

MINERALS

MFP STEP 1

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN
STEP 1 - ACTIVITY RECOMMENDATION

Planning Unit Name	MAGIC
Program Activity	Minerals
Activity Recommendation Area (code)	MFP Step 1

Activity Recommendation(s)

M1. Make the National Resource Lands in these areas available for future excavation of sand, gravel, and/or borrow while providing for protection of the environment.

M2. Examine this area with the Idaho Division of Highways personnel to determine if it contains any more usable material. If so, continue the material site right-of-way; if not, ask for a relinquishment.

M3. a) Conduct validity determinations on the mining claims in this area.

b) If the claims are valid, solicit the cooperation of the miners in minimizing environmental impacts.

c) If the claims are invalid, withdraw the area from mining location and, in conjunction with the National Resource Lands located north of State Highway 68, provide for a Free Use area and a Community Pit.

Rationale

M1. These represent essentially all of the common variety materials areas in the Magic Planning Unit. Although they are not specifically needed at the present time, they might be usable in future years. BLM Manual 1603.12B3b directs that in the long term we should make common variety minerals available to meet market demand, while minimizing environmental damage.

M2. This site has not been used for many years and appears to have been practically depleted. If it is no longer needed, the land status should be cleared and the land surface restored.

M3. a) BLM Manual 1603.12B3d directs that the Minerals Activity should support land management programs with mineral investigations and invalid mining claim clearances.

b) Pits have been excavated within obvious view of State Highway 68; however, if the claims are found to be valid, there are no provisions under the 1872 Mining Laws for protection of the environment. Therefore, the only alternative would be to appeal to the miners for their cooperation.

c) Although the pumice found in this area is apparently of a common variety, the deposits are very extensive and the material has excellent properties for road base, fill and aggregate surfacing of roads or parking lots. Considering this usability of the material, it should be made available on an orderly basis, with adequate measures taken to protect the environment.

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M4. Continue to recognize these areas as having some potential for locatable minerals. Allow for mineral exploration and development while soliciting the cooperation of the miners in avoiding conflicts with other resources and minimizing environmental impacts.

M5. Accommodate any future interests expressed in development of geothermal resources in this area, provided that such development is shown to be in the public interest. Any geothermal leases issued should include adequate stipulations to protect the environment, especially adjacent to the water bodies.

Rationale

M4. These are the only areas within the unit which have shown even limited potential for locatable mineral development. It is probable that no major mining activity will occur in these areas, at least in the foreseeable future. However, assuming that some potential might develop, the opportunity for mining any valuable minerals should not be sacrificed at this time.

M5. An Environmental Analysis Record will have to be written prior to issuance of any geothermal lease in this area. Assuming that no overriding environmental considerations are identified, it would be consistent with 1603 Supplemental Guidance to allow geothermal exploration, development, and operation while supervising these activities to insure that all necessary controls are in effect.

STEP 2

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MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN
STEP 2 - MULTIPLE USE RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUPPORTING ANALYSIS

Planning Unit Name

MAGIC

Activity

MINERALS

Multiple Use Recommendation(s)

M1. Limit excavation of common variety minerals to the areas indicated on the overlay unless unexpected needs develop and sufficient mitigating measures can be implemented to warrant utilization of other areas.

M2. Examine this area with the Idaho Division of Highways personnel to determine if it contains any more useable material. If so, continue the material site right-of-way; if not, ask for a relinquishment.

M3. a) Conduct validity determinations on the mining claims in this area
b) If the claims are valid, solicit the cooperation of the miners in minimizing environmental impacts.
c) If the claims are invalid, withdraw the area from mining location and in conjunction with the National Resource Lands located north of State Highway 68, provide for a Free Use area and a community pit.

M4. Continue to recognize these areas as having some potential for locatable minerals. Allow for mineral exploration and development while soliciting the cooperation of the miners in avoiding conflicts with other resources and minimizing environmental impacts.

Analysis

M1. This recommendation has been changed because a majority of the lands within the potential areas identified on the MFP Step 1 overlay is privately owned and therefore not under any control by the BLM. Also, there is no immediate need for large quantities of material from NRL within the Magic Unit, and some apprehension was expressed at public meetings regarding extensive excavations near Magic Reservoir. Conflicts existed in MFP Step 1 with the following opposing recommendations:

- Recreation 1, 15, 18, 19, 23, & 27
- Lands LQ-1
- Watershed ES-1 ES-2, ES-3
- Wildlife HM (M) - 1, 2; HM (B) 1;
HI (B) 2
- Range I-E

M2. No conflicts were identified with other activity recommendation, so this recommendation was brought forward from MFP Step 1 without any changes.

M3. These recommendations have been accepted from MFP Step 1. No conflicts with other resource activities were identified. The recommendations are consistent with Lands recommendation LP-5.

M4. Although some potential conflicts with other resource activities were identified in MFP Step 1, they were not serious enough to warrant withdrawal of the area from mineral entry. In the absence of withdrawal, the BLM's only option is to request the cooperation of the mining claimants.

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Multiple Use Recommendation(s)

M5. Accommodate any future interests expressed in development of geothermal resources in this area, provided that such development is shown to be in the public interest. Any geothermal leases issued should include adequate stipulations to protect the environment, especially adjacent to the water bodies. Avoid any undue conflict with recreation areas, erosion-susceptible watersheds, important wildlife areas, and general open space values.

Analysis

M5. This recommendation was basically accepted from MFP Step 1. No direct conflicts with other activities would necessarily occur; however, there were some potential conflicts with the following Step 1 recommendations:

Recreation 1, 2, 7, 10, 15, 18, 19,
22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27.

Lands LQ-1

Watershed ES-1, ES-2, ES-3.

Wildlife HM (M) 1, 2; HI (B) 1, 2;

HM (B) 1

Range I-E