

## Executive Summary

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. The new FRFO RMP will replace three existing land use plans and provide consistent and integrated land use decisions.

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 Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare the FRFO RMP/EIS was published in the *Federal Register* on April 3, 2008. In April, May and June 2008, Open House scoping meetings were held in Boise, Nampa, Mountain Home, Weiser, Payette, Emmett, Eagle and Council. A total of 89 people attended the public meetings, and 138 scoping letters were received. BLM received a total of 270 individual comments in 34 categories.

CommentWorks (a software program of the ePlanning suite) was used for issue sorting. A subset of the planning team met on July 18, 2008 and created an outline of known planning issues. Issues were added to the outline as new ones were identified in the comment letters. Team members read the letters in CommentWorks, highlighted the individual comments, and then assigned them to a category. The 34 topics were grouped into nine categories to create a snapshot of the public's major concerns in the FRFO. 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.

