The Wilderness SocietyIdaho Conservation League
Commenter: Brad BrooksJohn Robison
Commenter Type: Environmental Protection Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

As a threshold matter, we would like to emphasize that continued motorized use in WSAscan damage wilderness suitability and therefore should be prohibited under both theinterim management policy and the ORV regulations. Further, the use of ORVs andincreases in their use would be inconsistent with VRM Class I. All motorized ways inWSAs should be closed and restored. In order to comply with the IMP, if any motorizedways are retained, then designations should refer only to "ways."

Comment Number: 000000123-2
Organization:
Commenter: Robert Niccolls
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Another major thrust should be to protect BLM's lands from degradation by the encroachment of roads used for other than BLM management and safety needs such as fire protection and, if necessary, suppression.

Comment Number: 000000125-2

Organization:

Commenter: Patricia Minkiewicz

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Ban motorized use in the foothills

Comment Number: 000000128-1

Organization:

Commenter: Karen Niederhut

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

No motorized use in foothills.

Comment Number: 000000147-2

Organization: V Dot Cattle Company

Commenter: Jim Little

Commenter Type: Livestock Company

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

regards to OHV use, we have had to repair some serious erosion damage as the result of improper OHV use during spring runoff. It makes no difference whether the damage occurs on private or public lands, the end result is the same. In the case of the damage referenced above, I was the one that had to take a bulldozer in and fill in the damaged roadways and re build the erosion cutoffs that they had cut through. We need a better way to educate and/or shut out the OHVs during these critical time frames.

Comment Number: 000000158-3

Organization: Idaho Department of Lands

Commenter: Kurt Houston

Commenter Type: State Government

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Unauthorized use of endowment land is generally seen in the form of vehicular use [4-wheeling, mud bogging and cross-country travel] and OHV trails/ruts that result in excessive damage to the land. Mitigation requirements tend to increase on endowment lands when adjacent BLM land has heavy recreational use that tends to "spillover" onto adjacent endowment land.

Section 1.2.1 - Necessity of motorized play areas

Total Number of Submissions: 3

Total Number of Comments: 4

Comment Number: 000000008-2

Organization:

Commenter: Carl Bloomquist

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

OHV use in Southwest Idaho is growing and there needs to be places where people can ride. Even undeveloped, informal areas and trailheads are very valuable, particularly open-play areas.

Comment Number: 000000010-14

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Scoping Meeting Notes

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

There was interest in getting more OHV play areas designated in this county to take pressure off other, more sensitive, lands.

Comment Number: 000000010-3

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Scoping Meeting Notes

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

One possible solution is designating more than the 6 "Open Play areas (sacrifice zones) and then enforcing against off-trail use elsewhere.

Comment Number: 000000119-1

Organization:

Commenter: Chris Leverenz

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Expand the weiser sand dunes play area into the adjacent allotment that is not being grazed.

Section 1.2.2 - Maintain existing road and trail system

Total Number of Submissions: 3

Total Number of Comments: 3

Comment Number: 000000008-1

Organization:

Commenter: Carl Bloomquist

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

am mainly concerned with keeping roads, trails, and areas available for OHV recreation.

Comment Number: 000000013-3
Organization: Boise Ridge Riders
Commenter: Barbara Poston
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Let's keep our public lands open for the enjoyment of the public - including the motorized community.

Comment Number: 000000095-1
Organization:
Commenter: Peter Humm
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

I want to see all existing 2-track roads and or trails open to motorized use.

Section 1.3 - Consistency with other agencies

Total Number of Submissions: 1

Total Number of Comments: 1

Comment Number: 000000008-3
Organization:
Commenter: Carl Bloomquist
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

I think it is important that these agencies coordinate with each other on their respective travel plans so that there is consistency in what kinds of use is allowed on the various areas and roads that connect lands managed by different agencies

Section 2 - Access

Total Number of Submissions: 3

Total Number of Comments: 3

Comment Number: 000000030-2
Organization:
Commenter: Ralph Erb
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

For example, there now in no way I know of to access BLM land East of Highway 16 and West of the Pearle/Eagleroad because of development of property along Hwy 16. I believe it is a breach of the Public Trust Doctrine if BLM does not insure some access/entry routes to BLM land so that the land does not get land locked.

Comment Number: 000000104-2

Organization: BLM/Boise District Office

Commenter: Barbara E. Albiston

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

2. BLM needs to evaluate access to public lands in the Emmett area since some access into public lands are being fenced by adjacent private land owners.

Comment Number: 000000107-3

Organization:

Commenter: Joan, Ken Langdon

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Foothills access should be planned carefully so the "land does not suffer from over use"

Section 3 - Wildlife Habitat

Total Number of Submissions: 8

Total Number of Comments: 9

Comment Number: 000000003-3

Organization:

Commenter: bruniedog@tamarack-ranch.com

Commenter Type:

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000006-1

Organization:

Commenter: byronnelson@bigplanet.com

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000067-4

Organization:

Commenter: camillar@bitsmart.net
Commenter Type:
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Please preserve the foothill areas north of Star and Middleton for bird and wildlife sanctuaries!

Comment Number: 000000091-5
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

I believe that it is important for the area to maintain open space and provide for a wildlife sanctuary.

Comment Number: 000000122-1
Organization:
Commenter: Jean Olson
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

It is important to preserve open wilderness areas around Boise, Eagle and Emmett for wildlife

Comment Number: 000000123-1
Organization:
Commenter: Robert Niccolls
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Overall, our primary interest is in maintaining areas of large size to allow support and passage of native animals, large and small, and native habitat to the extent possible.

Comment Number: 000000134-10
Organization: Western Watersheds Project (WWP)
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Important migration corridors between summer and winter ranges for wildlife should be identified and receive a high priority for protection and improvement.

Comment Number: 000000134-12
Organization: Western Watersheds Project (WWP)

Commenter:
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Most importantly, the BLM should manage these areas to maintain and restore the large expanses of unbroken sagebrush and other native shrubs and grasses that are so vital to the overall health of the region and its species.

Comment Number: 000000153-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

We pay taxes to support our open lands, so let's leave them open for public use and the wildlife to grow and for us to enjoy.

Section 3.1 - RMP should protect winter range

Total Number of Submissions: 1

Total Number of Comments: 1

Comment Number: 000000008-6
Organization:
Commenter: Carl Bloomquist
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

a lot of the Four-Rivers area provides good winter range for deer and elk, and that range is compromised by development

Section 4 - Fire Management

Total Number of Submissions: 2

Total Number of Comments: 2

Comment Number: 000000154-1
Organization:
Commenter: J.R. King
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

I own Timberlands adjoining a small stand apart BLM Parcel. I have concerns for Fire Safety and the proper stewardship of remote Timberlands.

Comment Number: 000000158-9
Organization: Idaho Department of Lands
Commenter: Kurt Houston

Commenter Type: State Government
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Fire Management - Full suppression is the expected response for endowment lands. Appropriate Management Response (AMR), other than full suppression, would need to be negotiated on an Area specific basis.

Section 5 - Economics

Total Number of Submissions: 2

Total Number of Comments: 2

Comment Number: 000000055-2

Organization:

Commenter: Ted Hoffman

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

The economic viability of permittees is more likely to affect the BLM and their activities in the next 20 years than ever before. The financial and administrative and litigaive pressures on permittees should be discussed as well as the impact on the BLM workload , adjacent or nearby BLM land, and the goals of BLM programs if ranches are sold out of agricultural hands.

Comment Number: 000000101-1

Organization:

Commenter: Morris D. Huffman

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Consider timber and juniper as sources of biomass in the revised plan as a source of economic benefit to the BLM and biomass users.

Section 6 - Visual

Total Number of Submissions: 1

Total Number of Comments: 1

Comment Number: 000000121-15

Organization: The Wilderness Society Idaho Conservation League

Commenter: Brad Brooks John Robison

Commenter Type: Environmental Protection Association

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

BLM is also required to manage WSAs as Visual Resource Management (VRM) Class I. The object of VRM Class I is "to preserve the existing character of the landscape" and management is so that the "level of change to the characteristic landscape should be very low and must not attract attention" See, BLM official Visual Resource Management information website at: <http://www.blm.gov/nstc/VRM/vrmsys.html>.

Section 7 - Land Tenure Adjustments*Total Number of Submissions: 19**Total Number of Comments: 22*

Comment Number: 000000003-2**Organization:****Commenter:** bruniedog@tamarack-ranch.com**Commenter Type:****Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**Do not support a land swap for development

Comment Number: 000000004-1**Organization:****Commenter:** alarmstar@q.com**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**Do not support a land swap for development

Comment Number: 000000007-1**Organization:****Commenter:****Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**Do not support a land swap for development

Comment Number: 000000009-1**Organization:** NACFA**Commenter:** Alasya West**Commenter Type:** Association**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**Provide and retain the land that BLM owns for the public's recreation use in the Eagle Foothills.

Comment Number: 000000009-6**Organization:** NACFA**Commenter:** Alasya West**Commenter Type:** Association**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Block up portions to benefit the public because there would be more continuous space that could be used for recreation and would be compatible with equestrian and other non-motorized uses.?? Have linkage and connectivity between pieces of BLM land that would provide connectivity to an extensive trail and open space system.

Comment Number: 000000011-1**Organization:****Commenter:****Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

Do not support a land swap for development

Comment Number: 000000015-1**Organization:****Commenter:** Erika Malmen**Commenter Type:** Undetermined Organization**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

that the BLM identify in the RMP for disposal five small,isolated federal parcels that are surrounded by privately-owned lands near Horseshoe Bend,Idaho.

Comment Number: 000000030-3**Organization:****Commenter:** Ralph Erb**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

I can see no reason why BLM would be selling offANYpublic land

Comment Number: 000000035-2**Organization:****Commenter:** Robert KrattJohanna Kratt**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

Occasionally, we will meet someone on horseback or just walking through the area. It certainly is appreciated by many and hope we can encourage you and the others maintaining the BLM lands that to allow it to remain available to all of us.

Comment Number: 000000047-1**Organization:****Commenter:****Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:**

Comment Category:**Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

As a resident of Star, I appreciate the BLM asking for input from those who might be affected by the plan. I would like to see BLM set aside approximately 1 to 2 acres for a Fire station in this area if this land swap is going to happen. This area would be a target area for a substation.

Comment Number: 000000057-1**Organization:** Land Trust of the Treasure Valley**Commenter:** Tim M. Breuer**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

We believe that our public lands should be used to increase the public benefit of natural open space, habitat and recreation opportunities.

Comment Number: 000000057-3**Organization:** Land Trust of the Treasure Valley**Commenter:** Tim M. Breuer**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

If the growth in the Treasure Valley is increasing the demand for and value of dispersed public lands, we believe this inherent value should be used to soften the impacts from intense growth pressure by using public lands in a manner that creates a significant increase in public values through open space habitat and recreation.

Comment Number: 000000063-2**Organization:****Commenter:** Jeff Canfield**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

I am very much opposed to selling public land.

Comment Number: 000000078-5**Organization:****Commenter:** Dawn M. Mante**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

Public lands need to remain Public or have equal area compensated if you must do a swap.

Comment Number: 000000099-2**Organization:** M3 Companies

Commenter: Urald M. Robbins
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Our plan is to either (i) work with the BLM to exchange a portion of our 6000 acres for the 815 acre BLM parcel located adjacent to SH16 or (ii) donate M3 lands adjacent to Willow Creek Rd. to the proposed park pursuant to our Pre-Annexation and Development Agreement approved by the city and recorded on December 27, 2007. Thus under either scenario, the park would provide a continuous area of land extending from Highway 16 almost to Highway 55, a distance of about 7.5 miles. We hope the plan revision will reflect our desire to complete the exchange as well as the desires of the city in this regard and allow for a prompt acquisition of these lands through the Recreational and Public Purposes Act.

Comment Number: 000000108-2
Organization:
Commenter: bogeymn@idahinrichs.com
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Do not support a land swap for development

Comment Number: 000000112-3
Organization:
Commenter: Julie Masner
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

The total open space in the foothills should not be diminished through land tenure adjustments

Comment Number: 000000121-7
Organization: The Wilderness Society Idaho Conservation League
Commenter: Brad Brooks John Robison
Commenter Type: Environmental Protection Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

In light of present circumstances, BLM should review the previous plans and decisions and look at future land tenure decisions with an eye towards providing adequate open space for the growing public, maintaining key viewsheds and taking into consideration new proposals for open space and trails and special management areas.

Comment Number: 000000127-1
Organization:
Commenter: ED Camp & Family
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Our primary concern is the trading of BLM land, realizing condensing small parcels of BLM land that are isolated make sense.

Comment Number: 000000135-1

Organization:

Commenter: Carl Damman

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

BLM should retain T18N R2E S4;9 or exchange with the Forest Service. This parcel should remain under federal jurisdiction because it is a west facing sagebrush area with timber stringers that provide winter and spring habitat for deer and elk. The are is known as Meadows Hill and provides scenic value form hwy 55

Comment Number: 000000158-2

Organization: Idaho Department of Lands

Commenter: Kurt Houston

Commenter Type: State Government

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Will this RMP use an "adjustment zone" approach for land tenure? Currently, the Four Rivershas proposed Land Tenure Maps that identify adjustment zones, rather than specific listings of sites by Township and Range.

Comment Number: 000000158-8

Organization: Idaho Department of Lands

Commenter: Kurt Houston

Commenter Type: State Government

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Land Tenure Adjustment - One of the areas where BLM and IDL have similar concerns is that of efficient management of the lands each agency is responsible for - in this case "blocking" of management areas to increase efficiency and reduce some of the inherent conflicts that arise from the unique mission of each agency. The "checker board" or "quilt block" ownership patterns present challenges for both agencies. Securing or improving legal access to endowment lands as well as the potential for both traditional [grazing] and non-traditional [transition to residential/commercial/industrial in areas impacted by the path of growth and development] revenue generation are the key concerns associated with this issue. In cases where endowment lands have specialized management needs that do not support the IDL mission [such as a special status species], a change in ownership would be an appropriate action. This may be a change in ownership to BLM or other more appropriate agency. Land tenure adjustments historically have occurred in the form of land exchanges between IDL and BLM. As development pressure continues to grow within the RMP study area it becomes increasingly challenging for IDL and BLM to agree on lands to be exchanged that will fulfill the distinct mission of each agency. Development of a standard approach to BLM/IDL land exchanges that addresses criteria, cost sharing, and overall process would be helpful for all parties involved.

Section 7.1 - trades or Acquire for connectivity

Total Number of Submissions: 13

Total Number of Comments: 13

Comment Number: 000000001-1
Organization: Idaho Department of Lands
Commenter: Sheldon Keafer
Commenter Type: State Government
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

The Idaho Department of Lands desires to have lanugage in the plan that paves the way for significant land exchange with the BLM. To reduce costs and for ease of management we desire to block up our holdings and for these blocks to be in nearer proximity to our filed offices.

Comment Number: 000000008-5
Organization:
Commenter: Carl Bloomquist
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

areas that are useful to the public and provide an opportunity for public use should be retained in public ownership.

Comment Number: 000000033-2
Organization:
Commenter: Robert H. West
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Dispose of small land locked parcels either by trade or sale to “block-up” the larger parcels

Comment Number: 000000057-10
Organization: Land Trust of the Treasure Valley
Commenter: Tim M. Breuer
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Identify dispersed BLM lands that can be used in land exchange opportunities, by working with conservation groups, local citizens and local community leaders.

Comment Number: 000000082-5
Organization: IWRRI
Commenter: Deborah Wold
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Block up portions to benefit the public because there would be more continuous space that could be used for recreation
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and would be compatible with equestrian and other non-motorized uses.

Comment Number: 000000093-1

Organization:

Commenter: Janie Heath

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Acquire and maintain contiguous parcels of BLM lands for public, non-motorized recreational use to create a first class trail system.

Comment Number: 000000112-2

Organization:

Commenter: Julie Masner

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

It is important to block up smaller BLM parcels to make a large contiguous area

Comment Number: 000000117-1

Organization:

Commenter: Barbara McGann

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Please block up small BLM parcels into one block that connects to the M3 Willow Creek trailhead.

Comment Number: 000000118-2

Organization:

Commenter: Robert Ellis

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Block up BLM lands in the foothills

Comment Number: 000000121-1

Organization: The Wilderness Society Idaho Conservation League

Commenter: Brad Brooks John Robison

Commenter Type: Environmental Protection Association

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

The land managed by the BLM in the Boise Front and surrounding areas are an integral part of the way of life for

Idahoans and those that come to enjoy all that Idaho has to enjoy. Although these landscapes may seem like fragmented parcels, they are islands of refuge for the citizens that live here, and the BLM should not focus on trading or selling these invaluable pieces of public land, but rather on acquiring more land for open space.

Comment Number: 000000146-1

Organization:

Commenter: Jim Banducci

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

My comments are to the M3 development in the foothills north of Eagle. The area has been used for public recreation for years and I would like to see it continued as much as possible. I believe the BLM has the opportunity to buy, sell or trade properties in the area so there can be an area left that would be very usable by the public for some types of recreation. I feel it is an opportunity, thru trades, to take what is now small BLM pieces and put them together into a larger more usable and manageable piece.

Comment Number: 000000159-1

Organization: NACFANACFA

Commenter: Katherine Pennisi Steve Purvis

Commenter Type: Association

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

We strongly support trades of isolated or more commercially accessible parcels outside of this area to build larger wildlife corridors and enhanced connectivity of for the large community of people from all over the Treasure Valley who use these foothills for equestrian, hiking and other outdoor recreation.

Comment Number: 000000162-1

Organization: Hoff Companies, Inc.

Commenter: Brian Hoff

Commenter Type:

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

1. T.6N, R.3E. Sect. 21 NESE: 40 acre timbered parcel currently owned by BLM. Due to the isolation and inaccessibility of this parcel, it has not historically been managed by the BLM. The trees on this parcel have been affected by insects and disease. This parcel lies within Hoff Timber Land ownership and would be better served and managed as a long-term resource if it were included in Hoff's timberland management plan. 2. T.6N, R.3E. Sect. 21 N ½ NW: 80 acre partially timbered land currently owned by BLM. This parcel like the other land owned in this section (outlined in Item 1 above) is isolated and inaccessible and would be better managed if it could be included in Hoff's timberland management plan. 3. T.6N, R.3E. Sect: 20: BLM owns 240 acres of land in this section. This land is steep, rocky, and inaccessible. Hoff would have an interest in this parcel. 4. T.9N, R.4E. Sect. 30 Lots 5, 8, E ½ SW: 140 acre parcel owned by Hoff. This property is located on the south side of the Payette River. Historically Hoff had access to this property via a bridge that was abandoned and dismantled many years ago. Although this parcel is "off the beaten path" for Hoff, it is completely encapsulated by BLM ownership and with the river frontage would be a great addition for the BLM due to the high public use and recreation values. 5. T.8N, R.3E. Section 9 W ½ NE, SENE 120 acres Section 10 SWNW 40 acres Section 13 SWSW 40 acres Section 23 NENE 40 acres Section 24 W ½ NW 80 acres These parcels of timberland are currently owned by Hoff but would make more sense to be transferred to the BLM due to their proximity to other BLM ownership and public recreation values.

Section 7.2 - disposal for personal benefit*Total Number of Submissions: 5**Total Number of Comments: 6*

Comment Number: 000000010-10**Organization:****Commenter:****Commenter Type:** Scoping Meeting Notes**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

? Lane Joliffe reported an interest in acquiring 40 acres of BLM land for an expansion of the Veteran's cemetery and the Eagle velodrome park.

Comment Number: 000000010-2**Organization:****Commenter:****Commenter Type:** Scoping Meeting Notes**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

One landowner wants to purchase the BLM land bordering the river.

Comment Number: 000000051-1**Organization:****Commenter:** Stephen M. Walden**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

Subject Parcel adjacent to mine off of Flat Creek Rd. (Donnelly)I am interested in a parcel of BLM land which lays adjacent to mine on the north side of my 370 acres. I believe it is a 20 acre parcel over which I have access to get to my ranch and home.

Comment Number: 000000130-1**Organization:****Commenter:** Doug Craven**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

This land should be available for disposal because it is small, unmanageable and void of natural resources.

Comment Number: 000000155-1**Organization:****Commenter:** Karen Dolven**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:**

Comment Category:**Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

My public comment is in regard to the two parcels of BLM that lie directly East of Gulch Road in New Plymouth. Several other parcels in the area were recently offered for sale to the public and I would suggest that these two parcels also be considered for sale. The smaller parcel of 240+/- acres is currently divided by Gulch Road with a small slice of it being on the West side of Gulch road where it is currently boarded on the remaining three sides by private land. The remainder of this parcel and the larger parcel of 400 +/- directly to the east of it are also boarded by private land.

Comment Number: 125-1**Organization:** Perkins Coie**Commenter:** Erika E. Malmen**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

Sands' comments are to request that the BLM identify in the RMP for disposal five small, isolated federal parcels that are surrounded by privately-owned lands near Horseshoe Bend, Idaho. These parcels and their location are shown on the maps attached as Exhibit A to this letter.

Section 7.3 - disposal or acquire criteria*Total Number of Submissions: 16**Total Number of Comments: 22***Comment Number:** 000000015-2**Organization:****Commenter:** Erika Malmen**Commenter Type:** Undetermined Organization**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

Presently there is virtually no public use of these parcels due to their isolation from other federal lands, lack of public access and the residential character of surrounding lands. The parcels' value for present and any future public uses is severely limited by the residential development of surrounding lands and lack of access. Boundary maintenance and other administration is difficult for the same reasons. These parcels are located on the slope of a grassy hill typical of the area and have no riparian or other particularly unique or valuable ecological or other public interest values.

Comment Number: 000000033-5**Organization:****Commenter:** Robert H. West**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

BLM should maintain ownership of the land as they are less susceptible to local political problems.

Comment Number: 000000041-1**Organization:** Agriculture and Natural Resources**Commenter:** Layne Bangerter**Commenter Type:** Federal Government

Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Please give any such applications full consideration under existing provisions of law as you develop the new RMP. Although most of the DLE lands suitable under this program have without question been defined, there appears to be some remaining lands that would fit this program and be of benefit to the State and our constituents

Comment Number: 000000057-2
Organization: Land Trust of the Treasure Valley
Commenter: Tim M. Breuer
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

We would like to see a set of criteria developed that is reflective of local and regional open space values that can help objectively measure the future of certain public lands, especially dispersed tracts that can be difficult to administer.

Comment Number: 000000057-5
Organization: Land Trust of the Treasure Valley
Commenter: Tim M. Breuer
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

An open space priority overlay map was created [Ada County, an Open Space Task Force] with the following recommendations: - The Open Space Overlay will serve as the acquisition area where public land ownership is intended to increase and where current public lands are desired to be retained.

Comment Number: 000000057-6
Organization: Land Trust of the Treasure Valley
Commenter: Tim M. Breuer
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Public lands outside of the Open Space Overlay area should be considered for possible disposal in order to acquire higher priority open space within the Overlay areas, consistent with the public land managing agency's mission.

Comment Number: 000000057-9
Organization: Land Trust of the Treasure Valley
Commenter: Tim M. Breuer
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Avoid taking the broad stance that BLM should not hold lands in the urban front country. It is this area that open space will become of greater public value as the inevitability of growth takes hold throughout Southwest Idaho.

Comment Number: 000000063-3

Organization:

Commenter: Jeff Canfield

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

I believe that public -land interspersed with private land provides valuable wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Comment Number: 000000070-1

Organization:

Commenter: Steve Moore

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Preserve connectivity of public land in the Eagle foothills.

Comment Number: 000000078-3

Organization:

Commenter: Dawn M. Mante

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

If you are going to swap land please keep in mind that contiguous acreage is more user friendly, Also, please keep the value of land swaps correct not just acres for acres.

Comment Number: 000000087-2

Organization: Southwest Idaho Trail & Distance Riders and Friends of Weiser River Trail and

Commenter: Dot Wiggins

Commenter Type: Association

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Land trades would be great if they united isolated sections without losing public access and acreage .

Comment Number: 000000099-1

Organization: M3 Companies

Commenter: Urald M. Robbins

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

As the plan revision moves forward, we urge you to address questions related to land tenure in a way that allows for

future BLM acquisition of key tracts that will help provide recreation and open space, as well as disposal of isolated, difficult to manage tracts which may be best traded or sold for lands with higher public values.

Comment Number: 000000103-1
Organization: BLM/Boise District Office
Commenter: Barbara E. Albiston
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

From Tony Jones, "Save the Plateau.....BLM should work well in advance of proposed development to seek opportunities to exchange or acquire desirable lands, BEFORE development is underway.

Comment Number: 000000104-1
Organization: BLM/Boise District Office
Commenter: Barbara E. Albiston
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

1. BLM should retain lands close to the cities of Eagle and Star to provide educational opportunities for the local public schools. Lands are important close to these cities because of logistical problems with getting students to the field long distances from their schools.

Comment Number: 000000121-10
Organization: The Wilderness Society/Idaho Conservation League
Commenter: Brad Brooks/John Robison
Commenter Type: Environmental Protection Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

BLM should identify parcels of land that would expand, not detract, from the amount of open space in the Boise Front and beyond.

Comment Number: 000000121-8
Organization: The Wilderness Society/Idaho Conservation League
Commenter: Brad Brooks/John Robison
Commenter Type: Environmental Protection Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

However, the BLM must retain land near sensitive and ecologically important areas, including those within existing or proposed ACECs or other special management areas, and including specifically those lands identified in our Special Management Areas proposal. Lands identified in new citizen proposals for open space and/or other special management that include lands not owned by BLM should be given priority for acquisition.

Comment Number: 000000134-16
Organization: Western Watersheds Project (WWP)
Commenter:

Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

We emphasize the need to not dispose of threatened, endangered or sensitive fish and wildlife habitats. It is critical that the BLM maintain wetlands and riparian habitat. Crucial winter range for big game should be maintained also. Strutting/dancing and nesting grounds for sage grouse should be maintained in public ownership as well. There should be no lands within ACECs traded away either.

Comment Number: 000000134-17
Organization: Western Watersheds Project (WWP)
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Land use plans generally identify acquisition needs by establishing criteria to use in evaluating land acquisition opportunities. The criteria should encompass opportunities that may arise from future exchange, purchase, and donation proposals. Plans may also establish criteria for support needs associated with opportunities for the acquisition of interests in land, such as acquiring access easements and water rights needed for implementing the plan's objectives and decisions.

Comment Number: 000000134-18
Organization: Western Watersheds Project (WWP)
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

The Handbook fails to give any explicit criteria that should be utilized when determining which lands to pursue acquisition of. So here is a list of lands that we believe should be given a high priority for acquisition:

- important wildlife winter range
- wetlands
- native fish habitat
- threatened and endangered species habitat
- FLPMA, Section 203 or 206
- un-roaded lands
- lands within or next to WSAs or ACECs

Lands that are of a low priority for acquisition:

- lands that have been managed poorly by private landowner and have soil health problems, noxious weeds, high road density and other impacts that would require immediate expenditure of funds to restore.

Comment Number: 000000149-1
Organization: NACFA
Commenter: John Petrovsky
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Emphasis should be placed on preservation/acquisition of large, contiguous parcels of natural open space, both to facilitate BLM management of the lands and to ensure connectivity for wildlife and recreation users. Small, isolated parcels should be first considered for sale/exchange. The acreage dedicated to these purposes should, wherever practical, adjoin private property for which owners have committed to public uses, even if limited, for recreation/trail purposes.

- Within this context, care should be taken so as not to foreclose future potential

for connectivity east to the Boise Foothills and west to the area north of Star. • To the maximum extent possible, the November 2007 Eagle Foothills comp plan amendment (particularly the open space and trails overlay)

Comment Number: 000000150-2

Organization:

Commenter: Julie Burkhardt

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

I also think the BLM needs to continue to dispose of small tracts of scattered parcels. In Adams and Washington Counties for example, there are numerous small, scattered tracts that make more sense to be in private ownership. I am aware that some parcels were sold recently in this area. I encourage the continued practice of selling these lands.

Comment Number: 000000156-1

Organization:

Commenter: Karen Luke

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

It is important to "block up" the smaller BLM parcels to make a large contiguous area to the existing almost 2000 acres that BLM has in two large sections - mostly along the foothills where we are using the trails M3 owns the trailhead at Willow Creek and has graciously permitted us to use it for the use of these two sections of BLM.

Section 8 - Preserve Open Space

Total Number of Submissions: 44

Total Number of Comments: 44

Comment Number: 000000004-2

Organization:

Commenter: alarmstar@q.com

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000008-4

Organization:

Commenter: Carl Bloomquist

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

out-of-control development Southwest Idaho has seen in recent years, public lands are a very valuable resource, simply as open space and areas where people can hike, target-shoot, hunt, and use OHVs.

Comment Number: 000000009-4

Organization: NACFA
Commenter: Alasya West
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

?? Maintain a "hands off" policy of natural open space if the BLM land is managed by the BLM or for whoever manages it.

Comment Number: 000000011-4
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000014-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000016-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000017-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000018-3
Organization:

Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000020-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000024-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000026-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
- Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000027-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000028-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000029-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000032-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
- Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000034-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000038-1
Organization:
Commenter: Rodney Maves
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
The real beauty is that mountain bikers, hikers, horse and dog people alike can occupy the same area and cohabitait with little or no conflict. I am very interested in the fate of our foothills and ask that you preserve this treasure for future generations.

Comment Number: 000000042-1
Organization:
Commenter: Russ Smerz
Commenter Type: Undetermined Organization

Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

BLM land directly north of the Hillsdale area. (You knew that was coming) Without going into detail on their reasons it comes down to the preservation of the wildlife and recreational area.

Comment Number: 000000045-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000046-1
Organization: Southwest Idaho Trail and Distance Riders
Commenter: Skyla Stewart
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

We need to save the foothills, once they are gone it is FOREVER! The Boise and surrounding areas are out of control with growth, what was once enjoyed by all has become the domain of the few. The foothills must be saved for all.

Comment Number: 000000048-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000049-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000050-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000054-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000060-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
- Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000064-1
Organization:
Commenter: Bob Kratt
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
It certainly is appreciated by many and hope we can encourage you and the others maintaining the BLM lands that to allow it to remain available to all of us. I wanted to ensure you that it is appreciated and we would like to work with you to keep it natural and clean.

Comment Number: 000000067-2
Organization:
Commenter: camillar@bitSMART.net
Commenter Type:
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
- Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000076-3
Organization:
Commenter: Corey Watson
Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000077-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000083-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000088-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000089-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
- Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000091-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000115-1

Organization:

Commenter: Marva Wertz

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Preserve open space for horse riding

Comment Number: 000000122-2

Organization:

Commenter: Jean Olson

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Preserve foothills open space

Comment Number: 000000125-1

Organization:

Commenter: Patricia Minkiewicz

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Preserve the natural state of the foothills

Comment Number: 000000137-2

Organization:

Commenter: gfisher5@msn.com

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000138-3

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000139-2

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000140-1

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000145-3

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000148-3

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000157-1

Organization:

Commenter: Karyn Felix

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

I understand that "trades" of private land for BLM land are being considered/used to help ensure the continued public
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use of this valuable and cherished area. Please be sure that in doing so, we do not compromise the amount of open space we so enjoy. Please be sure that the public spaces are contiguous to one another and please also be sure that "true" land values are considered in the computation process when determining the "equity" of trades.

Comment Number: 000000160-3

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support preservation as natural habitat area

Section 9 - Vegetation

No comments are associated with this issue.

Section 9.1 - Weeds

Total Number of Submissions: 6

Total Number of Comments: 6

Comment Number: 000000010-13

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Scoping Meeting Notes

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

The weed coordinator would like to see BLM devote more effort to control of noxious weeds like leafy spurge. He thinks goats have been of limited usefulness in Washington County. Says you must graze off the weed every year before you weaken the extensive root system. Also noted problems with some biocontrol agents in this part of Idaho.

Comment Number: 000000114-9

Organization: EPA

Commenter: Teresa Kubo

Commenter Type: Federal Government

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

The DEIS should contain measures that are consistent with Executive Order 13112 on Invasive Species. We suggest including any existing BLM direction for noxious weed management, a description of current conditions, and best management practices that will be utilized to address invasives. Of particular concern are impacts to the greater sagebrush ecosystem resulting from cheatgrass invasion and the expansion of pinyon-juniper woodlands. The DEIS should also discuss measures that would be implemented to reduce the likelihood of introduction and spread of invasive species with the proposed management activities

Comment Number: 000000124-1

Organization:

Commenter: Dave Klaw

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:**Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

"I would like to see the BLM take a more physically active role in the fight against noxious weeds." Concerning efforts on small but widely scattered leafy spurge, rush skeletonweed near private lands, and small populations of knapweeds and poison hemlock.

Comment Number: 000000136-1**Organization:****Commenter:** Tom Vogel**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

BLM needs to do a better job on post-fire weed management

Comment Number: 000000150-1**Organization:****Commenter:** Julie Burkhardt**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

I think the BLM needs to pay more attention to noxious weed issues overall.

Comment Number: 000000158-5**Organization:** Idaho Department of Lands**Commenter:** Kurt Houston**Commenter Type:** State Government**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds - Since the BLM/IDL ownership is so inter-mixed the concern about invasive species and noxious weeds is similar. The spread of these species/weeds affect the productivity of the rangeland.

Section 9.2 - Forest products*Total Number of Submissions: 1**Total Number of Comments: 1***Comment Number:** 000000010-11**Organization:****Commenter:****Commenter Type:** Scoping Meeting Notes**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

Commissioner Mike Paradis says the county has an interest in continued timber harvest. The salvage harvest this year is keeping the industry in the area going, e.g. the Meadows mill, though it also has cogeneration.

Section 10 - Special Designations*Total Number of Submissions: 3**Total Number of Comments: 3***Comment Number:** 000000119-2**Organization:****Commenter:** Chris Leverenz**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

The Indian head Mountain is greatly admired by the local community and needs to be protected and preserved to its most natural state as possible."

Comment Number: 000000121-2**Organization:** The Wilderness Society Idaho Conservation League**Commenter:** Brad Brooks John Robison**Commenter Type:** Environmental Protection Association**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

the lands in the Four Rivers FO offer high quality recreation opportunities, and the BLM should look at designating special recreation management areas to ensure these recreation opportunities are maintained into the future.

Comment Number: 000000134-14**Organization:** Western Watersheds Project (WWP)**Commenter:****Commenter Type:** Association**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

The RMP revision EIS must examine the WSAs that exist in the Four Rivers Field Office area and determine if it is indeed being managed as the "Interim Policy" requires. All wilderness study areas must be managed in a manner that does not preclude their future designation as Wilderness. At a minimum, the Four Rivers Field Office should take the following step to manage Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs).

Section 10.1 - ACEC Designation and or Management*Total Number of Submissions: 37**Total Number of Comments: 41***Comment Number:** 000000010-5**Organization:****Commenter:****Commenter Type:** Scoping Meeting Notes**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

Fire management important to sharptail grouse management area, as fuel loads are high and hunters drive ATVs

through this area.

Comment Number: 000000011-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000014-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000016-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000017-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000018-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000020-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000026-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000027-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000028-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000031-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000040-1
Organization:

Commenter: Carie NashDona Ong
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

The land in our DLE, described as: T6N, R3W, R2W is ideal for farming which is what we intend to use this land for. We want these parcels to be redesignated as suitable for disposal and compatible with curlews. We feel that the ACEC in this area is unnecessary. Curlews are very comfortable with farm ground.

Comment Number: 000000045-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

- Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000049-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000050-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000052-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000054-1
Organization:

Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
 Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000057-7
Organization: Land Trust of the Treasure Valley
Commenter: Tim M. Breuer
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
 Establish a Rocky Canyon/ Woods Gulch 'Area of Critical Environmental Concern' (ACEC) for the public lands within the Eagle Foothills planning area between Willow Creek Road and Highway 55. This would apply to actions on the public lands and would provide direction to BLM to increase holdings where opportunities may arise. As is the case with ACEC's, this would not preclude any private landowner from developing land under local land use authority. - This area should serve as a focus for conservation, with possible land exchanges and acquisitions playing one part of a multi- pronged strategy to create large blocks of natural open space. - Work with local organizations, landowners and citizens to create a public/ private collaborative management approach for the Eagle Foothills, easing the burden to the BLM of holding lands in the urban front country.

Comment Number: 000000057-8
Organization: Land Trust of the Treasure Valley
Commenter: Tim M. Breuer
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
 Establish the Dry Creek 'Area of Critical Environmental Concern' (ACEC) to include the Dry Creek watershed east of Highway 55. This area is unique in its land forms, natural resource values and recreation opportunities and is seen by many as the jewel of the Foothills. As is the case with ACEC's, this would not preclude any private landowner from developing land under local land use authority.- The Foothills land exchange is a continuation of conservation, assuring that the Dry Creek watershed balances natural open space for wildlife and people with future development. This trend should continue where opportunities arise to protect rare plant populations, trout, critical big game winter range, scenic values and dispersed recreation opportunities. - Acknowledge and support collaborative conservation efforts with organizations, land owners and citizens. - The Land Trust is interested in partnering with the BLM on various projects in this area of the foothills and offers assistance where we can help.

Comment Number: 000000058-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
 - Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000060-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000076-1
Organization:
Commenter: Corey Watson
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
- Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000077-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000081-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type:
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support preservation as natural habitat area

Comment Number: 000000083-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
- Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000086-1
Organization:

Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000088-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000089-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000091-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
- Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000108-1
Organization:
Commenter: bogeymn@idahinrichs.com
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000121-5
Organization: The Wilderness SocietyIdaho Conservation League
Commenter: Brad BrooksJohn Robison
Commenter Type: Environmental Protection Association

Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

The BLM should give prioritization to habitats and species in the FourRivers FO through the designation of ACECs. All suitable habitat for slickspot peppergrass within the FO should be designated as an ACEC to protect this rare and endemic species from going extinct. This species is susceptible to the impacts of grazing and off-road vehicle use, and management prescriptions should exclude these uses from slickspot peppergrass habitat

Comment Number: 000000121-6
Organization: The Wilderness Society Idaho Conservation League
Commenter: Brad Brooks John Robison
Commenter Type: Environmental Protection Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

the BLM should consider designating all crucial sage grouse habitat within the FO as an ACEC. Sage grouse populations have been plummeting west-wide, and the need to protect habitat for this species should be a top priority for the BLM.

Comment Number: 000000134-6
Organization: Western Watersheds Project (WWP)
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

The public lacks the appropriate amount of information to make defensible ACEC nominations across the RMP area. Just over the past decade many issues have arisen that could and should call for designation of ACECs and appropriate management standards within them. The most logical method to approach ACECs is for BLM to develop the critical information in a draft RMP first, and then request ACEC nominations (after adequate information/data is developed).

Comment Number: 000000134-7
Organization: Western Watersheds Project (WWP)
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

We believe a sage grouse ACEC that excludes cattle is appropriate for the Four Rivers Field Office area.

Comment Number: 000000134-8
Organization: Western Watersheds Project (WWP)
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

The BLM must seriously consider designating ACECs for LEPA.

Comment Number: 000000137-1

Organization:

Commenter: gfisher5@msn.com

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000138-1

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000145-2

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

- Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000148-1

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Comment Number: 000000151-1

Organization: Snake River Fish and Wildlife Office

Commenter: Barbara Chaney

Commenter Type: Federal Government

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

We also support the continued protection of Aase's onion and Mulford's milkvetch in the Bureau's designated Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.

Comment Number: 000000160-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Section 10.2 - WSRs

Total Number of Submissions: 1

Total Number of Comments: 1

Comment Number: 000000134-15
Organization: Western Watersheds Project (WWP)
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
We recommend that the following segments on the Four Rivers Field Office be included for Wild and Scenic River Designations: King Hill Creek and the portions of Syrup Creek north of Mountain Home.

Section 10.3 - Foothills SRMA

Total Number of Submissions: 29

Total Number of Comments: 31

Comment Number: 000000006-2
Organization:
Commenter: byronnelson@bigplanet.com
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000011-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000014-2
Organization:
Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000016-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000017-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000018-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000023-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000024-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:

Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000026-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000031-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000032-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000033-1
Organization:
Commenter: Robert H. West
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Please retain the areas for non-motorized recreational use. The area currently has highuse by equestrians, hikers, mountain bikers and dog walker.[BLM land that liesbetween State HWY 16 and 55 and between the City of Eagle]

Comment Number: 000000048-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000049-2

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000056-1

Organization:

Commenter: Timothy Geary

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

BLM will be the biggest target ! This area is worth the effort to make special provisions for. [Little Gulch]

Comment Number: 000000056-2

Organization:

Commenter: Timothy Geary

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Plan for trails to be open, not fenced. Trails should be connected. Right of ways should be purchased [Little Gulch]. No new uses, like shooting and motorized vehicles.

Comment Number: 000000058-2

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000076-2

Organization:

Commenter: Corey Watson

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000077-2

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000082-1

Organization: IWRRI

Commenter: Deborah Wold

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

High equestrian non-motorized area North of Eagle. Please retain the BLM lands for recreational use.

Comment Number: 000000083-2

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000091-2

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000118-3

Organization:

Commenter: Robert Ellis

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Designate the eagle foothills as not motorized use

Comment Number: 000000121-11
Organization: The Wilderness Society/Idaho Conservation League
Commenter: Brad Brooks/John Robison
Commenter Type: Environmental Protection Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

we would recommend that the BLM develop an SRMA that encompasses the entire Boise Front that would be dedicated to promoting and sustaining non-motorized trail opportunities.

Comment Number: 000000121-12
Organization: The Wilderness Society/Idaho Conservation League
Commenter: Brad Brooks/John Robison
Commenter Type: Environmental Protection Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

BLM should adopt a range of SRMAs and management prescriptions which provide adequate opportunities for non-motorized or quiet recreational experiences and are written to enhance the other values that ultimately contribute to the benefits and experiences of the area. Specifically, the BLM should consider designating all of the land it manages in the Boise Front as SRMAs designed to maintain and improve nonmotorized recreation opportunities

Comment Number: 000000138-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000139-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000148-2
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000149-3

Organization: NACFA

Commenter: John Petrovsky

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Traditionally-allowed, non-motorized recreation uses (hiking, equestrian, cycling, dog training) should continue, modified as appropriate (e.g. seasonal or year-round closures, access management) due to wildlife needs or potential for degradation of the land.

Comment Number: 000000160-2

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support recreational use only designation

Comment Number: 000000161-1

Organization:

Commenter: Kelly Winward

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support recreational use only designation

Section 11 - Special Status Species

No comments are associated with this issue.

Section 11.1 - Wildlife

Total Number of Submissions: 1

Total Number of Comments: 1

Comment Number: 000000012-1

Organization:

Commenter: Amber McCormick

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Support protection for Curlew (bird) population

Section 11.2 - Plants

No comments are associated with this issue.

Section 12 - Minerals

No comments are associated with this issue.

Section 13 - Oil and Gas

Total Number of Submissions: 2

Total Number of Comments: 3

Comment Number: 000000010-12

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Scoping Meeting Notes

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Interest was expressed in seeing BLM lands given permissions for oil & gass exploration. Have been rumors of gas deposits since the 1940s and 50s.

Comment Number: 000000021-1

Organization:

Commenter: Linda B. Jones

Commenter Type: Undetermined Organization

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Please include in the scope of the RMP and environmental evaluation for the Four Rivers District, mineral, oil and gas, and geothermal leasing and development, particularly in Washington and PayetteCounties.

Comment Number: 000000021-2

Organization:

Commenter: Linda B. Jones

Commenter Type: Undetermined Organization

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

please include in the scope of the Resource Management Plan and the related Environmental impact statement, mineral, oil and gas, and geothermal leasing in the Four Rivers Field Office area, including, without limitation, Washington and Payette Counties, Idaho.

Section 14 - Cultural

No comments are associated with this issue.

Section 15 - Water

Total Number of Submissions: 2

Total Number of Comments: 6

Comment Number: 000000108-3

Organization:

Commenter: bogeymn@idahinrichs.com

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000114-1

Organization: EPA

Commenter: Teresa Kubo

Commenter Type: Federal Government

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Water quality degradation is one of EPA's primary concerns. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) requires the state of Idaho (and Tribes with approved water quality standards) to identify water bodies that do not meet water quality standards and to develop water quality restoration plans to meet established water quality criteria and associated beneficial uses.

Comment Number: 000000114-2

Organization: EPA

Commenter: Teresa Kubo

Commenter Type: Federal Government

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

It should also report those water bodies potentially affected by the revised RMP that are listed on the States and Tribes' most current EPA-approved 303(d) lists. The revised RMP/EIS document should describe existing restoration and enhancement efforts for those waters, how the revised RMP will coordinate with on-going protection efforts, and any mitigation measures that will be implemented to avoid further degradation of water quality within impaired waters.

Comment Number: 000000114-3

Organization: EPA

Commenter: Teresa Kubo

Commenter Type: Federal Government

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Antidegradation provisions of the CWA apply to those water bodies where water quality standards are currently being met. This provision prohibits degrading the water quality unless an analysis shows that important economic and social development necessitates some degradation of water quality. The revised RMP/EIS evaluation should determine how the antidegradation provisions would be met.

Comment Number: 000000114-4

Organization: EPA

Commenter: Teresa Kubo
Commenter Type: Federal Government
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

EPA recommendsthat BLM contact the Idaho Department of Envirommental Quality to help identify source waterprotection areas within the planning area. The revised RMPIEIS should:(a) Identify all source water protection areas within the project area.(b) Identify all activities that could potentially affect source water areas.(c) Identify all potential contaminants that may result from the proposed project.(d) Identify all measures that would be taken to protect the source water protectionareas in the revised RMP/EIS.

Comment Number: 000000114-5
Organization: EPA
Commenter: Teresa Kubo
Commenter Type: Federal Government
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

The revised RMPIEIS should describe all waters of the U.S. that could be affected by therevised RMP alternatives, and include maps that clearly identify all waters within the planningarea. The document should include data on acreages and channel lengths, habitat types, values,and functions ofthese waters. Projects affecting waters ofthe U.S. would need to comply withCWA Section 404 requirements. Section 404 regulates the discharge of dredged or fill materialinto waters of the U.S., including wetlands and other special aquatic sites. The U.S. Army Corpsof Engineers issues Section 404 permits.

Section 15.1 - Water Resources impacts from Development

Total Number of Submissions: 28

Total Number of Comments: 28

Comment Number: 000000003-4
Organization:
Commenter: bruniedog@tamarack-ranch.com
Commenter Type:
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000011-5
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

- Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000017-4
Organization:

Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000018-4
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000022-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000027-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000028-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000029-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000031-4
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000032-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Concerned about impact on local water supplies We are already experiencing water shortages in Hillsdale. We do not have enough resources available to support another development.

Comment Number: 000000045-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000050-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
- Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000053-1
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:

Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
 Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000054-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
 Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000058-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
 - Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000060-3
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
 Concerned about impact on local water supplies There is question as to whether water supplies can withstand the impact of the existing developments slated.

Comment Number: 000000067-3
Organization:
Commenter: camillar@bitSMART.net
Commenter Type:
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
 Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000076-4
Organization:
Commenter: Corey Watson
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000077-4

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000081-2

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type:

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000088-3

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000089-3

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000091-4

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

- Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000137-3**Organization:****Commenter:** gfisher5@msn.com**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000138-4**Organization:****Commenter:****Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000145-1**Organization:****Commenter:****Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

the water available will not support another development to the North. Especially in view of the extremely large Eagle expansion to the South East.

Comment Number: 000000148-4**Organization:****Commenter:****Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

Concerned about impact on local water supplies

Comment Number: 000000161-2**Organization:****Commenter:** Kelly Winward**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

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Concerned about impact on local water supplies There is question as to whether water supplies can withstand the impact of the existing developments slated. How can the water supply withstand the impact of more development in a possible land swap with a developer. Shouldn't the existing developments be guaranteed needed water instead of bearing the threat of a shortage by adding more development in an area?

Section 16 - Recreation

Total Number of Submissions: 1

Total Number of Comments: 2

Comment Number: 000000158-1

Organization: Idaho Department of Lands

Commenter: Kurt Houston

Commenter Type: State Government

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Clarification is needed regarding the method in which local jurisdictions' open space, recreation and trails information will be addressed by this RMP.

Comment Number: 000000158-7

Organization: Idaho Department of Lands

Commenter: Kurt Houston

Commenter Type: State Government

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Recreation Management - The recurring concern here is that of education: which lands are BLM and which are endowment since the intended use of public land is quite different from that of the endowment lands within the State. Organized recreational use of endowment lands is not permitted without a lease or temporary permit in place. Mitigation of the impact and educational activities can be focused on areas where a high degree of impact can be anticipated from the activities located on BLM land.

Section 16.1 - Equestrian

Total Number of Submissions: 6

Total Number of Comments: 6

Comment Number: 000000062-1

Organization: Vestal Quarter Horses

Commenter: Marilyn Vestal

Commenter Type: Association

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

It is necessary to keep riding trails available for the Equine community. Please consider keeping these trails and expanding trails to new areas.

Comment Number: 000000071-1

Organization:

Commenter: Terri Slay

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:**Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

Eagle foothills are an ideal place to ride because of the proximity to Middleton

Comment Number: 000000080-1**Organization:** Idaho Horse Council**Commenter:** Debbie Amsden**Commenter Type:** Association**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

We need to preserve trails and pathway in Idaho not only for the present but for our future and our childrens future.

Comment Number: 000000087-1**Organization:** Southwest Idaho Trail & Distance Riders and Friends of Weiser River Trail and**Commenter:** Dot Wiggins**Commenter Type:** Association**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

Having trails over adjoining public blocks of land is essenstial to a useful system.

Comment Number: 000000120-1**Organization:****Commenter:** Andriette Govdreau Govdreau**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

The eagle foothills are a treasure in our area of horse riding.

Comment Number: 000000126-1**Organization:****Commenter:** Gloria Pippin**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**

Preserve foothills opens space for equestrian recreation

Section 16.2 - Shooting*Total Number of Submissions: 5**Total Number of Comments: 6***Comment Number:** 000000009-7**Organization:** NACFA**Commenter:** Alasya West

Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

No shooting because it is not compatible with this type of use

Comment Number: 000000033-6
Organization:
Commenter: Robert H. West
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

The area should be a NO SHOOTING area [BLM land that liesbetween State HWY 16 and 55 and between the City of Eagle].

Comment Number: 000000066-2
Organization:
Commenter: Linda Hamilton
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

No shooting in foothills except in designated areas because of possibly injury to recreators

Comment Number: 000000066-4
Organization:
Commenter: Linda Hamilton
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Land trades should be done in such a way that results in equal or more BLM land of contigours blocks

Comment Number: 000000082-4
Organization: IWRRI
Commenter: Deborah Wold
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

No shooting because it is not compatible with this type of use.

Comment Number: 000000107-2
Organization:
Commenter: Joan, Ken Langdon
Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
 No shooting in foothills

Section 16.3 - Biking
No comments are associated with this issue.

Section 16.4 - Hiking
No comments are associated with this issue.

Section 16.5 - OHV
Total Number of Submissions: 1
Total Number of Comments: 1

Comment Number: 000000095-3
Organization:
Commenter: Peter Humm
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
 Road closures must not prevent access under th Americans with Disabilities Act.

Section 16.6 - Recreation open space
Total Number of Submissions: 9
Total Number of Comments: 10

Comment Number: 000000009-3
Organization: NACFA
Commenter: Alasya West
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
 Natural open space, not developed with recreational facilities - just open space for dog walking, running, mountain bikes, equestrians.

Comment Number: 000000078-2
Organization:
Commenter: Dawn M. Mante
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:
 PLease keep open space for Recreational usre

Comment Number: 000000082-2

Organization: IWRRI

Commenter: Deborah Wold

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Natural open space, not developed with recreational facilities - just open space for dog walking, running, mountain bikes, equestrians.

Comment Number: 000000082-3

Organization: IWRRI

Commenter: Deborah Wold

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Maintain a "hands off" policy of natural open space if the BLM land is managed by the BLM or for whoever manages it.

Comment Number: 000000121-9

Organization: The Wilderness SocietyIdaho Conservation League

Commenter: Brad BrooksJohn Robison

Commenter Type: Environmental Protection Association

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Recent efforts around Boise by citizens groups have demonstrated anoverwhelming demand for recreation and trail opportunities around town, and it isincumbent upon the BLM to not undermine the desire of the public to retain and expandthe amount of open space around communities

Comment Number: 000000128-2

Organization:

Commenter: Karen Niederhut

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Link public and private lands for an open space/recreational trail for the public.

Comment Number: 000000129-1

Organization:

Commenter: Susan Osterburg

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

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Preserve foothills for equestrian recreation

Comment Number: 000000131-2

Organization: NACFA

Commenter: Alasya West

Commenter Type: Association

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

I urge you to have vision for this large public natural open space area with public trailheads for non-motorized (equestrian, hikers, mountain bikers) use in the future.

Comment Number: 000000133-1

Organization:

Commenter: Elizabeth Luce

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

We need to keep as many areas as we can open for all recreational uses

Comment Number: 000000139-3

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

I support the land being used as a preservation area for natural habitat ONLY if there are still trails available for mountain biking and ATV use.

Section 16.7 - River rec

Total Number of Submissions: 1

Total Number of Comments: 3

Comment Number: 000000010-4

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Scoping Meeting Notes

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

BLM could perhaps help with signage and put-in and take-out improvements. He believes that the more people use the Weiser River Trail or float the river,

Comment Number: 000000010-7

Organization:

Commenter:

Commenter Type: Scoping Meeting Notes

Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Midvale to Galloway Dam is a very nice spring float. 22 miles in length, with a long Weiser Canyon stretch in the middle with Class 2-3 waves. River is wide enough in spring that most obstacles could be avoided by beginners, and river would be well-suited to whitewater canoes or kayaks of all types, including hardshell ocean or flatwater kayaks with keels. o This stretch could really benefit from improvements at put-in and take-out.

Comment Number: 000000010-8
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Scoping Meeting Notes
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

The stretch could also benefit from a map and guide, info kiosks at put-in, and some marketing to the river-running community.

Section 17 - Riparian

Total Number of Submissions: 1

Total Number of Comments: 1

Comment Number: 000000057-11
Organization: Land Trust of the Treasure Valley
Commenter: Tim M. Breuer
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

The BLM owns approximately 13 acres along the Boise River near Star. There are multiple public benefits of floodplain conservation. Important habitat, recreation access, the health and safety benefits from floodplain open spaces are all highly valued by the public. - The BLM should consider and be open to open space protection along the Boise River through strategic land exchanges. The increase in public conservation values of using isolated tracts of BLM land with low conservation value serves both local and national interests.

Section 17.1 - Weiser River

Total Number of Submissions: 1

Total Number of Comments: 1

Comment Number: 000000010-6
Organization:
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Scoping Meeting Notes
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Very high flows this spring are causing huge amounts of sediment loss from slumping dirt banks >> need riparian erosion control?

Section 18 - Moratorium on new ROWs in foothills until plan decision*Total Number of Submissions: 2**Total Number of Comments: 2*

Comment Number: 000000033-3**Organization:****Commenter:** Robert H. West**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**Do not allow any right-of-way thru any of the parcels until the new plan is adopted,

Comment Number: 000000066-3**Organization:****Commenter:** Linda Hamilton**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**New road ROWs across public land north of Eagle (bisecting the land east or west to Willow Creek road would result in dangerous crossings for [equestrian] riders

Section 19 - Grazing*Total Number of Submissions: 6**Total Number of Comments: 13*

Comment Number: 000000043-1**Organization:****Commenter:** Alan Schroeder**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**Retain Boise foothills as available to grazing.

Comment Number: 000000055-1**Organization:****Commenter:** Ted Hoffman**Commenter Type:** Individual**Classification:****Comment Category:****Current Task:** Examine Context **Assigned/Due:****Comment Excerpt Text:**The RMP should address the ecological benefits as well as potential negative impacts from livestock grazing

Comment Number: 000000111-1**Organization:** Idaho Chapter of the Foundation for North America Wild Sheep**Commenter:** Dennis Batie

Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Separation of wild bighorns and domestic sheep.] BLM should have a plan to achieve separation when bighorns arrive at Oxbow Reservoir and/or swim Brownlee Reservoir from Lookout Mountain in Oregon, Please contact us if we can provide further information.

Comment Number: 000000114-6
Organization: EPA
Commenter: Teresa Kubo
Commenter Type: Federal Government
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Livestock grazing and its management have a disproportionately large influence on the protection and restoration of water quality, water quantity, and aquatic species. The Ecosystem Assessment for the Interior Columbia Basin (VoL 2, p.768) states that livestock grazing has been disproportionately concentrated within riparian areas compared with uplands, resulting in excessive herbage removal and physical damage by trampling. Some effects of these damages include reduced dissipation of stream energy, increased extent of bare soil and accelerated erosion, stream channel degradation, which has resulted in reduced flood plain recharge, lowered water tables, and reduced areal extent of riparian plant communities. The resulting water quality impacts include increased temperature, turbidity, sediment, bacteria, and nutrients, low dissolved oxygen and flows. The current planning process presents an exceptional opportunity to address grazing impacts. The EIS should describe/classify the various areas proposed for grazing in terms of their ecological condition, and include the criteria used in making those determinations. Areas particularly sensitive to grazing impacts such as cryptogamic crusts should also be identified.:

Comment Number: 000000114-8
Organization: EPA
Commenter: Teresa Kubo
Commenter Type: Federal Government
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Where allotments are utilized for grazing, we recommend that Livestock Grazing Management Actions include a proposed schedule and a discussion of the resources required to fully protect riparian resources that are impaired by livestock grazing. The following practices could be included in that discussion: riparian fencing, off-channel water resources for livestock, livestock prohibitions in areas that contribute run-off to aquatic areas, requirements for active herding in ecologically sensitive riparian habitats, actively managed grazing for frequency, duration, stocking rates, animal distribution, season and timing of forage use, and prevention of recreation impacts to those areas.

Comment Number: 000000134-1
Organization: Western Watersheds Project (WWP)
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

The RMP revision should include standards/requirements for a range management monitoring protocol for both upland and riparian areas. Details of the stream stability monitoring protocol, including the frequency and intensity with which it will be utilized, and so forth, should be provided in the RMP revision.

Comment Number: 000000134-11
Organization: Western Watersheds Project (WWP)
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Therefore, the BLM should analyze an alternative that would prohibit grazing in riparian areas.

Comment Number: 000000134-2
Organization: Western Watersheds Project (WWP)
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Grazing should be eliminated in riparian/wetland areas after the growing season. Grazing should also be eliminated from all riparian pastures where water quality standards are not met within a reasonable amount of time, suggested two years, for factors affected by livestock grazing (fecal coliform, turbidity, temperature, etc).

Comment Number: 000000134-3
Organization: Western Watersheds Project (WWP)
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

BLM should address how it will handle the buy-out [relinquishment] of grazing permits by conservation and other organizations, and should identify how it will retire such permits through the planning process. BLM should work with permittees to identify those who are interested in retiring their permits or being relocated to prevent resource damage.

Comment Number: 000000134-4
Organization: Western Watersheds Project (WWP)
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Mineral, protein, and other supplements, including forage should be placed at least a quarter of a mile away from riparian/wetland areas, springs, seeps, and perennial streams and rivers. The location of such materials must also not impair important biological, geological, paleontological or cultural resources and their locations.

Comment Number: 000000134-5
Organization: Western Watersheds Project (WWP)
Commenter:

Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

It is imperative that BLM, in its RMPs, recognize the value of ungrazed watersheds both from an economic and environmental point of view. Not all areas should be grazed by livestock. This should be based on a determination of suitability for livestock grazing considering alternative uses and their benefits as well as the current condition of the land

Comment Number: 000000134-9
Organization: Western Watersheds Project (WWP)
Commenter:
Commenter Type: Association
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Livestock impacts to bighorn sheep should be limited by not allowing livestock watering facilities within two miles of bighorn sheep habitat. All domestic sheep grazing should be immediately eliminated from these public lands to reduce the chance of disease transmission from domestic sheep to bighorn sheep.

Comment Number: 000000150-3
Organization:
Commenter: Julie Burkhardt
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

grazing leases should remain in place and the BLM should continue working with permittees to adjust grazing use and monitor progress when there are resource issues (real or imagined)

Section 19.1 - Forage Reserves or Grass Banks

Total Number of Submissions: 2

Total Number of Comments: 2

Comment Number: 000000114-7
Organization: EPA
Commenter: Teresa Kubo
Commenter Type: Federal Government
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

We recommend including a map of this information in the EIS. In addition, the EIS should consider replicating the approach adopted in the Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan and Final EIS, published by the BLM Prineville District (Federal Register: 1/14/05, Vol. 70, No. 10 p. 2653-2654). This RMP proposed a decision matrix to help managers compare the value of a grazing allotment for livestock grazing to its ecological and social value for other uses, and measures the potential conflict that exists between grazing and other uses. Where an allotment scores low for grazing use, and high for ecological or social values, the BLM may seek to close the allotment to livestock grazing or reallocate the forage as a grass bank.

Comment Number: 000000147-1
Organization: V Dot Cattle Company
Commenter: Jim Little
Commenter Type: Livestock Company
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

I feel that the agency should not close any vacant allotments. They are of value to someone, especially if used in a grassbank type arrangement while active allotments are being rehabbed after a fire as an example.

Section 20 - Fire Management

Total Number of Submissions: 2

Total Number of Comments: 2

Comment Number: 000000125-3
Organization:
Commenter: Patricia Minkiewicz
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Fire is a concern in the eagle foothills.

Comment Number: 000000150-4
Organization:
Commenter: Julie Burkhardt
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

I think fire rehab needs to include some forward thinking. We cannot expect that seeding with strictly native species will meet the ever-increasing need. There are far too many acres being buried each year to ever keep up with the demand for native seed. While native seeding certainly would be preferable, it is not realistic. There are a number of useful species that can help re-establish vegetation, reduce erosion and protect against invasives and these should always be seriously considered. They are often less expensive, easier to obtain and establish better than natives. Native species have an easier time coming back into an area that has some good vegetation started (not weeds)

Section 21 - Use community base planning documents

Total Number of Submissions: 3

Total Number of Comments: 3

Comment Number: 000000057-4
Organization: Land Trust of the Treasure Valley
Commenter: Tim M. Breuer
Commenter Type: Individual
Classification:
Comment Category:
Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Utilize existing community based open space planning to guide BLM actions [Ada County Open Space Task Force]

Comment Number: 000000149-2

Organization: NACFA

Commenter: John Petrovsky

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

April 2008 Ada County Open Space Task Force Report should be should guide BLM decision regarding retention, exchange (i.e. for ownership & management consolidation), and disposal. • The Eagle concept of priority for open space in the center of the North Foothills (the area between SHs 55 and 16) should act as template for the public lands approach.

Comment Number: 000000159-2

Organization: NACFA NACFA

Commenter: Katherine Pennisi Steve Purvis

Commenter Type: Association

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

A substantial amount of work has been done on the overall topic of open space priorities, values and opportunities for the larger area by the Ada County Open Space Advisory Task Force and released in April 2008. NACFA was represented on this task force by John Petrovsky, its founder. We feel the report represents a broad consensus on the subject and we support its conclusions. Further, the report identifies the opportunities for exchanges, sales or trades that would most benefit the large number of foothills users, which includes the NACFA constituency

Section 22 - BLM should manage to reflect changing climate

Total Number of Submissions: 2

Total Number of Comments: 2

Comment Number: 000000057-12

Organization: Land Trust of the Treasure Valley

Commenter: Tim M. Breuer

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Habitat conservation efforts must take into account the potential affect from climate change. - Opportunities for localized land exchanges should be explored to help assure a variety of elevations and habitat types are preserved. - Look for opportunities to create and increase conservation and recreation close to population centers to encourage less driving associated with outdoor recreation pursuits. As gas prices rise, 'front country' recreation opportunities will become increasingly important.

Comment Number: 000000114-11

Organization: EPA

Commenter: Teresa Kubo

Commenter Type: Federal Government

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Currently, there is concern that continued increases in greenhouse gas emissions resulting from human activities contribute to climate change. Effects of climate change may include changes in hydrology, sea level, weather patterns, precipitation rates, and chemical reaction rates. The revised RMP/EIS document should therefore consider how resources affected by climate change could potentially influence the RMP and vice versa, especially within sensitive areas.

Section 23 - Historic Preservation

Total Number of Submissions: 1

Total Number of Comments: 1

Comment Number: 000000092-1

Organization:

Commenter: Bret ` Garrigan

Commenter Type: Individual

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Goodales Cutoff protection should be expanded and protected for future generations.

Section 24 - Wildlife Reestablishment

Total Number of Submissions: 1

Total Number of Comments: 1

Comment Number: 000000111-2

Organization: Idaho Chapter of the Foundation for North America Wild Sheep

Commenter: Dennis Batie

Commenter Type: Association

Classification:

Comment Category:

Current Task: Examine Context **Assigned/Due:**

Comment Excerpt Text:

Reestablishment of bighorn sheep (BHS) to historic habitats

Section 25 - Litter

No comments are associated with this issue.

APPENDIX F
FRFO SCOPING ANALYSIS REPORT

**Four Rivers Management Plan
Scoping Analysis**



By Kati Carberry

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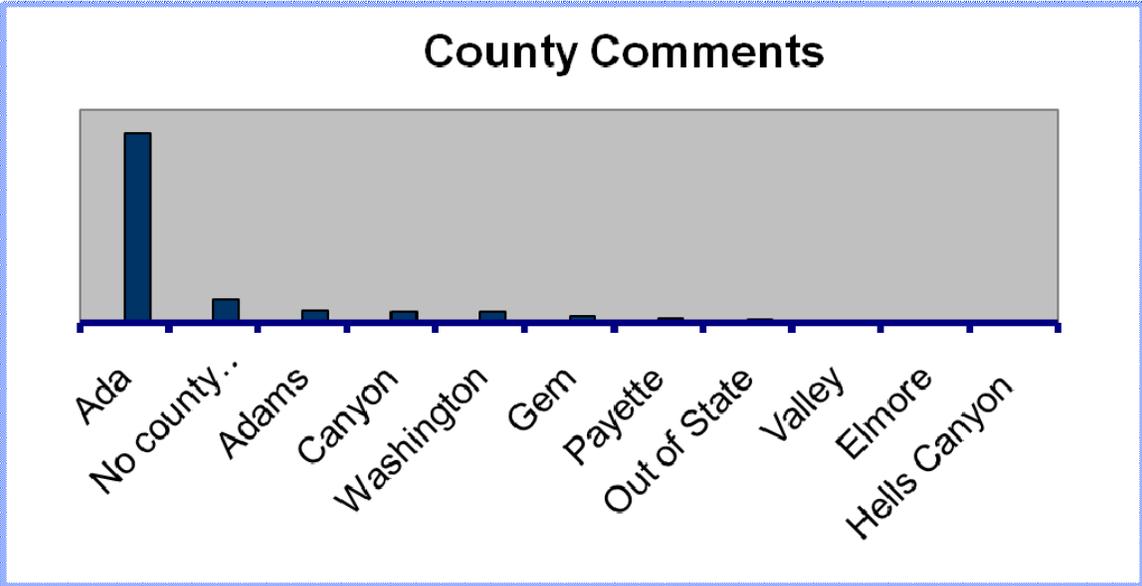
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Executive Summary

- A total of 155 comments were received.
- 110 or 71% of the respondents were from Ada County.
- 14 or 9% of the respondents did not indicate what county they were from.
- The top five issues commented on were in order of land ownership, recreation designation, habitat preservation, wildlife protection, and water concerns.
- 112 or 72% of the respondents commented on land ownership.
- 72 or 60.5% of those who specified the type of land ownership preferred said “no development”.
- 84 or 54.2 of the respondents commented on recreation.
- 33 or 38.8% of those who specified a type of recreation preferred horseback riding.
- 75 or 48.4% of the respondents commented on habitat preservation.
- 74 or 47.7% of the respondents commented on wildlife protection.
- 37 or 71.2 % of those who specified a species commented on Curlew protection.
- 40 or 25.8% of the respondents were concerned about water.

	Frequency	Percent
Ada	110	71%
No county Indicated	14	9%
Adams	7	4.5%
Canyon	6	3.9%
Washington	6	3.9%
Gem	4	2.6%
Payette	3	1.9%
Out of State	2	1.3%
Valley	1	.6%
Elmore	1	.6%
Hells Canyon	1	.6%
Total	155	100%

Table 1 County Respondents



A total of 155 respondents commented on the Four Rivers Resource Management Plan. The chart and graph above illustrate the number of comments from each county.

- Hells Canyon was included as a specific area in addition to the other counties.
- Ada County alone had a significantly higher (double) response rate than the other counties combined.
- 29% of the respondents were not from Ada County.
- No comments were received from Boise County.

Issues

Issue	Frequency	Percent
Land Ownership	112	72%
Recreation Designation	84	54.2%
Habitat Preservation	75	48.4%
Wildlife Protection	74	47.7%
Water Concern	40	25.8%
Open Space	33	21.3%
Noxious Weed/Native Plant Protection	31	20%
Public Access	28	18.1%
Land Connectivity	27	17.4%
Transportation	22	14.2%
Social	22	14.2%
Grazing Issues	21	13.5%
Fire Management	14	9%
Cultural	12	7.7%
Resource Exploration/ Harvesting	7	4.5%

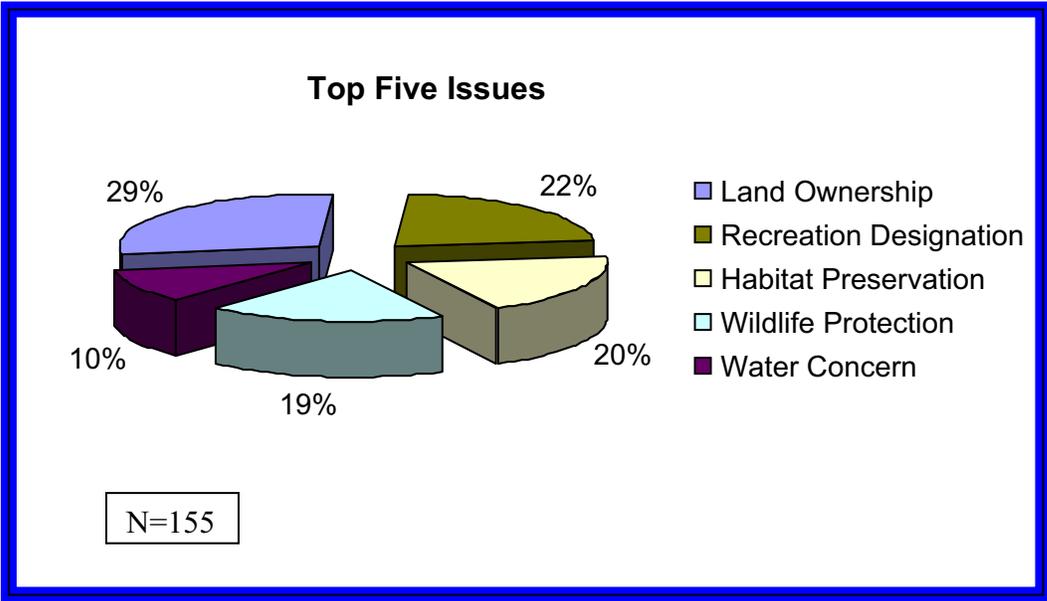
Table 2 Issues

Table two illustrates how many respondents commented on each issue.

- The top five issues commented on were land ownership, recreation, habitat preservation, wildlife protection, and water concerns.
- 112 or 72% of the respondents commented on land ownership, making this the number one issue.
- The respondents were least concerned about social resources, grazing, fire management, cultural resources, and resource exploration/harvesting.

	Unknown	Out of State	Adams	Valley	Washington	Payette	Gem	Canyon	Ada	Elmore	Hells Canyon
Total Comments	9% (14)	1.3% (2)	4.5% (7)	.6% (1)	3.9% (6)	1.9% (3)	2.6% (4)	3.9% (6)	71% (110)	.6% (1)	.6% (1)
Land Ownership	35.7%	0%	71.4%	100%	66.7%	33.3%	0%	66.7%	84%	0%	0%
Recreation	14.3%	50%	42.9%	0%	66.7%	0%	25%	66.7%	62%	100%	0%
Habitat	21.4%	50%	28.6%	0%	33.3%	0%	25%	50%	56%	0%	100%
Wildlife	28.6%	50%	14.3%	0%	33.3%	66.7%	25%	50%	53%	100%	100%
Water	14.3%	50%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	33.6%	0%	0%

Table 3 Top Five Issues By County



The pie chart above indicates the percentage of responses to the top five issues.

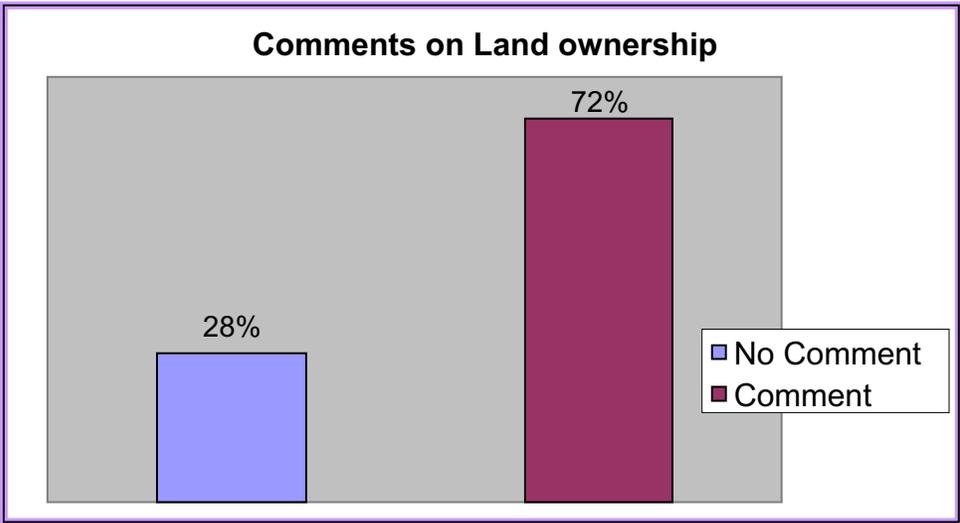
- From the top five issues, 29% were related to land ownership while only 10% related to water.

Primary Issues

Land Ownership Response

Land Ownership Comment	Frequency	Percent
No Comment	43	27.7%
Comment	112	72%

Table 4 Land Ownership Response



- Out of the 155 respondents, 112 or 72% were concerned about land ownership compared to 43 or 27.7% who made no comment about land ownership.

Land Ownership	Unknown County	Out of State	Adams	Valley	Washington	Payette	Gem	Canyon	Ada	Elmore	Hells Canyon	Total
No Comment	64.3%	100%	28.6%	0%	33.3%	66.7%	100%		33.3%	100%	100%	27.7%
Comment	35.7%	0%	71.4%	100%	66.7%	33.3%	0%	66.7%	83.6%	0%	0%	72.3%
Total	100% (14)	100% (2)	100% (7)	100% (1)	100% (6)	100% (3)	100% (4)	100% (6)	100% (110)	100% (1)	100% (1)	100% (155)

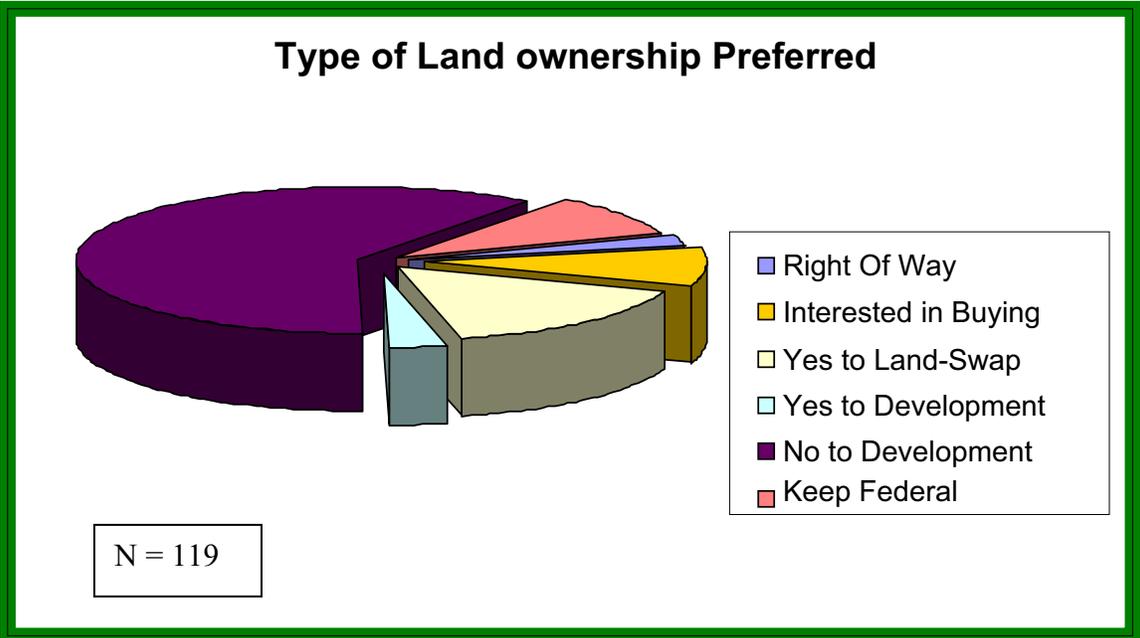
Table 5 Land Ownership Response By County

- 92 or 83.6% of respondents from Ada County commented on land ownership.

Type of Land Ownership

Type of Land Ownership Comment	Frequency	Percent
No to Development	72	60.5%
Yes to Land-Swap	19	16%
Keep Land in Federal Ownership	11	9.2%
Interested in Buying BLM Land	10	8.4%
Yes to Development	4	3.4%
Right of Way	3	2.5%
Total	119	100%

Table 6 Responses to Land Ownership Type



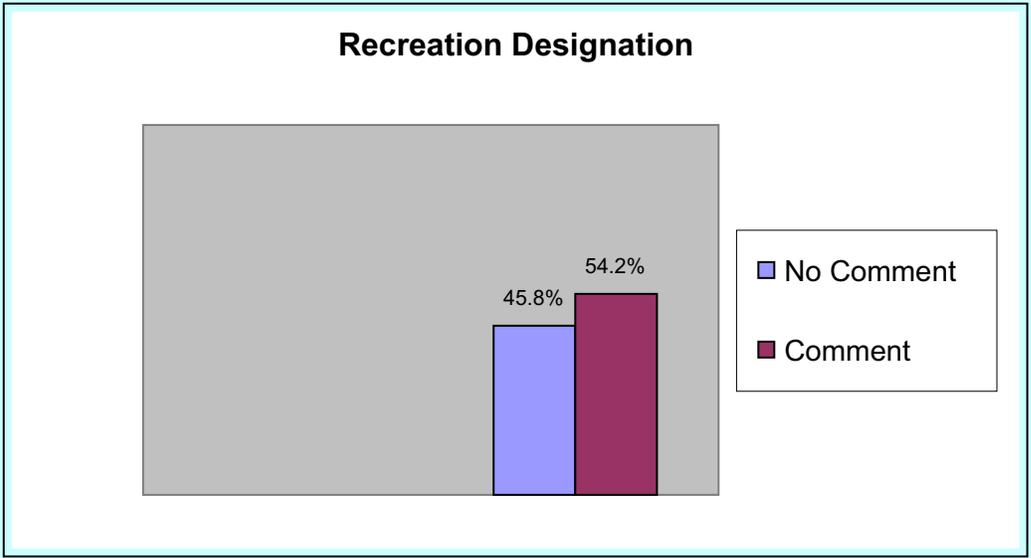
Some of the respondents commented on more than one type of land ownership, therefore, N represents number of comments versus number of respondents.

- Respondents most frequently (60.5%) stated that they were against development compared to 3.4% who responded yes to development.
- Respondents were least concerned with right of way.

Recreation Response

Recreation Designation Comment	Frequency	Percent
No Comment	71	45.8%
Comment	84	54.2%
Total	155	100%

Table 7 Recreation Response



- 84 or 54.2% of respondents were concerned about recreation.

Recreation	Unknown County	Out of State	Adams	Valley	Washington	Payette	Gem	Canyon	Ada	Elmore	Hells Canyon	Total
No Comment	85.7%	50%	57.1%	100%	33.3%	100%	75%	33.3%	38.2%	0%	100%	45.8%
Comment	14.3%	50%	42.9%	0%	66.7%	0%	25%	66.7%	61.8%	100%	0%	54.2%
Total	100% (14)	100% (2)	100% (7)	100% (1)	100% (6)	100% (3)	100% (4)	100% (6)	100% (110)	100% (1)	100% (1)	100% (155)

Table 8 Recreation Response Rate by County

- 61.8% of the respondents from Ada County were concerned about recreation.

Land Ownership Response			
Recreation Response	No Comment	Comment	Total
No Comment	60.5%	40.2%	45.8% (71)
Comment	39.5%	59.8%	54.2% (84)
Total	100% (43)	100% (112)	100% (155)

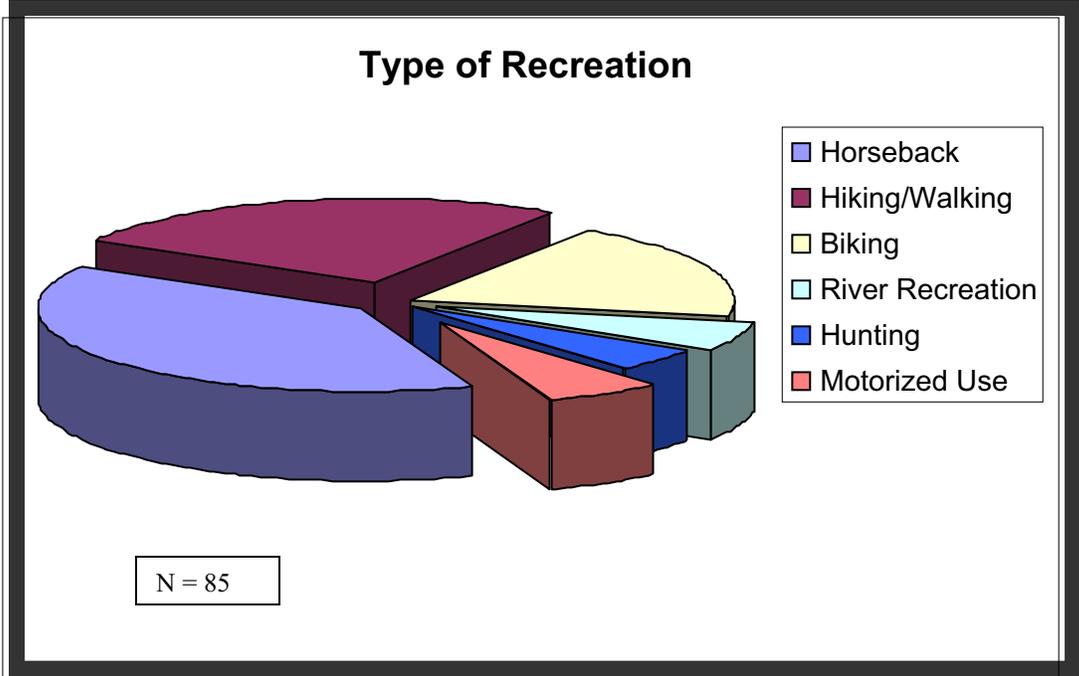
Table 9 Land Ownership Response By Recreation

- Those respondents that commented on land ownership were more likely to comment on recreation than those who did not comment on land ownership.
- 59.8% of those who commented on land ownership also commented on recreation.

Type of Recreation

Type Of Recreation	Frequency	Percent
Horseback	33	38.8%
Hiking/Walking	22	25.9%
Biking	16	18.8%
River Recreation	5	5.9%
Hunting	4	4.7%
Motorized Use	5	5.9%
Total	85	100%

Table 10 Type of Recreation



- Respondents were most frequently concerned about horseback recreation and least concerned about motorized use.
- 55 or 64.7% of respondents commented on horseback and hiking/walking recreation whereas 9 or 10.6% of respondents commented on hunting and motorized use.

Limited/No Motorized Use Comment	Frequency	Percent
No Comment	132	85.2%
Comment	23	14.8%
Total	155	100%

Table 11 **Limit Hunting Response**

- 23 or 14.8% of the respondents would like to see limited or no motorized designations.
- 17 or 74% of these comments were from Ada County.

Limit Hunting Comment	Frequency	Percent
No Comment	146	94.2%
Comment	9	5.8%
Total	155	100%

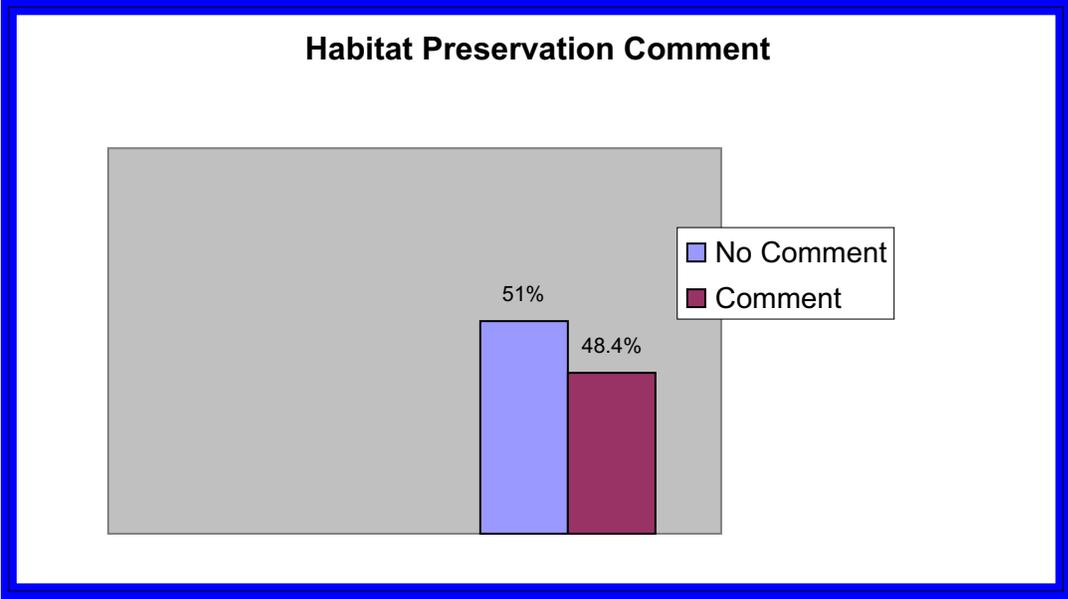
Table 12 **Limit Hunting Response**

- 9 or 5.8% of the respondents would like to see limited hunting designations.

Habitat Preservation Response

Habitat Preservation Comment	Frequency	Percent
No Comment	80	51.6%
Comment	75	48.4%
Total	155	100%

Table 13 Habitat Preservation Response

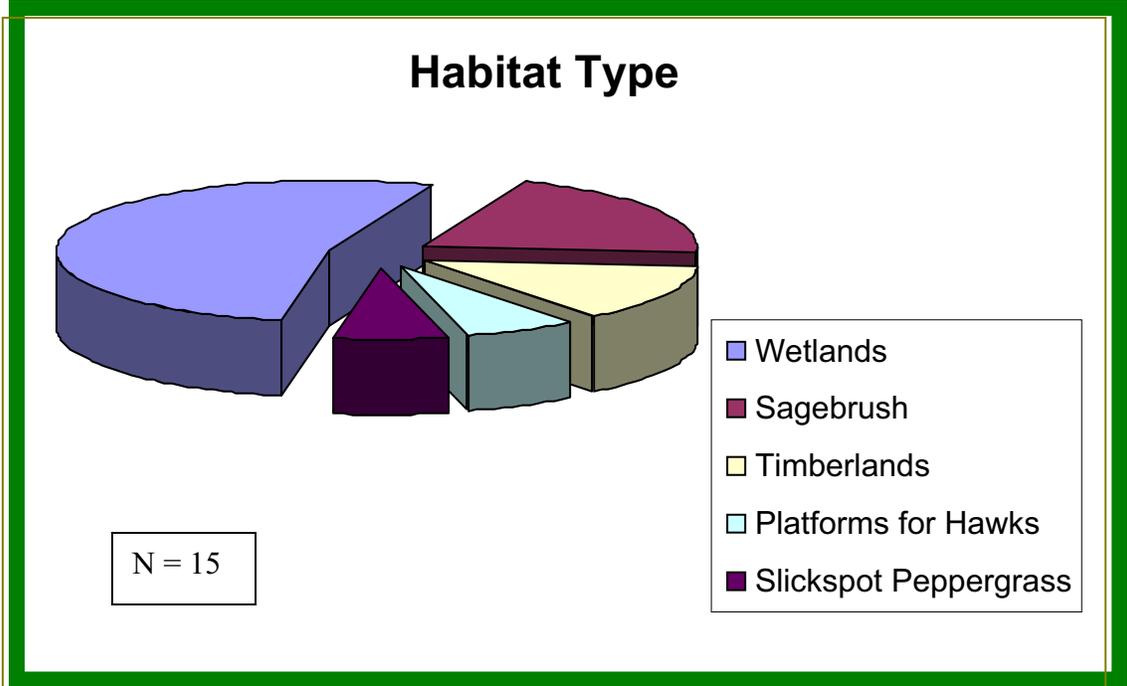


- 75 or 48.4% of the respondents commented on habitat preservation.

Habitat Preservation Comment	Unknown County	Out of State	Adams	Valley	Washington	Payette	Gem	Canyon	Ada	Elmore	Hells Canyon	Total
No Comment	78.6%	50%	71.4%	100%	66.7%	100%	75%	50%	43.6%	100%	0%	51.6% (80)
Comment	21.4%	50%	28.6%	0%	33.3%	0%	25%	50%	56.4%	0%	100%	48.4% (75)
Total	100% (14)	100% (2)	100% (7)	100% (1)	100% (6)	100% (3)	100% (4)	100% (6)	100% (110)	100% (1)	100% (1)	100% (155)

Table 14 Habitat Preservation Response By County

- 56.4% of the respondents from Ada County commented on habitat preservation.

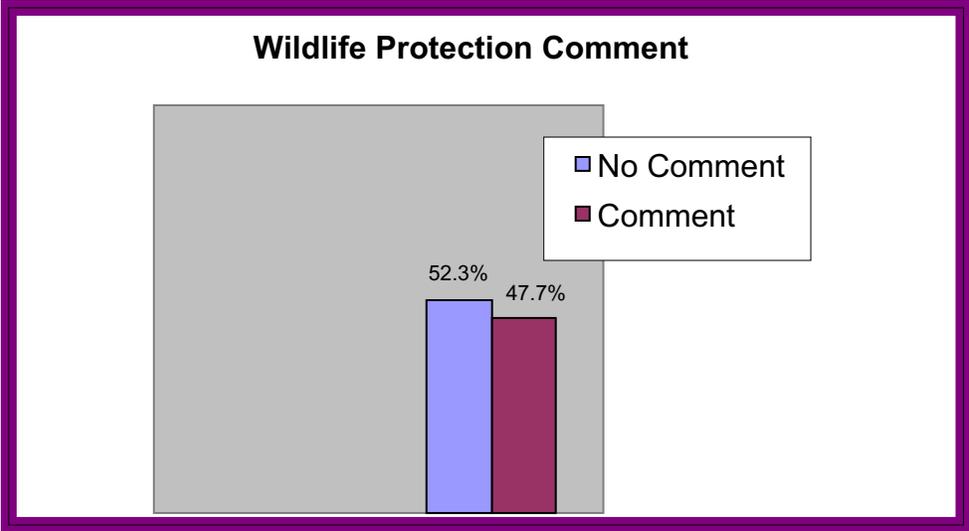


- 15 of the respondents indicated a specific habitat type for protection.
- The majority of those who indicated a habitat type referred to wetlands.

Wildlife Protection Response

Wildlife Protection Comment	Frequency	Percent
No Comment	81	52.3%
Comment	74	47.7%
Total	155	100%

Table 15 Wildlife Protection Response



- 74 or 47.7% of the respondents commented on wildlife protection.
- 71% of the wildlife comments pertained to the curlew.
- Other species mentioned were wild sheep, hawks, sage grouse, elk and deer, ground squirrels, rabbit, lynx, bull trout, sharp-tail grouse, and wild horse.

Wildlife Protection Comment	Unknown County	Out of State	Adams	Valley	Washington	Payette	Gem	Canyon	Ada	Elmore	Hells Canyon	Total
No Comment	71.4%	50%	85.7%	100%	66.7%	33.3%	75%	50%	47.3%	0%	0%	52.3% (81)
Comment	28.6%	50%	14.3%	0%	33.3%	66.7%	25%	50%	52.7%	100%	100%	47.7% (74)
Total	100% (14)	100% (2)	100% (7)	100% (1)	100% (6)	100% (3)	100% (4)	100% (6)	100% (110)	100% (1)	100% (1)	100% (155)

Table 16 Wildlife Protection Response By County

- 52.7% of the respondents from Ada County commented on wildlife protection.

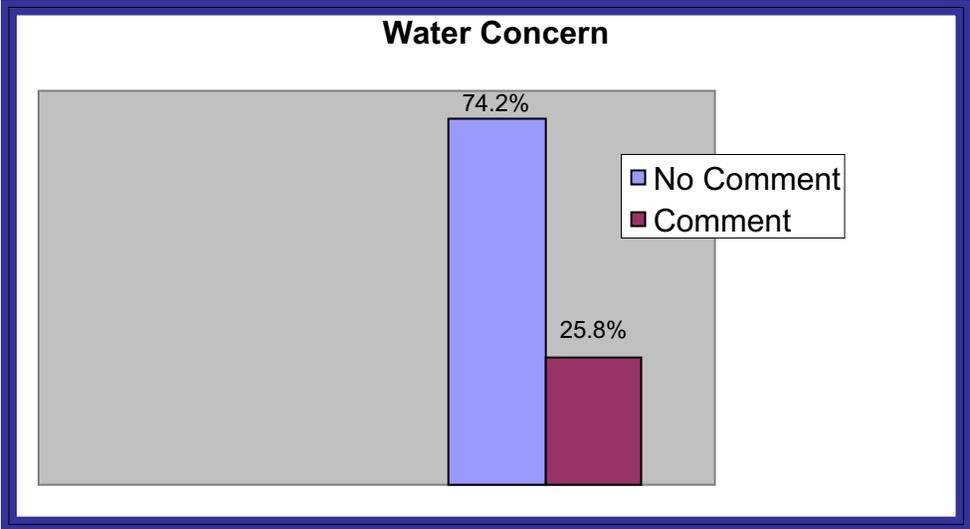
Habitat Preservation Comment			
Wildlife Protection Comment	No Comment	Comment	Total
No Comment	82.5%	20%	52.3% (81)
Comment	17.5%	80%	47.7% (74)
Total	100% (80)	100% (75)	100% (155)

Table 17 Habitat Preservation By Wildlife Protection

- Respondents who commented on habitat preservation were more likely to comment on wildlife protection.
- 80% of the respondents who commented on habitat preservation also commented on wildlife protection.
- 82.5% of the respondents who made no comment about habitat preservation also made no comment about wildlife protection.

Water Concern Response

Water Concern	Frequency	Percent
No Comment	115	74.2%
Comment	40	25.8%
Total	155	100%

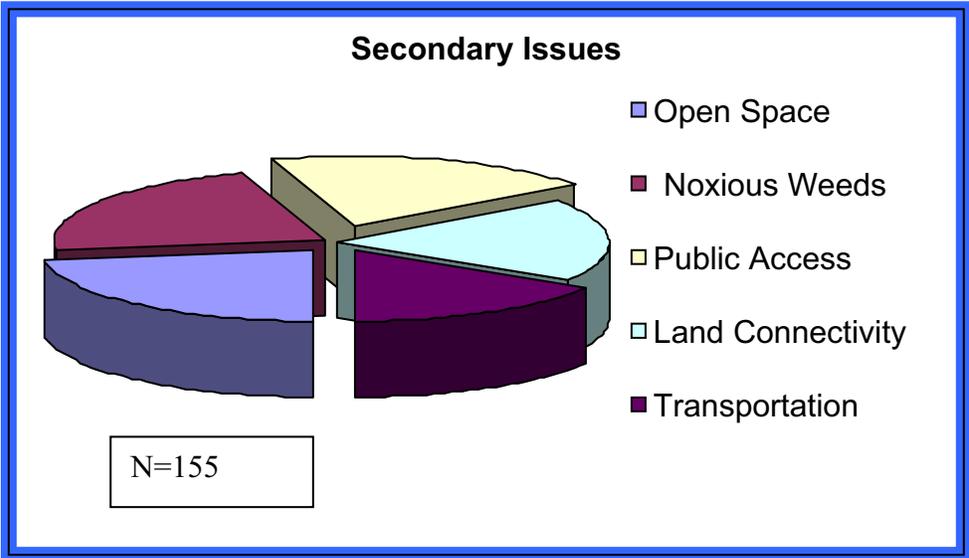


- 40 or 25.8% of the respondents commented on water issues.
- 37 of the 40 comments were from Ada County.

Secondary Issues

Issue	Frequency	Percent
Open Space	33	21.3%
Noxious Weed/Native Plant Protection	31	20%
Public Access	28	18.1%
Land Connectivity	27	17.4%
Transportation	22	14.2%
Social	22	14.2%
Grazing Issues	21	13.5%
Fire Management	14	9%
Cultural	12	7.7%
Resource Exploration/ Harvesting	7	4.5%

Table 18 Response Rate to Secondary Issues

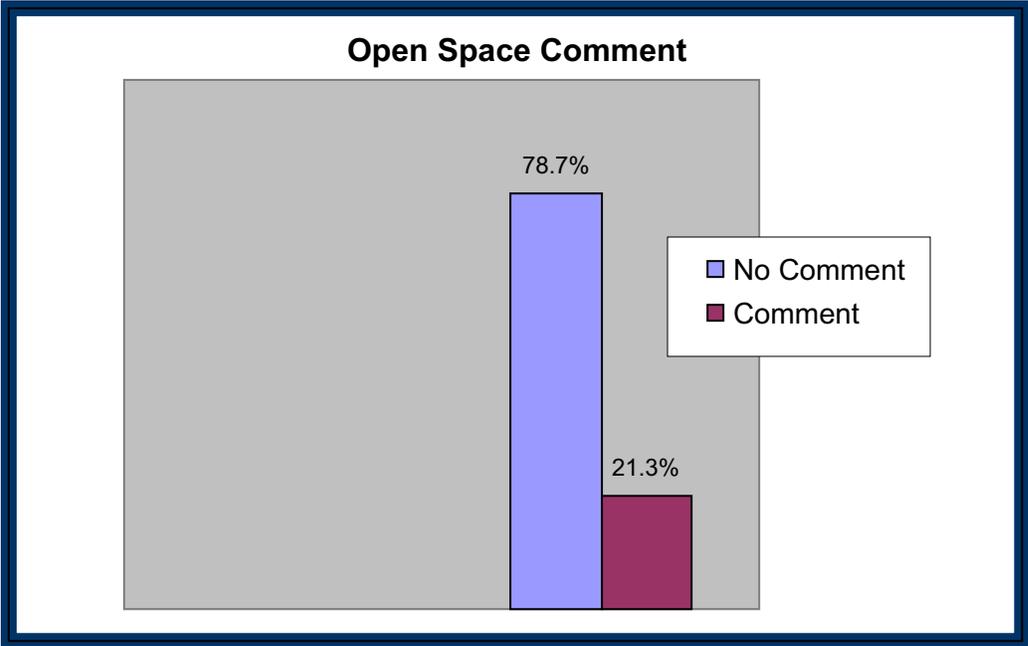


- The top five secondary responses were open space, noxious weed/native plant protection, public access, land connectivity and transportation.
- The least frequent responses were fire management, cultural resources, and resource exploration/harvesting.

Open Space Response

Open Space Comment	Frequency	Percent
No Comment	122	78.7%
Comment	33	21.3%
Total	155	100%

Table 19 Open Space Response



- 33 or 21.3% of the respondents commented on open space.

Open Space Comment	Unknown County	Out of State	Adams	Valley	Washington	Payette	Gem	Canyon	Ada	Elmore	Hells Canyon	Total
No Comment	92.9%	100%	85.7%	100%	83.3%	100%	100%	83.3%	73.6%	100%	100%	78.7% (122)
Comment	7.1%	0%	14.3%	0%	16.7%	0%	0%	16.7%	26.4%	0%	0%	21.3% (33)
Total	100% (14)	100% (2)	100% (7)	100% (1)	100% (6)	100% (3)	100% (4)	100% (6)	100% (110)	100% (1)	100% (1)	100% (155)

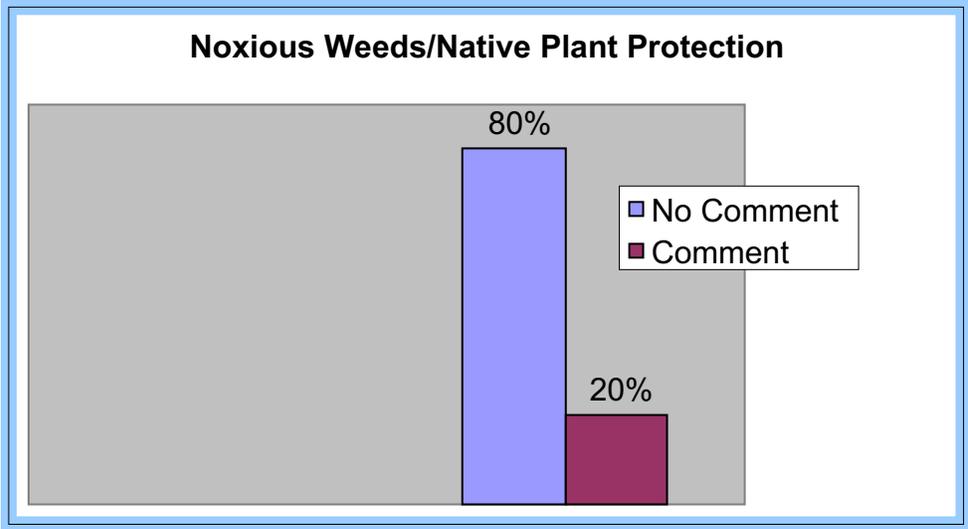
Table 20 Open Space Response By County

- 29 or 26.4% of the respondents from Ada County commented on open space.

Noxious Weeds and Native Plant Protection

Noxious Weeds/Native Plant Protection	Frequency	Percent
No Comment	124	80%
Comment	31	20%
Total	155	100%

Table 21 Noxious Weeds/Native Plant Response



- 31 or 20% of the respondents commented on noxious weeds and native plant protection.

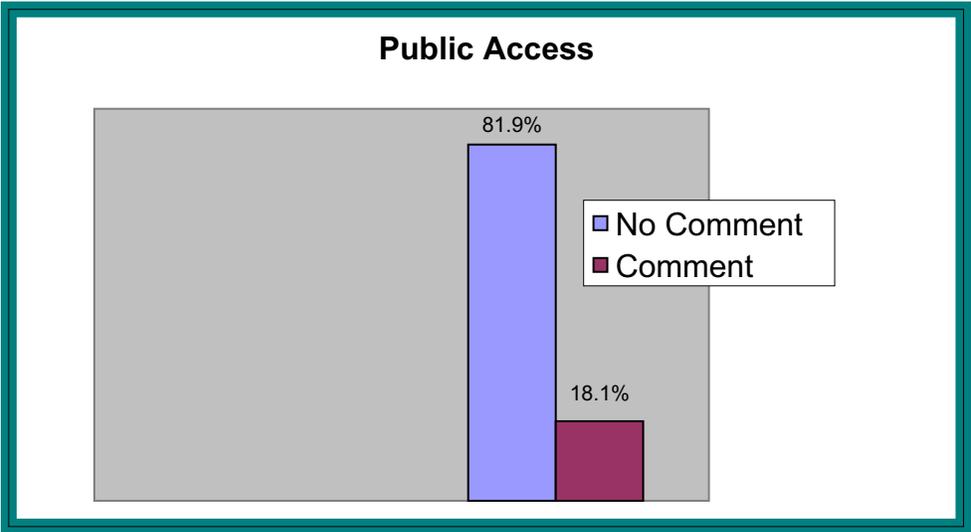
Noxious Weeds Native Plants	Unknown County	Out of State	Adams	Valley	Washington	Payette	Gem	Canyon	Ada	Elmore	Hells Canyon	Total
No Comment	71.4%	0%	57.1%	100%	50%	66.7%	100%	66.7%	85.5%	100%	100%	80%
Comment	28.6%	100%	42.9%	0%	50%	33.3%	0%	33.3%	14.5%	0%	0%	20%
Total	100% (14)	100% (2)	100% (7)	100% (1)	100% (6)	100% (3)	100% (4)	100% (6)	100% (110)	100% (1)	100% (1)	100% (155)

Table 22 Noxious Weed/Native Plant Response by County

Public Access

Public Access	Frequency	Percent
No Comment	127	81.9%
Comment	28	18.1%
Total	155	100%

Table 23 Public Access Response



- 28 or 18.1% of the respondents commented on public access.

Public Access	Unknown County	Out of State	Adams	Valley	Washington	Payette	Gem	Canyon	Ada	Elmore	Hells Canyon	Total
No Comment	92.9%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	66.7%	80%	0%	100%	81.9% (127)
Comment	7.1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%	33.3%	20%	100%	0%	18.1% (28)
Total	100% (14)	100% (2)	100% (7)	100% (1)	100% (6)	100% (3)	100% (4)	100% (6)	100% (110)	100% (1)	100% (1)	100% (155)

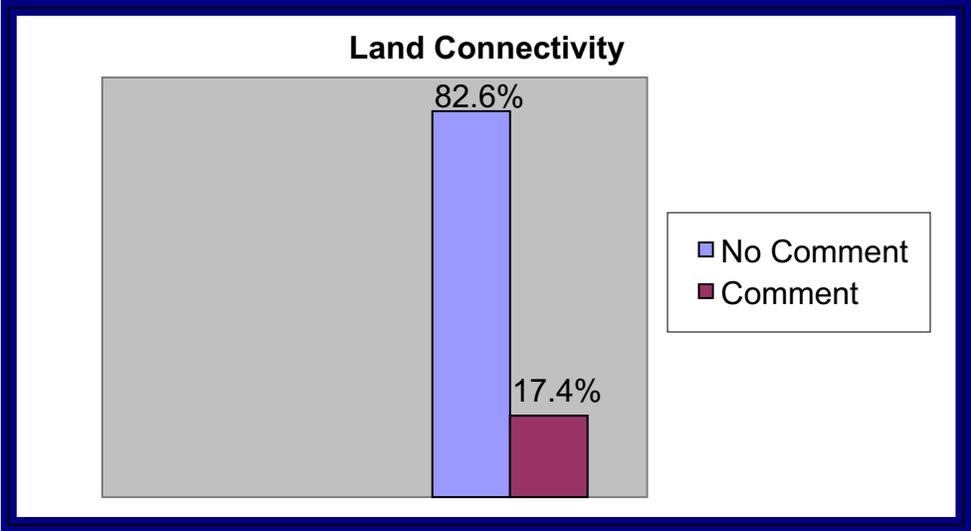
Table 24 Public Access Response By County

- 20% of the respondents from Ada County Commented on public access.
- 26 of the 28 people that commented on public access were from Ada, Canyon, or Gem County.

Land Connectivity Response

Land Connectivity	Frequency	Percent
No Comment	128	82.6%
Comment	27	17.4%
Total	155	100%

Table 25 Land Connectivity Response



- 27 or 17.4% of the respondents commented on land connectivity.

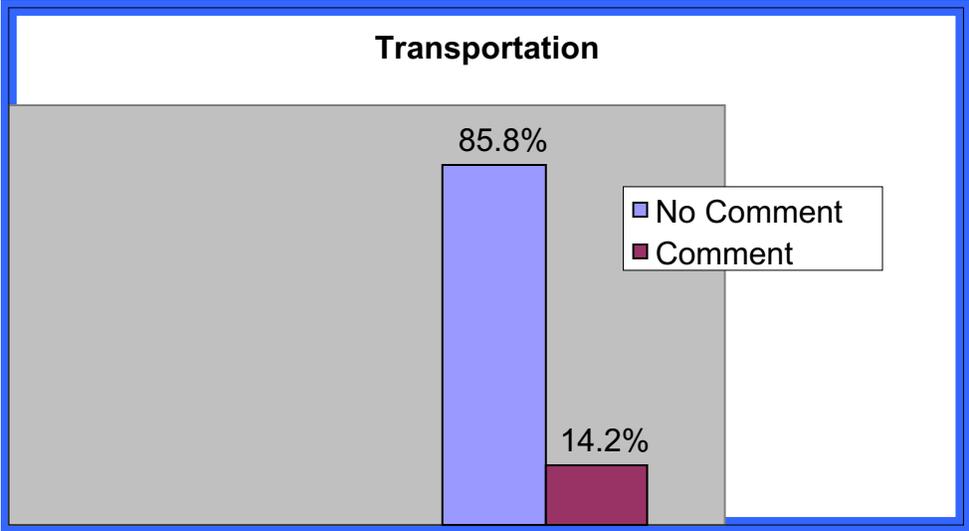
Land Connectivity	Unknown County	Out of State	Adams	Valley	Washington	Payette	Gem	Canyon	Ada	Elmore	Hells Canyon	Total
No Comment	100%	100%	71.4%	100%	83.3%	100%	100%	83.3%	79.1%	100%	100%	82.6% (128)
Comment	0%	0%	28.6%	0%	16.7%	0%	0%	16.7%	20.9%	0%	0%	17.4% (27)
Total	100% (14)	100% (2)	100% (7)	100% (1)	100% (6)	100% (3)	100% (4)	100% (6)	100% (110)	100% (1)	100% (1)	100% (155)

Table 26 Land Connectivity Response By County

Transportation Response

Transportation	Frequency	Percent
No Comment	133	85.8%
Comment	22	14.2%
Total	155	100%

Table 27 Transportation Response



- 22 or 14.2% of the respondents commented on transportation issues.

Transportation	Unknown County	Out of State	Adams	Valley	Washington	Payette	Gem	Canyon	Ada	Elmore	Hells Canyon	Total
No Comment	78.6%	50%	85.7%	100%	100%	100%	100%	66.7%	87.3%	0%	100%	85.8% (133)
Comment	21.4%	50%	14.3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	33.3%	12.7%	100%	0%	14.2% (22)
Total	100% (14)	100% (2)	100% (7)	100% (1)	100% (6)	100% (3)	100% (4)	100% (6)	100% (110)	100% (1)	100% (1)	100% (155)

Table 27 Transportation Response By County

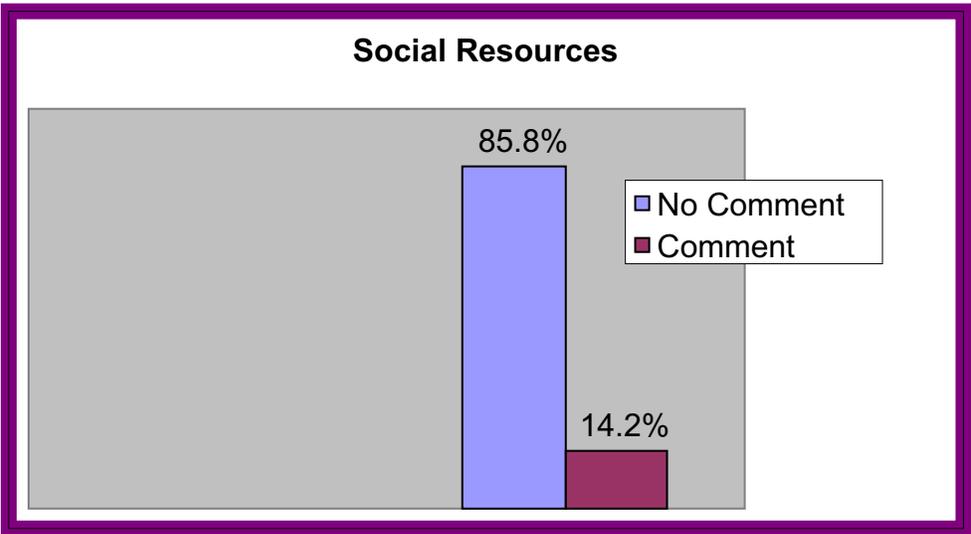
Other Issues and Responses

Social Resources Response

Responses related to social resources included pollution control, noise level control, meeting the needs of disabled persons, protecting aesthetics, creating more parks, designation of ACECs, Developing SRMAs, and Establishing WSRs.

Social Resources	Frequency	Percent
No Comment	133	85.8%
Comment	22	14.2%
Total	155	100%

Table 28 Social Resource Response

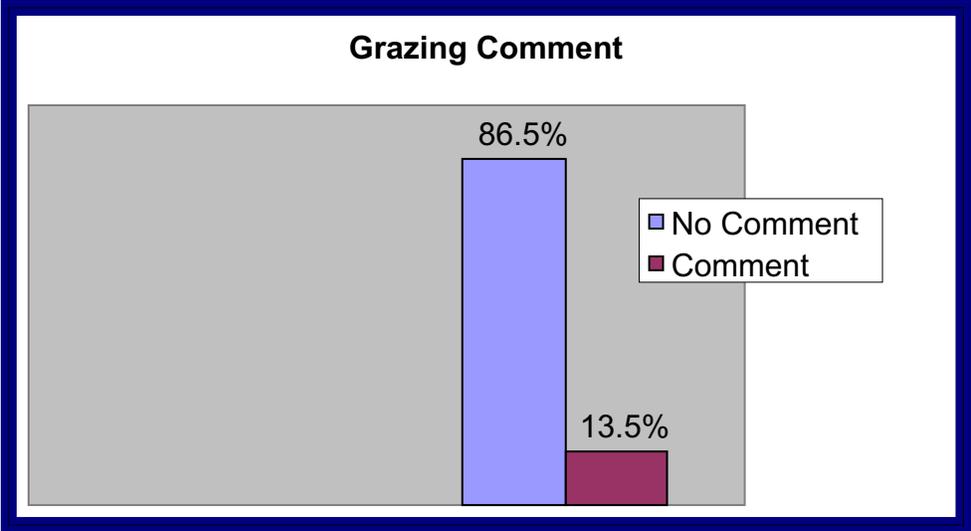


- 22 or 14.2% of the respondents commented on social resources.

Grazing Issues Response

Grazing Issue	Frequency	Percent
No Comment	134	86.5%
Comment	21	13.5%
Total	155	100%

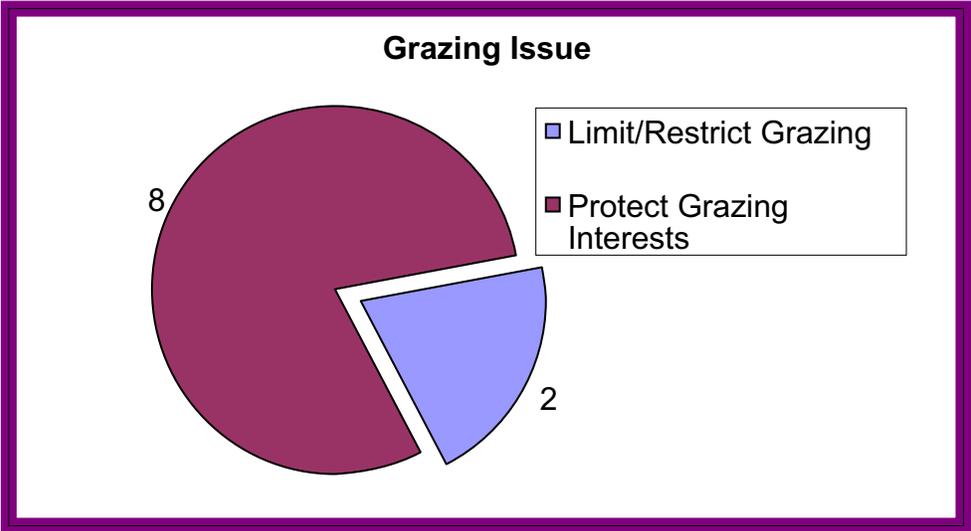
Table 29 Grazing Issue Response



- 21 or 13.5% of the respondents commented on grazing issues.

Grazing Issues	Unknown County	Out of State	Adams	Valley	Washington	Payette	Gem	Canyon	Ada	Elmore	Hells Canyon	Total
No Comment	78.6%	100%	71.4%	100%	66.7%	66.7%	75%	66.7%	90.9%	100%	100%	86.5% (134)
Comment	21.4%	0%	28.6%	0%	33.3%	33.3%	25%	33.3%	9.1%	0%	0%	13.5% (21)
Total	100% (14)	100% (2)	100% (7)	100% (1)	100% (6)	100% (3)	100% (4)	100% (6)	100% (110)	100% (1)	100% (1)	100% (155)

Table 30 Grazing Response By County

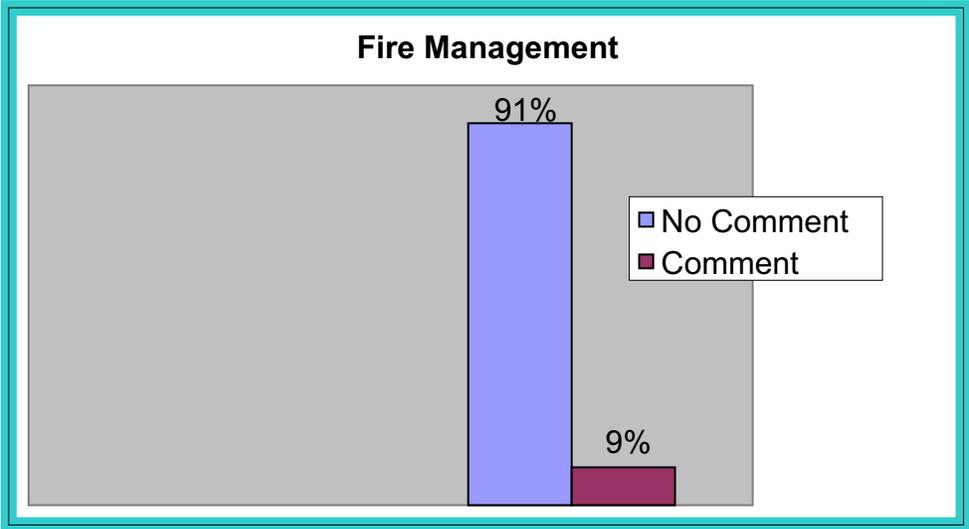


- 8 of the respondents who specified a grazing issue were concerned about protecting grazing interests.
- 2 of the respondents who specified a grazing issue were concerned about limiting or restricting grazing.

Fire Management Response

Fire Management	Frequency	Percent
No Comment	141	91%
Comment	14	9%
Total	155	100%

Table 31 Fire Management Response



- 14 or 9% of the respondents commented on fire management.

Fire Management	Unknown County	Out of State	Adams	Valley	Washington	Payette	Gem	Canyon	Ada	Elmore	Hells Canyon	Total
No Comment	85.7%	100%	85.7%	100%	100%	33.3%	100%	100%	91.8%	100%	100%	91% (141)
Comment	14.3%	0%	14.3%	0%	0%	66.7%	0%	0%	8.2%	0%	0%	9% (14)
Total	100% (14)	100% (2)	100% (7)	100% (1)	100% (6)	100% (3)	100% (4)	100% (6)	100% (110)	100% (1)	100% (1)	100% (155)

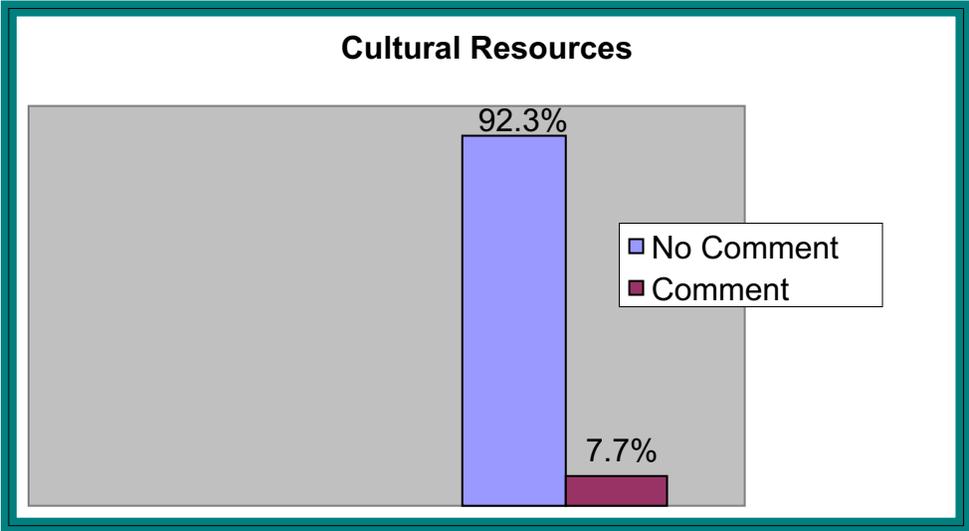
Table 32 Fire Management Response By County

Cultural Resources Response

Responses related to cultural resources included tribal resources, historical resources, geologic features, and rural character.

Cultural Resource	Frequency	Percent
No Comment	143	92.3%
Comment	12	7.7%
Total	155	100%

Table 33 Cultural Resource Response



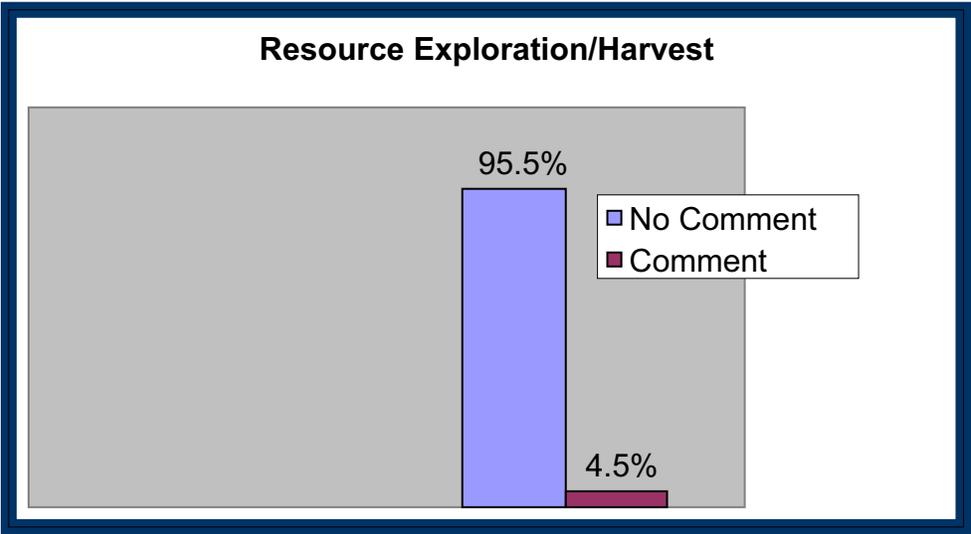
- 12 or 7.7% of the respondents commented on cultural resources.

Resource Exploration/Harvesting Response

Responses related to resource exploration/harvesting included minerals, geothermal, timber, oil, and gas.

Resource Exploration/Harvest	Frequency	Percent
No Comment	148	95.5%
Comment	7	4.5%
Total	155	100%

Table 34 Resource Exploration/Harvest Response



- 7 or 4.5% of the respondents commented on resource exploration/harvest.
- Resource exploration/harvest had the lowest frequency of all issues.