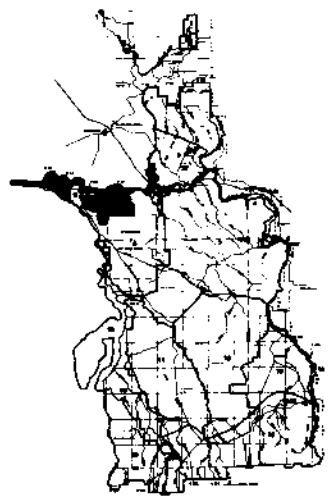
I) Special Designations

Area	Type of Designation	Acres/Miles
Oregon Trail	Nat'l Historic Trail & Nat'l Register, SRMA	1,152/3.6
Sand Point	ACEC	435

J) Other Special Actions (watershed, timber, etc.)

1) Develop grazing systems to maintain condition.

2) Allow no actions (project developments or land treatments) to occur that would adversely affect the habitat of sensitive, candidate or endangered species.



MUA-5 SNAKE RIVER BIRDS OF PREY

Description

The Snake River Birds of Prey (BOP) area consists of two segments. One is located two miles north of Hammett and the other is bordered in the south by the Snake River from Indian Cove downriver to the confluence with the Bruneau River and upstream to the confluence of Buckaroo ditch and the northern boundary of the Saylor Creek Gunnery Range (the larger segment of the BOP is found down river in the Bruneau and Owyhee Resource Areas). There are 49,286 acres of public land, 6,116 acres of state land, and 10,873 acres of private land contained within the area. The terrain is rolling lowland and flat agricultural land and contains habitat for numerous raptors including several endangered/sensitive species (bald eagle, ferruginous hawk and burrowing owl) and important wetland/riparian areas along C.J. Strike Reservoir. The area includes portions of two grazing allotments grazed by cattle owned by six users. The vegetation is primarily big sagegrass-cheatgrass-Sandberg bluegrass in poor condition. The rim area contains a remnant population of salt-desert shrubs. The Bruneau Dunes State Park, the Oregon National Historic Trail and important cultural resource sites also lie within this area. The current ecological condition, in acres, is:

Excell.	Good	Fair	Poor	Burn	Seed	Spray	Water
0	0	28,149	15,379	5,414	0	0	0

Objectives

Retain all public lands in federal ownership (49,286 acres).

Improve lands in poor ecological condition.

Issue 5,631 AUMs of forage for livestock by the year 2005.

Maintain existing range vegetative improvements.

Manage big game habitat to support 150 mule deer. Existing population is 50 mule deer.

Maintain current condition of riparian habitat along the Snake River (12 miles) and C.J. Strike Complex (9 miles).

Protect the scenic and natural values surrounding the Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park.

Protect and preserve all remaining ruts and trail features of the Oregon National Historic Trail and develop an interpretative marker program for the Oregon Trail.

Make 49,286 acres (100%) of area available for energy mineral exploration and development and 33,671 acres (68%) for nonenergy minerals. Manage 50 acres as materials use sites.

Multiple Use and Transfer Area Classes

Acreage classified -- 0 Moderate, 0 Intensive,
49,286 Limited, 0 Transfer

Actions

A) Forage Use Levels (AUMs)

4,482	Livestock Proposed	0	Elk
5,631	Livestock 20 year	32	Mule Deer
0	Wild Horses	0	Pronghorn
0	Bighorn Sheep		

B) Preliminary Wilderness Recommendation - N/A

C) Lands

1. Utility avoidance/restricted area - Rutted portions of Oregon Trail (1,504 acres) (overhead, surface, underground), and visual area around Bruneau Dunes State Park (overhead, surface).

2. Closed to agricultural entry - 49,286 acres

D) Motorized Vehicle Management (Acres)

0 open; 49,286 limited; 0 closed.

Type of limitation - No ORV activity around raptor nesting sites during nesting/fledging seasons and to designated roads and trails. Oregon Trail to designated roads and trails (1,504 acres/4.7 miles).

Areas closed - None

E) Minerals Management

49,286 acres open to entry for leaseables

15,615+ acres limited on leaseables (Area & Type)-No surface occupancy around raptor nesting sites (14,111 acres); Oregon Trail-4.7 miles (1,504 acres) or within 500 feet of stream banks of perennial or intermittent streams or edges of reservoirs

15,615 acres withdrawn from locatable entry (Area)-Oregon Trail (1,504 acres) & raptor essential nesting habitat (14,111 acres)

F) Fire Management

Suppression - 49,286 acres full; 0 acres limited

Special actions - No mechanical equipment or fire lines in Oregon Trail and no fire lines around Bruneau Dunes State Park (visual area of park). See Appendix F.

G) Activity Plans

RAMP for SRBOP & Oregon Trail, Fire Mgt. Plan. AMP for Allotments 1056,1137

H) Proposed projects/actions for range, wildlife, cultural, fisheries, riparian

		Vegetation Manipulation (acres)					
		Livestock			Wildlife		
Activity	Seedings Maintained	Brush Control	Brush Control & Seeding	Seeding Only	Interseed or Reseed	Replace to Native Vegetation	Rehabilitate Existing Burns
Range	5,414			2,000			
Cultural							

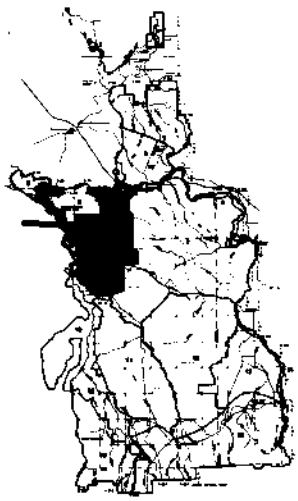
	Development (# or miles)			
	Water		Land	
Activity	Reservoirs or Wells	Pipelines	Fencing	Signs
Range				
Cultural				+

I) Special Designations

Area	Type of Designation	Acres/Miles
Snake River Birds of Prey Area	Withdrawal Area	49,286/
Oregon Trail	Nat'l. Historic Trail Nat'l. Register, SRMA	1,504/4.7

J) Other Special Actions (watershed, timber, etc.)

1) Decrease spring/summer use period and increase fall/winter grazing use.



MUA-6 SAYLOR CREEK WEST

Description

The Saylor Creek West area is bordered by the Snake River BOP and Snake River Riparian zone on the north, the Bruneau River and respective WSA boundary on the west, and the allotment boundary to the east and south. The area is generally flat to gently rolling hills with a few canyon areas. Elevation throughout the area averages around 3500'. The Saylor Creek Gunnery Range (102,746 acres) is located in the middle of the area. Vegetation is predominantly crested wheatgrass seedings with pockets of big sagebrush. A large part of the area has been burned and is presently in annual grass with Sandberg bluegrass. All or portions of 17 grazing allotments are contained within the area, used by cattle and sheep. The Pothole Cultural Resource Site complex is located in the northern part of this area. There are 176,859 acres of public lands, 9,226 acres of state lands, and 10,199 acres of private lands contained within the area. The current ecological condition, in acres, is:

Excell.	Good	Fair	Poor	Burn	Seed	Spray	Water
0	0	25	75,208	25,519	75,107	0	0

Objectives

Consider for transfer from public ownership 120 acres through sale (T1), 80 acres through sale or exchange (T2), and make available 4,473 acres of public lands for potential DLE/CA development (T4). Retain 172,186 acres of public lands in federal ownership. Adjudicate and divide the West Saylor Creek MUA into individual allotments by 1987.

Issue 47,772 AUMs of forage for livestock by the year 2005.

Improve lands in poor ecological condition.

Maintain existing vegetative improvements.

Manage big game habitat to support 40 mule deer. Existing population is 25 mule deer. Maintain present levels of upland game nesting and cover habitat.

Protect and manage the Sand Point Paleontologic area.

Maintain current condition of riparian habitat.

Make 73,733 acres (42%) of the area available for energy minerals exploration and development and 73,733 acres (42%) for nonenergy minerals. Retain all public lands in the Bruneau KGRA. Manage 28 acres for materials use.

Multiple Use and Transfer Area Classes

Acreage classified -- 69,440 Moderate, 102,746 Intensive,
0 Limited, 4,673 Transfer

Actions

A) Forage Use Levels (AUMs)

12,136	Livestock Proposed	0	Elk
47,772	Livestock 20 year	29	Mule Deer
0	Wild Horses	0	Pronghorn
0	Bighorn Sheep		

B) Preliminary Wilderness Recommendation - N/A

C) Lands

1. Utility avoidance/restricted area - 102,746 acres in Saylor Creek Gunnery (overhead, surface, underground) and Sand Point Paleontological Area (380 acres) (surface and underground).

2. Closed to agricultural entry-171,626 acres.

D) Motorized Vehicle Management (Acres)

73,733 open; 380 limited; 102,746 closed.

Types of Limitations - To designated roads and trails (Sand Point Paleontologic Area).
Areas Closed - Saylor Creek Gunnery Range.

E) Minerals Management

73,733 acres open to entry for leaseables
103,126+ acres limited on leaseables (Area & Type) - No surface occupancy in Saylor Creek Gunnery Range, Sand Point Paleontologic, or within 500 feet of stream banks of perennial or intermittent streams or edges of reservoirs.
103,126 acres withdrawn from locatable entry (Area) - Saylor Ck. Gunnery (102,746); Sand Point Paleontologic Area (380 acres/18 sites)

F) Fire Management

Suppression - 176,859 acres full; 0 acres limited

Special actions - The 102,746 acres in the Gunnery Range will be managed under contracted service with Mountain Home Air Force Base. No mechanized equipment (wheeled) on paleontologic sites.

G) Activity Plans

Fire Mgt. Plan, Management Plan for Sand Point Paleontologic Area, AMPs for Allotments 1056, 1137; Cultural Plan for Pot Hole Complex.

H) Proposed projects/actions for range, wildlife, cultural, fisheries, riparian

		Vegetation Manipulation (acres)					
		Livestock			Wildlife		
Activity	Seedings Maintained	Brush Control	Brush Control & Seeding	Seeding Only	Interseed or Reseed	Replace to Native Vegetation	Rehabilitate Existing Burns
Range	75,107						
Wildlife							
Terrestrial							150

	Development (# or miles)			
	Water		Land	
Activity	Reservoirs or Wells	Pipelines	Fencing	Signs
Range		30	35	
Wildlife				
Terrestrial				

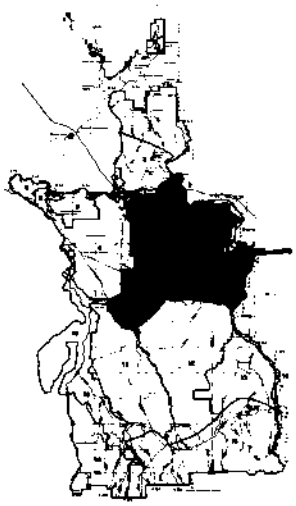
I) Special Designations

Area	Type of Designation	Acres/Miles
Sand Point	ACEC	380/

J) Other Special Actions (watershed, timber, etc.)

1) Protection of critical erosion hazard area in the Narrows Carey Act project that could create erosion of the Sand Point Paleontologic deposits.

2) Special water runoff (return irrigation flows) stipulations on transferred lands to protect public lands adjacent to and downslope of transfer lands. Establish legal allotment boundaries.



MUA-7 SAYLOR CREEK EAST

Description

The area contains 347,530 acres of public lands, 14,356 acres of state lands and 82,211 acres of private lands. It is bordered on the west by the Saylor Creek West Allotment, by the riparian zone of the Snake River to the north and northeast, Salmon Falls Creek on the east and Balanced Rock/Clover Road and Clover Creek Canyon on the south and southwest. This MUA contains the 106,469 acre Saylor Creek Wild Horse Herd Area. Topography is generally flat to gently rolling hills with significant amounts of developed agricultural land (farms in the north and eastern parts of the area). A number of DLE/CA applications have been filed on potentially suitable agricultural lands. The soils show significant potential for agricultural productivity. Vegetation is predominantly cheatgrass, crested wheat and big sagebrush grazed by sheep and cattle belonging to 24 permittees in one allotment. A substantial percentage of the area has been burned with the biggest burn

occurring in 1976. Remnant native perennial grasses include Thurber needlegrass, Sandberg bluegrass and bottlebrush squirreltail. Mule deer, antelope, sage grouse, and upland game are found in the area. Wildlife tracts have been developed in the farming area to provide cover, nesting habitat, and food for upland game. Fifteen thousand acres have been set aside thus far under Sikes Act for this purpose. Significant paleontological and cultural resource sites in Pasadena Valley, Dove Springs, and Roosevear Gulch have been recorded and the Oregon National Historic Trail traverses the northern portion of the area. The current ecological condition, in acres, is:

Excell.	Good	Fair	Poor	Burn	Seed	Spray	Water
0	0	315	123,921	46,278	155,612	0	0

Objectives

Consider for transfer from public ownership 420 acres through sale (T1), 8,122 acres through sale or exchange (T2); 85 acres through exchange (T3); and 63,143 acres of public land for potential DLE/CA development (T4). Retain all remaining lands, 275,760 acres.

Issue 70,113 AUMs of forage for livestock by the year 2005, and provide forage to support a herd of 50 wild horses in the 83,540 acre Saylor Creek Wild Horse Herd Area.

Improve lands in poor ecological condition.

Maintain existing vegetative improvements.

Manage big game habitat to support 100 mule deer and 30 antelope. Existing populations are 50 mule deer and 15 antelope. Maintain existing upland game nesting and cover habitats. Manage 3,990 acres of the cheatgrass study area for curlews.

Maintain current condition of riparian and fish habitat.

Manage the Oregon Trail to preserve remaining ruts and trail features and nominate to national register and develop interpretive signing and facilities to serve trail users and protect Dove Spring complex.

Protect the 96 paleontologic sites in Pasadena Valley, Roosevear Creek and Gulch, Dove Springs, Deer Gulch, Pilgrim Spring and Stage, and Glenns Ferry.

Make 329,166 acres (95%) of the area available for energy minerals exploration and development and 335,066 acres (96%) for nonenergy minerals. Manage 24 sites containing 524 acres as material use sites.

Multiple Use and Transfer Area Classes

Acreage classified -- 192,178 Moderate, 0 Intensive,
83,582 Limited, 71,770 Transfer

Actions

A) Forage Use Levels (AUMs)

37,097	Livestock Proposed	0	Elk
70,113	Livestock 20 year	32	Mule Deer
600	Wild Horses	4	Pronghorn
0	Bighorn Sheep		

B) Preliminary Wilderness Recommendation - N/A

C) Lands

1. Utility avoidance/restricted area - Oregon Trail 5,888 acres (overhead, surface, underground); Dove Springs (160 acres) and 96 paleontologic sites (surface and underground).

2. Closed to agricultural entry - 275,920 acres (96 paleontologic sites and Dove Springs Cultural site; 83,540 acres wild horse habitat area).

D) Motorized Vehicle Management (Acres)

341,642 open; 5,888 limited; 0 closed.

Types of Limitation - Oregon Trail: to designated roads and trails (5,888 acres/18.4 miles).

Areas Closed - None

E) Minerals Management

329,166 acres open to entry for leaseables

18,364 acres limited on leaseables (Area & Type)-No surface occupancy on cultural & paleontologic sites or within 500 feet of stream banks of perennial or intermittent streams or edges of reservoirs.

12,464+ acres withdrawn from locatable entry (Area) - Oregon Trail (5,888 acres) & 96 sites located in 9 Paleontologic Areas & Dove Springs (160 acres) cultural resource site, and 6,416 other acres currently withdrawn.

F) Fire Management

Suppression - 347,530 acres full; 0 acres limited

Special actions - No mechanized equipment (wheeled) on Oregon Trail; no fire lines (mechanical) surface disturbing across trail segments.

G) Activity Plans

Cultural (Dove Springs), RAMP for Oregon Trail; Fire Mgt. Plan, Wild Horse Management Plan, AMP for Allotment 1056.

H) Proposed projects/actions for range, wildlife, cultural, fisheries, riparian

Activity	Seedings Maintained	Vegetation Manipulation (acres)					
		Livestock			Wildlife		
		Brush Control	Brush Control & Seeding	Seeding Only	Interseed or Reseed	Replace to Native Vegetation	Rehabilitate Existing Burns
Range	155,612						
Cultural							

Activity	Development (# or miles)			
	Water		Land	
	Reservoirs or Wells	Pipelines	Fencing	Signs
Range	2	100	100	
Cultural				+

I) Special Designations

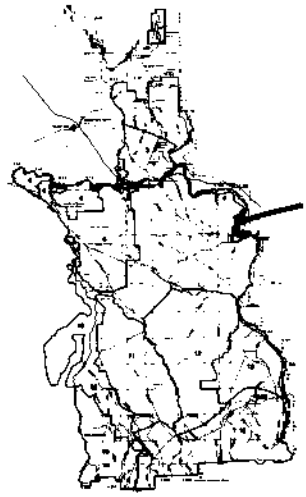
Area	Type of Designation	Acres/Miles
Oregon Trail	Nat'l Historic Trail & Nat'l Register, SRMA	5,888/18.4
Saylor Creek Wild Horse	Wild Horse Herd Area	83,540

J) Other Special Actions (watershed, timber, etc.)

1) Design fences so as to minimize wild horse movement conflicts.

2) Fences will be modified to allow for antelope passage in areas where their needs are not being met.

3) Transfer of land within the curlew habitat area will not be allowed prior to the development of an agreement between the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Idaho Department of Water Resources which identifies satisfactory mitigation measures to protect curlew habitat.



MUA-8 HAGERMAN FOSSIL BEDS

Description

The Hagerman Fossil Beds are located along the western bank of the Snake River, and extend westward to the rim of the Snake River Canyon, approximately two miles west of the town of Hagerman. The southern boundary of the area adjoins the Hagerman ORV area and the northern boundary is adjacent to the Saylor Creek East area. This area also bisects a part of the Snake River Riparian MUA 4. Terrain is extremely steep and soils are poorly formed and highly erodable. Vegetation is cheatgrass and sagebrush but also contains similar riparian values as described for MUA 4. The fossil area is a National Natural Landmark and an internationally recognized paleontologic area with over 300 fossil sites identified. The area contains 4,394 acres of public lands and 499 acres of state lands. Wildlife values include upland game, raptors, and mule deer. The current ecological condition, in acres, is:

Excell.	Good	Fair	Poor	Burn	Seed	Spray	Water
0	0	0	3,587	400	407	0	0

Objectives

Retain 4,394 acres of public lands in federal ownership unless site specific exchange is necessary to improve area management.

Exclude livestock grazing in all areas.

Improve lands in poor ecological conditions.

Manage big game habitat to support five mule deer. Existing population is five mule deer.

Maintain present upland game nesting and cover habitat.

Preserve two miles of the Oregon Trail (remaining ruts and trail features) nominate to National Register and develop an interpretive marker for the Oregon Trail.

Protect and manage the area for its paleontologic values through designation as an ACEC.

Minimize accelerated erosion caused by water and insure that vegetative cover is maintained to minimize wind erosion.

Make available 986 acres (22%) of area for energy minerals exploration and development and 4,394 acres (100%) for nonenergy minerals.

Multiple Use and Transfer Area Classes

Acreage classified -- 0 Moderate, 0 Intensive,
4,394 Limited, 0 Transfer

Actions

A) Forage Use Levels (AUMs)

0	Livestock Proposed	0	Elk
0	Livestock 20 year	1	Mule Deer
0	Wild Horses	0	Pronghorn
0	Bighorn Sheep		

B) Preliminary Wilderness Recommendation - N/A

C) Lands

1. Utility avoidance/restricted area - entire 4,394 acres except existing corridor and facility location (surface, underground).

2. Closed to agricultural entry (Area) - entire Fossil Beds (4,394 acres).

D) Motorized Vehicle Management (Acres)

0 open; 0 limited; 4,394 closed.

Type of limitation - closed to all motorized vehicle use off of designated roads.
Areas closed - entire area

E) Minerals Management

986	acres open to entry for leaseables
4,394	acres limited on leaseables (Area & Type) - No surface occupancy-entire area
0	acres withdrawn from locatable entry