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Program Activity: RECREATION

Activity Recommendation Area *(code)*: MFP Step 1

Activity Recommendation(s)	Rationale
ENTIRE PLANNING UNIT:	
1. Establish attractive vegetative cover on all the planning unit. In general, strive to achieve and maintain a vigorous variety of vegetation that will have a natural appearance. 2. Consider the resultant colors, textures, lines, and patterns when planning and implementing all land treatment or construction projects.	1 & 2. Scenery would be enhanced, which in turn would make all recreation activities more enjoyable. Magic Reservoir is one of the most popular fishing areas in the state. An estimated 200,000 visitor days of annual recreational use is attributable to National Resource Lands within the Magic Planning Unit. Sightseeing by the recreationists would be made more enjoyable. Environmental values, especially landscape character, would be improved or protected as directed in BLM Manual 1603 Supplemental Guidance.
3. Continue to promote the Johnny Horizon program and encourage local clean-up campaigns.	3. Litter detracts from the aesthetic and environmental values in the unit. Clean-up programs would enhance all recreational activities.
4. Provide for a complete inventory of antiquities within the unit. Survey for antiquities all lands scheduled for project development, as directed in ISO 73-152.	4. The BLM has been given responsibility for preservation, protection, and management of natural, historical and cultural values, as indicated by the Historic Sites Act of 1935, National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Executive Order 11593, and BLM Manual 1602 and 1603 Guidance.
5. Classify all the National Resource Lands within the unit as "open" for all off-road vehicle use.	5. ORV operation is a legitimate use of National Resource Lands, and this recommendation would provide for minimal restrictions. Executive Order 11644 and Part 6290 of 43 CFR contain provisions for classification of National Resource Lands for ORV use.
6. Continue to monitor ORV use to identify conflicts with other uses, and close or restrict ORV use in the future if determined to be desirable. Work with ORV clubs to prevent ORV related problems from developing.	6. EO 11644 and 43 CFR 6290 direct that ORV use should be controlled to protect the resources, promote safety, and minimize conflicts.

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7. Develop and implement a comprehensive recreation activity plan for the entire Magic Planning Unit. Consistent with this plan, provide camping and sanitary facilities in the general areas indicated on the overlay, and construct a boat ramp in the location shown on the east shore of Magic Res.	7. BLM Manual 1603 Supplemental Guidance for Idaho, page 11, indicates that recreation activity planning should be a high priority for areas such as the Magic Planning Unit, where significant use exists, BLM has dominant land management interests, and recreation management would be an integral part of the total land management responsibility. Also, this guidance indicates that, because of the variety and concentration of recreation activities within the unit, more intensive type site developments should be considered to serve the area.
8. Develop an adequate recreational access system by improving existing roads and constructing new ones as shown on the overlay, providing for recreational convenience and environmental protection. As indicated, it is recommended to relocate the access road to the proposed BLM recreation site on the east side of Magic Reservoir.	8. This access system is needed to facilitate existing and anticipated recreational use, and is consistent with basic and supplemental guidance, particularly 1603.12J3a. The relocation of the road to serve the proposed BLM recreation site is recommended to (a) avoid visual impact on U.S. Highway 93, (b) resolve the anticipated conflict of the proposed route with incompatible use of the private land, (c) provide for a much safer vehicle approach onto the highway.
9. Construct a hiking trail along the Big Wood River below Magic Dam, to provide for exercise, nature study, and fishing access.	9. Such a trail would facilitate existing uses, providing for more visitor enjoyment. It would be consistent with BLM Manual direction, including 1603 Supplemental Guidance for Idaho, page 11, IG2b.
10. Control intensive recreational use through well-planned design of the developed sites, adequate signing, and personal contact with visitors by a summer temporary recreation aide.	10. To prevent continuation of intensification of the sanitation and resource protection problems which have resulted from heavy recreational use in the Magic Unit, the use must be controlled and action must be taken to correct the damage (1603 Supplemental Guidance, page 12). This recommendation should provide for the necessary control.

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11. If adequate BLM funding is not immediately available for necessary development and maintenance, enter into cooperative agreements with the Fish & Game Department, as an interim measure, to provide the best temporary facilities and management which can be afforded.	11. Immediate action is needed. Although long-term management should be the sole responsibility of BLM, short-term assistance from the Fish and Game Department would provide for at least some sanitary and litter-clean-up facilities in the interim period prior to adequate BLM funding. The Fish and Game Department currently has some parcels of National Resource Lands in the Magic Unit under cooperative agreement, and has applied for several additional heavy-use areas.
12. Implement a comprehensive maintenance program, through procurement contracts, on all recreation sites, and clean-up all areas of trash or dumping through the use of fire crew and force account personnel.	12. Because of the heavy recreational use, maintenance of the sanitary and trash facilities and clean-up of the dump areas is critically needed. BLM Manual 1603.12C4i states that procurement contracts should be given preference over force account work for land clean-up; however, fire crew and force account work is more expedient for large dump areas.
13. Through public sale, dispose of Lots 5,48,49,50,51,62,73,74,75,77,78, and 79 within Section 1, T. 2 S., R. 17 East, and Lots 15 and 16, Section 31, T.1 S., R. 18 East, Boise Meridian, Idaho (see overlay). Retain rights-of-way where they will be needed for future roads.	13. These parcels of land at "West Magic Resort" and "East Magic City" pose a severe administrative problem because they are intermingled with private lands. They have been continuously subject to trespass and litter problems. The present or potential public benefits which these lots represent are outweighed by the inordinate costs which adequate management would entail. The recommended rights-of-way would provide for legal public access where needed.
14. Acquire the NW¼NW¼, Section 17, T. 2 S., R. 18 East, B.M. (shown on the overlay).	14. This 40-acre parcel is needed to solidify the National Resource Land pattern in this area of Magic Reservoir. Two BLM outhouses may be presently located on the parcel, and new road access is needed through it. Residential use in this area would not be compatible with the proposed recreational use, and would detract from any potential historic value of Magic Dam.

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15. Identify and remove or reduce all public hazards within the unit, including dangerous objects in the reservoir.	15. This would contribute to the safety of recreational visitors, and is consistent with BLM Manual Basic Guidance, 1602.42G4a.
16. If feasible, provide for a swimming beach in the bay near the proposed recreation site, as shown on the overlay.	16. Although it is doubtful that development of a natural swimming area on Magic Reservoir would be feasible, such a swimming area would be very desirable in conjunction with the proposed BLM recreation site on the east shore.
17. Construct fences as needed around Magic Reservoir, including any intensively developed areas, to alleviate conflicts between cattle grazing and recreation.	17. In the past, conflicts between recreational use of the reservoir and livestock grazing along its bank has not been severe; however, the uses are generally incompatible, especially on the heavily-used recreation sites.
18. Conduct further study and, if desirable, designate areas located below Magic Dam and north of Camas Arm (see overlay) as Environmental Education areas. Pending the completion of the studies, provide for interim protection of the areas.	18. Study is needed regarding who would use the potential areas, what characteristics should the areas have, and where could such characteristics be found. If needed, these areas should be made available as directed in Idaho Supplemental Guidance, page 9.
19. Implement all wildlife recommendations which would increase desirable fish and game populations, unless the recommendations would conflict with other recreation programs.	19. The primary opportunities identified in URA Step 4 to increase the quantity and/or quality of recreational hunting and fishing in the Magic Unit were related to increasing the number of fish and game available. Since the fish and game populations are directly affected by their habitat, the Wildlife Activity Recommendations for improving the habitat should be implemented.
20. Continue to provide for rockhounding and other extensive uses over the entire unit, restricting any projects or programs which would interfere with this type of recreation.	20. According to Supplemental Guidance for Idaho, page 11, the National Resource Land in Idaho can make its greatest contribution in meeting recreation needs by supplying opportunities for extensive recreation. Therefore, we should manage the land in a way that will preserve this value.

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21. Identify and publicize specific rockhounding areas.	21. The presence of agate, opal, and jasper has been reported in the unit, but no specific sites are known and rockhounding use is presently very light.
22. Preserve and provide visitor interpretation for Magic Dam, Richfield Diversion, Macon Sheep Bridge, and the Uhrig Mine (Davies Homestead). These areas are shown on the overlay.	22. These features may provide some historical interest for visitors in the Magic Unit. Idaho Supplemental Guidance, page 12, states that management of cultural resources is a high quality.
23. Maintain and improve range management on the area which was designated as the Magic Resource Conservation Area. (See overlay.)	23. In URA the former Magic RCA was identified as having some potential cultural value. By making the area a better example of good intensive range management, its interest to visitors can be enhanced.
24. Restrict any major land surface disturbance on Dinosaur Ridge, in order to preserve the visual qualities of this feature.	24. The sightseeing value of this ridge, which has the appearance of the back of a stegosaurus, can be preserved by maintaining the natural visual qualities of the soil, rocks, and vegetation.
25. Provide protection for the Lone Pines and the Camas-Big Wood area, as shown on the overlay.	25. These unusual and scenic areas have been recognized in URA as having unique features which should be protected.
26. Protect the existing wildlife uses of Gull Island and the Square Lake sage grouse strutting area (see overlay).	26. These specific wildlife areas provide opportunities for visitors to view relatively unusual situations, and, therefore, should be managed to preserve the conditions necessary for the wildlife.
27. Continue to recognize the interest of the Idaho State Parks and Recreation Department in establishing the Magic Reservoir State Park. Avoid any management which would directly conflict with the park concept, but retain under BLM management until, or if, an acceptable plan of development and evidence of adequate funding can be submitted by the State Parks Department.	27. According to BLM Manual 1603.12C4j, BLM management of waterbased recreation facilities should have the support of State and local governments, and BLM should not abrogate the responsibilities of other governmental agencies. The Recreation and Public Purposes Act provides for patenting or leasing of National Resource Lands for park purposes. If the land is found suitable for R&PP classification, and the State Parks Department has the means to develop a park in this area, such development

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	27 Continued: would probably be in the public interest. In the interim, BLM management of the area should obviously provide for protection of the values which may qualify the area as a State Park.

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Activity: RECREATION

Multiple Use Recommendation(s)	Analysis
1. Consistent with management of all natural resources, establish and/or maintain a vigorous variety of vegetation on the entire planning unit, and consider the resultant colors, textures, lines, and patterns when planning and implementing all construction and land treatment projects.	1. This recommendation has been reworded slightly from MFP Step 1 to recognize the limitations imposed by required management of the natural resources. Potential conflicts in Step 1 include: Minerals M1, M4, M5, Lands R2 Watershed ES-2, ER-1, ER-2, Ep-2 Unit Wide 1 Range II-B
2. Continue to promote the Johnny Horizon program and encourage local clean-up campaigns.	2. Accepted from MFP Step 1.
3. Provide for a complete inventory of antiquities within the unit. Survey for antiquities all lands scheduled for project development, as directed in ISO 73-152.	3. Accepted from MFP Step 1.
4. Do not close any of the National Resource Lands within the unit to Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) use; however, do not authorize any ORV events within the MFP Step 1 Watershed ES-2 recommendation area (also shown on Recreation Step 2 overlay).	4. In view of the court decision on Executive Order 11644 (see ISO 75-140) removing our authority to classify NRL as "open" under 43 CFR 6290, this recommendation has been reworded from MFP Step 1. Watershed recommendation ES-2 would conflict with concentrated ORV use, therefore events should not be held in the related area.
5. Continue to monitor ORV use to identify conflicts with other uses, and close or restrict ORV use in the future if determined to be desirable. Work with ORV clubs to prevent ORV related problems from developing.	5. Accepted from MFP Step 1 state all on ORV section
6. Develop and implement a comprehensive recreation activity plan for the entire Magic Unit. Consistent with this plan, provide camping and sanitary facilities in the general areas indicated on the overlay, and construct a boat ramp in the location shown, on the east shore of Magic Reservoir. Design any developments to account for erosion susceptible areas.	6. The only conflict posed by this proposed development in MFP Step 1 was with Watershed recommendation ES-3. It was decided that the development could be accommodated without undue erosion hazard if special design is used on all campsites, parking areas, etc., that are to be located on the steeper slopes. Public reaction to this proposal was varied, with strongest opposition coming from a local resort owner.

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7. Develop an adequate recreational access system by improving existing roads and constructing new ones as shown by solid and dash lines, respectively, on the overlay. In addition to general environmental protection, use special design on roads located on steep slopes to prevent any excess erosion of susceptible areas. It is recommended to relocate the access road to the proposed BLM recreation site as shown on the overlay.	7. Road construction has the potential for conflicting with Watershed recommendation ES-3. However, undue erosion should be preventable by using extra precautions in designing and constructing roads on the steeper slopes.
8. Do not construct a hiking trail along the Big Wood River below Magic Dam, but continue to manage the area as it is.	8. Public opinion was overwhelmingly opposed to construction of the trail which was proposed in MFP Step 1. The Fish and Game Department submitted written comments recommending against the trail to maintain the existing high quality fisheries and to avoid additional disturbance of an important spawning area.
9. Control intensive recreational use through well-planned design of the developed sites, adequate signing, and personal contact with visitors by a summer temporary recreation aide.	9. Accepted from MFP Step 1.
10. Until adequate BLM funding is available for necessary recreational development and maintenance, enter into cooperative agreements with the Fish and Game Department, as an interim measure, to provide the best temporary facilities and management which can be provided for the areas that need development. Cooperative agreements should be initiated only where a plan of development and maintenance has been written and will be followed.	10. There were no conflicts with other recommendations in MFP Step 1; however, this recommendation was slightly reworded to recognize that BLM funds are not adequate at the present time. When or if additional BLM funds become available, the cooperative agreements would be re-evaluated. Cooperative agreements are unnecessary in areas where no development is proposed.
11. Implement a comprehensive maintenance program, through procurement contracts, on all recreation sites, and clean-up all areas of trash or dumping through the use of fire crew and force account personnel.	11. Accepted from MFP Step 1.

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12. Through Public sale, dispose of Lots 5,48,49,50,51,62,73,74,75,77,78, and 79 within Section 1, T. 2 S., R.17 East, and Lots 15 and 16, Section 31, T. 1 S., R. 18 East, Boise Meridian, Idaho. Retain rights-of-way where they will be needed for future roads. Any disposals should be consistent with adequate planning and zoning requirements.	12. Amended regarding planning and zoning requirements to be consistent with MFP Step 2 Lands Recommendation R2.
13. Acquire the NW¼NW¼, section 17, T. 2 S., R. 18 E., B.M. (shown on the overlay).	13. Accepted from MFP Step 1.
14. Identify and remove or reduce all public hazards within the unit, including dangerous objects in the reservoir.	14. Accepted from MFP Step 1.
15. If feasible, provide for a swimming beach in the bay near the proposed recreation site, as shown on the overlay.	15. Accepted from MFP Step 1
16. Construct fences to restrict livestock grazing on the areas designated on the overlay for recreation facilities, as designated "R6" on the overlay.	16. Constructing fences which would limit livestock grazing and watering adjacent to Magic Reservoir would be in conflict with MFP Step 1 Range recommendation I-E, but would be consistent with Lands recommendation LP-1 and Wildlife recommendation HI(B)-2. Also, public opinion expressed at our public meetings and in the written comments appear to favor limited fencing as long as the livestock still have adequate access to water.
17. Conduct further study and, if desirable, designate areas located below Magic Dam and north of Camas Arm (see overlay) as Environmental Education areas. Pending the completion of the studies, provide for interim protection of the areas.	17. Accepted from MFP Step 1
18. Implement all MFP Step 2 wildlife recommendations which would increase desirable fish and game populations, unless the recommendations would	18. Although various potential conflicts existed between the MFP Step 1 Wildlife recommendations and other activity

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conflict with other recreation programs.	recommendations, the same rationale applies to supporting the Wildlife Step 2 recommendations, which have been accepted as multiple use recommendations and do not conflict with other activities.
19. Continue to provide for rockhounding and other extensive uses over the entire unit, restricting any projects or programs which would interfere with this type of recreation.	19. Accepted from MFP Step 1.
20. Identify and publicize specific rockhounding areas.	20. Accepted from MFP Step 1.
21. Preserve and provide visitor interpretation for Magic Dam, Richfield Diversion, Macon Sheep Bridge, and the Uhrig Mine (Davies Homestead). These areas are shown on the overlay	21. Accepted from MFP Step 1.
22. Maintain and improve range management on the area which was designated as the Magic Resource Conservation Area. (see overlay)	22. Accepted from MFP Step 1.
23. Restrict any major land surface disturbance on Dinosaur Ridge, in order to preserve the visual qualities of this feature.	23. Accepted from MFP Step 1.
24. Provide protection for the Lone Pines and the Camas-Big Wood area, as shown on the overlay	24. Accepted from MFP Step 1.
25. Protect the existing wildlife use of Gull Island to provide interest for visitors.	25. This recommendation does not conflict with other activity recommendations. The reference to the Square Lake sage grouse strutting area was dropped from the MFP Step 1 recommendation because it is located on private land.
26. Do not impose program constraints solely on the basis of the interest expressed by the State Department of Parks and Recreation in establishing a Magic Reservoir State Park. If formal State Park application is received	26. This recommendation has been changed because public opinion, at least locally, appears to oppose the establishment of a State Park at Magic Reservoir. The transfer

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in the future, handle it on its own merits, based upon public interest, land classification criteria, an adequate plan of development, and sufficient funding to insure proposed development and maintenance.	of the National Resource Lands within the 20 sections outlined in MFP Step 1 would obviously conflict with essentially all of the activity recommendations for BLM management, and therefore, no specific conflicts are identified in this analysis.

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If formal State Park application is received in the future, process it on its own merits based upon public interest, land classification criteria, an adequate plan of development, and sufficient funding to insure quality development and maintenance. Do not constrain BLM management solely on the basis of the State Parks and Recreation Departments interest, but continue under BLM management to recognize, protect, and develop all the identified recreation values.

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