

DIFFERENCES AMONG ALTERNATIVES: ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

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Land Use Authorizations					
<i>No goal stated.</i>	Goal LA-CA-G- 1. Public needs for land use authorizations would be met with consideration for other resource values.				
<i>No objective stated.</i>	Objective LA-I-O- 1. Provide for the development of renewable energy resources, transportation routes, utility corridors, transmission lines, communication sites and other uses with consideration for resource objectives.	Objective LA-II-O- 1. Same as Alternative I.	Objective LA-III-O- 1. Provide for the development of renewable energy resources, transportation routes, utility corridors, transmission lines, communication sites and other uses with consideration for resource objectives and wildland fire prevention and suppression objectives.	Objective LA-IV-O- 1. Same as Alternative I.	Objective LA-V-O- 1. Same as Alternative I.
The following areas would be utility avoidance/ restricted areas (110,000 acres): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paleontological sites at Glenns Ferry and Pasadena Valley • Cultural resource complexes • Dove Springs • All rutted segments of Oregon Trail • Recommended suitable wilderness area • Bruneau-Jarbidge and Sand Point ACECs • Suitable Wild and Scenic River (WSR) corridors • Salmon Falls Creek Canyon. 	The following areas would be right-of-way (ROW) avoidance areas (896,000 acres): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas within United States Air Force (USAF) Military Operating Areas (MOAs) • Oregon NHT protective corridor • Eligible, suitable, and designated WSR corridors • Non-WSA lands managed for their wilderness characteristics • Bruneau-Jarbidge and Salmon Falls Creek ACECs 	The following areas would be ROW avoidance areas (878,000 acres): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas within USAF MOAs • Oregon NHT protective corridor • Eligible, suitable, and designated WSR corridors 	The following areas would be ROW avoidance areas (880,000 acres): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas within USAF MOAs • Oregon NHT protective corridor • Eligible, suitable, and designated WSR corridors • Bruneau-Jarbidge and Salmon Falls Creek ACECs 	The following areas would be ROW avoidance areas (896,000 acres): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas within USAF MOAs • Oregon NHT protective corridor • Eligible, suitable, and designated WSR corridors • Bruneau-Jarbidge ACEC 	The following areas would be ROW avoidance areas (1,229,000 acres): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas within USAF MOAs • Oregon NHT protective corridor • Eligible, suitable, and designated WSR corridors • Sagebrush Sea ACEC

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<i>No similar management action.</i>	The following areas would be ROW exclusion areas (95,000 acres): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sand Point ACEC • WSAs 	The following areas would be ROW exclusion areas (94,000 acres): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSAs 	Same as Alternative I.	The following areas would be ROW exclusion areas (148,000 acres): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sand Point ACEC • WSAs • Non-WSA lands managed for their wilderness characteristics 	Same as Alternative IV.
<i>No similar management action.</i>	Designate the Pilgrim Gulch, Shoestring, Saylor Creek, Balanced Rock, and Jarbidge ROW corridors.	Designate the Pilgrim Gulch, Shoestring, Saylor Creek, Balanced Rock, Jarbidge, and China Mountain ROW corridors.	Same as Alternative I.	Same as Alternative I.	Designate the Pilgrim Gulch, Shoestring, Balanced Rock, and Jarbidge ROW corridors.
Implement the Programmatic Policies and Best Management Practices in the Wind Energy Development Program (Appendix N).					
<i>No similar management action.</i>	Wind farms could be considered in areas with annual or non-native vegetation communities, consistent with stipulations for ROW avoidance areas and outside ROW exclusion areas.	Wind farms can be considered throughout the planning area, consistent with stipulations for ROW avoidance areas and outside ROW exclusion areas.	Same as Alternative I.	Same as Alternative I.	Same as Alternative I.
Restrict wind energy development from wildlife habitat where adverse effects could not be mitigated.	Restrict wind energy site testing and monitoring and wind energy development from occupied habitat for special status plants and animals, and cultural resources where their direct and indirect adverse effects cannot be mitigated.	Restrict wind turbines and meteorological towers from occupied habitat for Endangered, Threatened, Proposed, and Candidate species where their direct adverse effects cannot be mitigated.	Same as Alternative I.	Restrict wind energy site testing and monitoring and wind energy development from occupied and suitable habitat for special status species, wildlife habitat, and cultural resources where their direct and indirect adverse effects cannot be mitigated.	Same as Alternative IV.

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<i>No similar management action.</i>	Locate new transmission and phone lines, communications towers, meteorological towers, and wind turbines 1 to 3 miles away from active sage-grouse leks if the structure would not conflict with the lek. If this cannot be documented, structures must be >3 miles away.	Locate new transmission and phone lines, communications towers, meteorological towers, and wind turbines >1 mile from active sage-grouse leks.	Locate new transmission and phone lines, communications towers, meteorological towers, and wind turbines >3 miles from active sage-grouse leks.	Locate new transmission and phone lines, communications towers, meteorological towers, and wind turbines >5 miles from active sage-grouse leks.	Same as Alternative IV.
<i>Leasable Minerals</i>					
<i>No goal stated.</i>	<i>Goal LE-CA-G- 1 Provide leasable mineral development opportunities where they are compatible with other resources.</i>				
Objective LE-NA-O- 1. Make 1,307,000 acres of the area available for leasable mineral exploration and development across all MUAs.	Objective LE-I-O- 1. Facilitate reasonable, economical, and environmentally sound exploration and development of leasable minerals where compatible with resource objectives.	Objective LE-II-O- 1. Same as Alternative I.	Objective LE-III-O- 1. Facilitate reasonable, economical, and environmentally sound exploration and development of leasable minerals where compatible with resource and wildland fire prevention and suppression objectives.	Objective LE-IV-O- 1. Same as Alternative I.	Objective LE-V-O- 11. Same as Alternative I.
All mineral leases would be subject to laws, regulations, and formal orders, the terms and conditions of the standard lease form; and stipulations for Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) Section 7 Consultation and Cultural Resource Protection; allocations below outline what, if any, additional constraints would apply.					
Allocate 1,303,000 acres as open to mineral leasing.	Allocate 670,000 acres of Federal mineral estate as open to mineral leasing with no additional constraints.	Allocate 1,355,000 acres of Federal mineral estate as open to mineral leasing with no additional constraints.	Allocate 1,355,000 acres of Federal mineral estate as open to mineral leasing with no additional constraints.	Allocate 634,000 acres of Federal mineral estate in Alternative IV-A and 648,000 acres in Alternative IV-B as open to mineral leasing with no additional constraints.	Allocate 1,034,000 acres of Federal mineral estate as open to mineral leasing with no additional constraints

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<p>Allocate the following areas as open to mineral leasing, subject to moderate constraints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seasonal restrictions in big game winter range, pronghorn fawning range, key sage-grouse and sharp-tailed grouse habitats, raptor winter and nesting habitat 	<p>Allocate 633,000 acres of Federal mineral estate as open to mineral leasing, subject to moderate constraints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seasonal restrictions in big game winter range, key sage-grouse habitat, and bull trout and redband trout habitat Controlled surface use restriction in RCAs 	<p>Allocate 17,000 acres of Federal mineral estate as open to mineral leasing, subject to moderate constraints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlled surface use restriction in RCAs 	<p>Allocate 17,000 acres of Federal mineral estate as open to mineral leasing, subject to moderate constraints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlled surface use restriction in RCAs 	<p>Allocate 586,000 acres of Federal mineral estate in Alternative IV-A and 604,000 acres in Alternative IV-B as open to mineral leasing, subject to moderate constraints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seasonal restrictions in big game winter range, key sage-grouse habitat, and bull trout and redband trout habitat Controlled surface use restriction in RCAs 	<p>Allocate 264,000 acres of Federal mineral estate as open to mineral leasing, subject to moderate constraints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seasonal restrictions in key sage-grouse habitat and bull trout and redband trout habitat Controlled surface use restriction in RCAs
<p>Allocate 284,000 acres as open to mineral leasing, subject to major constraints (no surface occupancy; NSO):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oregon Trail Sand Point ACEC and other paleontological sites and cultural resource complexes WSAs; Bruneau-Jarbidge SRMA; and bighorn sheep habitat Bruneau, Jarbidge, Arch, and Salmon Falls Canyons Within 500 feet of riparian areas 	<p>Allocate 32,000 acres of Federal mineral estate as open to mineral leasing, subject to major constraints (NSO):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Oregon NHT protective corridor The Kelton and Toana Freight Road protective corridors 	<p>Allocate 29,000 acres of Federal mineral estate as open to mineral leasing, subject to major constraints (NSO):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Oregon NHT protective corridor Eligible, suitable, and designated WSRs 	<p>Allocate 28,000 acres of Federal mineral estate as open to mineral leasing, subject to major constraints (NSO):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Oregon NHT protective corridor Eligible, suitable, and designated WSRs 	<p>Allocate 32,000 acres of Federal mineral estate in Alternative IV-A and 32,000 acres in Alternative IV-B as open to mineral leasing, subject to major constraints (NSO):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Oregon NHT protective corridor The Kelton and Toana Freight Road protective corridors 	<p>Allocate 32,000 acres of Federal mineral estate as open to mineral leasing, subject to major constraints (NSO):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Oregon NHT protective corridor The Kelton and Toana Freight Road protective corridors

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<p>Allocate 104,000 acres as closed to mineral leasing.</p>	<p>Allocate 160,000 acres of Federal mineral estate as closed to mineral leasing in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSAs • Eligible, suitable, and designated WSRs • Non-WSA lands managed for their wilderness characteristics • Lower Bruneau Canyon, Bruneau-Jarbidge, Middle Snake, Salmon Falls Creek, and Sand Point ACECs 	<p>Allocate 94,000 acres of Federal mineral estate as closed to mineral leasing in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSAs 	<p>Allocate 96,000 acres of Federal mineral estate as closed to mineral leasing in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSAs • Bruneau-Jarbidge and Sand Point ACECs 	<p>Allocate 243,000 acres of Federal mineral estate in Alternative IV-A and 210,872 acres in Alternative IV-B as closed to mineral leasing in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSAs • Eligible, suitable, and designated WSRs; the Inside Desert • Non-WSA lands managed for their wilderness characteristics • Lower Bruneau Canyon, Bruneau-Jarbidge, and Sand Point ACECs 	<p>Allocate 165,000 acres of Federal mineral estate as closed to mineral leasing in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSAs • Eligible, suitable, and designated WSRs • Non-WSA lands managed for their wilderness characteristics • Lower Bruneau Canyon, Middle Snake, and Sand Point ACECs