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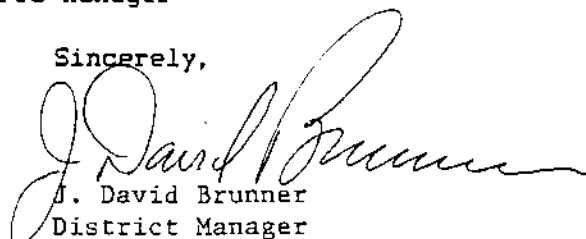
Dear Reader:

The attached document is an update for the Jarbidge Resource Management Plan. The Environmental Impact Statement for this plan was completed in 1985 and the Record of Decision was signed on March 23, 1987. Significant progress has been made in terms of implementation of this land use plan since 1987. The attached document summarizes actions that have been implemented in each resource program. The program discussions in this document are keyed to the same multiple use areas identified in the Resource Management Plan. In conjunction with implementing the RMP, the Jarbidge Resource Area has maintained an aggressive monitoring program to track the effectiveness of actions implemented on the ground. Additional monitoring programs are planned for the future. These programs will include monitoring for water quality, threatened and endangered species, hazardous materials, and overall ecosystem conditions and trends.

Any questions or comments regarding the implementation of the Jarbidge Resource Management Plan should be directed to:

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JARBIDGE RESOURCE AREA

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

INTRODUCTION

In 1987, the Jarbidge Resource Management Plan (RMP) went into effect. This report generally summarizes progress made toward implementing the RMP since that year. In addition, this document outlines some of the future projects needed to meet specific RMP objectives. This report is organized by the major programs, activities or topics of interest with work accomplished to date, and work yet to be done to meet specific objectives. This document is not intended to be a comprehensive report of all of the projects completed or proposed, but rather a brief status report.

In August of 1991, the Jarbidge Resource Area office moved from Boise to Twin Falls. An open house was held on September 10, 1991, officially opening the office. Reasons for making the Jarbidge Resource Area a detached office were twofold. First, the detached office would better be able to serve the general public and

user groups within the resource area. Second, it reduced travel time and associated costs for resource specialists allowing them to spend more time on-the-ground in the resource area. Currently, 85 percent of the land is within 60 miles of the area office, compared to only 4 percent when the office was in Boise.

In January of 1992, the entire Bennett Mountain Planning Unit, approximately 123,105 acres of public land, was transferred to the Bruneau Resource Area for administrative purposes. Included in the transfer were all of Multiple Use Areas (MUA) 1, 2, and 3, and part of 5 and all of the Jarbidge Resource Area north of the Snake River. (See map on page iv for MUA locations.) The transfer was the result of the decision to make the Jarbidge Resource Area a detached office located in Twin Falls, Idaho. The effects of the transfer varied by program. Impacts to programs are addressed in each program summary.

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MAP 3

MULTIPLE USE AREAS

- *1 Andersen Ranch - Boise River
- *2 Upper Bennett
- *3 Lower Bennett
- 4 Snake River Riparian
- ±5 Snake River Birds of Prey
- 6 Saylor Creek West
- 7 Saylor Creek East
- #8 Hagerman Fossil Beds
- 9 Hagerman QRV
- 10 Bruneau - Sheep Creek
- 11 Inside Desert
- 12 West Devil
- 13 East Devil
- 14 Salmon Falls Creek
- 15 Jarbidge Foothills
- 16 Diamond "A"

* - Jurisdiction transferred to Bruneau Resource Area 1/1/1992

0 1 2 3 4 5 6
Scale in Miles

± - Portion north of river transferred to Bruneau Resource Area 1/1/1992

- Management responsibility conveyed to National Park Service September 1988

