

## SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Concerted effort was made by the Bureau to involve the public at each step in the wilderness study process. Workshops, public meetings and open houses were utilized to gain comments from the broadest public spectrum possible.

The Bureau's recommendations have been coordinated with other federal agencies, the state and local governments, and Indian Tribes. A 60-day comment period was provided for the governor.

Public input was received on all sides of the wilderness issue and focused both on site-specific concerns, as well as broader philosophical issues. Concerned individuals and groups were sharply divided over how much wilderness is needed in Idaho, which areas are appropriate for designation, and whether inclusion in the NWPS is the only available means to protect wild lands and open space.

The public was invited to participate throughout the wilderness study process in:

Public meetings on the initial inventory decisions. A total of 506 public responses were received during the comment period.

Open houses and public meetings on the Intensive Inventory Proposed Decision. Responses from individuals and a wide variety of organizations totaled 3,200.

Inventory-phase workshops to consider criteria and review preliminary maps.

Public review of Draft Wilderness Environmental Impact Statements (See enclosed table on wilderness Draft EIS Public Comment Summary).

A more site-specific/comment-specific analysis of public participation and comments is found in each individual WSA site-specific analysis.

## WILDERNESS DRAFT EIS PUBLIC COMMENT SUMMARY

DEIS COMMENT STUDY NAME	DEIS COMMENT PERIOD	TOTAL DEIS COMMENTS	DATE FEIS RELEASED
Big Lost Pahsimeroi	08/26-10/27/83	17	09/26/1986
Challis	08-08/02/82	37	09/26/1986
Eastern Idaho	03/29-07/01/83	70	10/03/1986
Great Rift	03/15-05/15/79	92	06/06/1980
Jacks Creek	07/27-10/02/84	151	07/14/1989
Jarbidge	11/09-81	189	10/02/1987
Lemhi	10/85-01/13/84	197	12/18/1987
Medicine Lodge	09/84-12/27/84	50	12/18/1987
Monument	05/11-08/09/84	20	07/17/1987
North Idaho	06/18-08/30/82	111	09/26/1986
Owyhee	05/28-08/09/1982	99	11/21/1986
Owyhee Canyonlands	02/24-05/31/84	508	10/20/1989
Shoshone/Sun Valley	10/26-01/11/83	79	04/11/1986
Small Wilderness	01/20-04/28/88	43	09/15/1989