

DIFFERENCES AMONG ALTERNATIVES: FUELS TREATMENTS, FIRE REHABILITATION, AND FIRE SUPPRESSION

No Action Alternative	Alternative I	Alternative II	Alternative III	Alternative IV	Alternative V
<i>No goal stated.</i>	Goal WFM-CA-G- 1. Fire management strategies would result in firefighter and public safety and protection of property and natural and cultural resources, while considering suppression and rehabilitation costs.				
<i>No objective stated.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Objective WFM-I-O- 1. Strive to reduce average wildland fire size and number of human-caused fire starts within wildland urban interface (WUI). ➤ Objective WFM-I-O- 2. Reduce acres burned in vegetation types outside WUI where more wildland fires have burned than desired/historic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Objective WFM-II-O- 1. Same as Alternative I. ➤ Objective WFM-II-O- 2. Same as Alternative I. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Objective WFM-III-O- 1. Strive to reduce average wildland fire size, number of human-caused fire starts, and number of acres burned within and outside WUI throughout the planning area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Objective WFM-IV-O- 1. Same as Alternative I. ➤ Objective WFM-IV-O- 2. Same as Alternative I. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Objective WFM-V-O- 1. Same as Alternative I. ➤ Objective WFM-V-O- 2. Same as Alternative I.
Manage the entire planning area (1,374,000 acres) for full suppression.	<p>Critical Suppression Areas would include 481,000 acres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WUI • Bruneau-Jarbidge, Lower Bruneau Canyon, Middle Snake, and Salmon Falls Creek ACECs • Key sage-grouse habitat 	<p>Critical Suppression Areas would include 172,000 acres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WUI 	<p>Critical Suppression Areas would include 469,000 acres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WUI • Bruneau-Jarbidge and Salmon Falls Creek ACECs • Key sage-grouse habitat 	<p>Critical Suppression Areas would include 594,000 acres in Alternative IV-A and 555,000 acres in Alternative IV-B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WUI • Bruneau-Jarbidge, Inside Desert, Jarbidge Foothills, and Lower Bruneau Canyon ACECs • Key sage-grouse habitat 	<p>Critical Suppression Areas would include 1,067,000 acres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WUI • Lower Bruneau Canyon, Middle Snake, and Sagebrush Sea ACECs • Key sage-grouse habitat

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<i>No similar management action.</i>	Improve water availability for fire suppression in high recreational use areas , in accordance with Idaho and Nevada State Law regarding the appropriation and use of water.	Improve water availability for fire suppression in native plant communities and WUI , in accordance with Idaho and Nevada State Law regarding the use of water.	Improve water availability for fire suppression throughout the planning area , in accordance with Idaho and Nevada State Law regarding the appropriation and use of water.	Same as Alternative III.	Maintain water availability for fire suppression at 2009 levels.
<i>No similar management action.</i>	Consistent with other resource objectives, implement measures to reduce response time for fire suppression activities.	Consistent with resource use objectives, implement measures to reduce response time for fire suppression activities.	Implement measures to reduce response time for fire suppression activities.	Same as Alternative I.	Same as Alternative I.
<i>No similar management action.</i>	<i>No similar management action.</i>	<i>No similar management action.</i>	Authorized uses may be limited/prohibited to reduce wildland fire.	Same as Alternative III.	Same as Alternative III.
<i>No goal stated.</i>	Goal FFE-CA-G- 1. Reduce fire hazard to WUI.				
<i>No goal stated.</i>	Goal FFE-I-G- 1. Manage vegetation communities outside WUI to maintain or restore their fire regimes and mosaic of successional classes to within their historic range.	Goal FFE-II-G- 1. Same as Alternative I.	Goal FFE-III-G- 1. Manage vegetation communities to lengthen the fire return interval.	Goal FFE-IV-G- 1. Same as Alternative I.	Goal FFE-V-G- 1. Same as Alternative I.
<i>No objective stated.</i>	➤ Objective FFE-CA-O- 1. Manage plant communities within WUI to reduce Relative Risk Rating as identified in the 2007 <i>Idaho Interagency Assessment of Wildland Fire Risk to Communities.</i>				
<i>No objective stated.</i>	➤ Objective FFE-I-O- 1. Manage plant communities outside WUI to move toward FRCC 1.	➤ Objective FFE-II-O- 1. Manage native plant communities outside WUI, excluding Sandberg/non-native areas, to move toward FRCC 1 .Manage non-native plant communities and Sandberg/non-native areas for commodity use, which may not be toward FRCC 1	➤ Objective FFE-III-O- 1. Manage native plant communities outside WUI to move toward FRCC 1. Manage non-native plant communities to reduce wildland fire size and intensity, which may not be toward FRCC 1.	➤ Objective FFE-IV-O- 1. Same as Alternative I.	➤ Objective FFE-V-O- 1. Same as Alternative I.

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<i>No objective stated.</i>	➤ Objective FFE-I-O- 2. Implement fuels treatments to protect Critical Suppression Areas; limit the spread, size, and intensity of wildland fire; and maintain or improve vegetation.	➤ Objective FFE-II-O- 2. Same as Alternative I.	➤ Objective FFE-III-O- 2. Implement fuels treatments to protect Critical Suppression Areas and limit the spread, size, and intensity of wildland fire.	➤ Objective FFE-IV-O- 2. Same as Alternative I.	➤ Objective FFE-V-O- 2. Same as Alternative I.
<i>No similar management action.</i>	Implement fuels treatments to reduce fuel loads with consideration for other resource and resource use objectives.	Same as Alternative I.	Implement fuels treatments to reduce fuel loads as appropriate to reduce wildland fire size and intensity.	Implement fuels treatments to reduce fuel loads with consideration for other resource objectives.	Same as Alternative IV.
<i>No similar management action.</i>	Fuels treatments in WUI would focus on areas with high and high/moderate Relative Risk Ratings in the northern portion of the planning area.	Fuels treatments in WUI would focus on areas with high, high/moderate, and moderate Relative Risk Ratings in the northern portion of the planning area and near Roseworth.	Fuels treatments in WUI would focus on areas with high, high/moderate, and moderate Relative Risk Ratings in the northern portion of the planning area and near Roseworth and Three Creek.	Same as Alternative I.	Fuels treatments in WUI would focus on areas with high Relative Risk Ratings in the northern portion of the planning area.
<i>No similar management action.</i>	Outside SRMAs, fuel breaks would follow disturbance corridors or would protect restoration and Emergency Stabilization and Burned Area Recovery (ES&BAR) treatments; fuel breaks for SRMAs could be used to protect adjacent areas, protect facilities, and protect high-use areas.	Fuel breaks would focus on protecting commercial facilities; fuel breaks would also be placed in non-native communities to protect native communities.	Fuel breaks would focus on strategic locations to disrupt the continuity of fuels and to protect structures and important resources such as habitat for sage-grouse and slickspot peppergrass.	Fuel breaks would follow disturbance corridors or would protect restoration or ES&BAR treatments.	Fuel breaks would only follow designated roads and designated primitive roads.

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<i>No similar management action.</i>	<i>No similar management action.</i>	Landscape-scale fuels reduction would occur primarily through increased allocation of vegetation for permitted livestock grazing and through increased livestock grazing utilization.	Landscape-scale fuels reduction would occur primarily through increased allocation of annual and non-native perennial vegetation for permitted livestock grazing and through increased livestock grazing utilization in annual and non-native perennial communities.	<i>No similar management action.</i>	<i>No similar management action.</i>
➤ Objective FFE-NA-O- 1. Rehabilitate public lands affected by wildland fires to accomplish multiple use objectives and designed to reduce fire size.	➤ Objective FFE-I-O- 3. Rehabilitate and stabilize areas to help stabilize soils, promote natural recovery, and establish pre-fire or historic vegetation communities.	➤ Objective FFE-II-O- 3. Same as Alternative I.	➤ Objective FFE-III-O- 3. Rehabilitate and stabilize areas to help stabilize soils, promote natural recovery, and establish fire-tolerant vegetation communities.	➤ Objective FFE-IV-O- 3. Same as Alternative I.	➤ Objective FFE-V-O- 3. Same as Alternative I.
<i>No similar management action.</i>	Rest burned areas from uses, including but not limited to livestock and wild horse grazing and recreational use, until ES&BAR objectives are met and are predicted to be sustainable or if the treatment is determined to be unsuccessful. This guideline would not apply to uses that do not conflict with the treatment objectives. Use seed mixes that would help stabilize soils and achieve objectives in the <i>Upland Vegetation, Riparian Areas and Wetlands, Fish and Wildlife, and Special Status Species</i> sections.				
Consider using temporary fences on a case-by-case basis.	Consider using temporary fences on a case-by-case basis. Temporary fences may only be considered when there are at least 2,000 unburned acres in the pasture.	Same as the No Action Alternative.	Same as Alternative II.	Consider using temporary fences on a case-by-case basis; however, temporary fences would not be allowed in pastures with native plant communities. Temporary fences may only be considered when there are at least 2,000 unburned acres in the pasture.	Temporary fences would not be used. Livestock grazing would be pulled back to pasture fences.