

Chapter 7—Preparers

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- BLM IFD Office, Idaho Falls, Idaho
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Following this paragraph are experience descriptions from resource specialists of the BLM Upper Snake FO, IFD, NOC, IDFG, and contracted support (i.e., the ITD) involved in the preparation of this AMS.

Arn Berglund (Upper Snake FO), Fisheries Biologist

Mr. Berglund graduated from the University of Idaho (UI) with a bachelor of science (B.S.) degree in wildlife and fisheries resources and has completed graduated courses in fisheries at Colorado State and Utah State Universities. He has 17 years experience with the BLM and over 30 years in natural resource management and public education that includes employment with the UI, Boise (Idaho) Public School District, IDFG and the USFS. Mr. Berglund started as a forestry technician on the Salmon NF and has served as a research aid and technician for the UI's College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences; a vocational natural resource teacher in the Boise Career Education Program; a watershed technician, fish and wildlife biologist, State fisheries program lead, and resource coordinator for the BLM State Office in Utah and for various BLM FOs and USFS ranger districts in Idaho and Nevada; and as a research technician and conservation officer for the IDFG. Mr. Berglund's achievements for the BLM include serving on numerous fisheries recovery and conservation teams for special status species, including teams for five subspecies of cutthroat trout; team lead for the Winnemucca FO *Soldier Meadows Activity Plan*; and initiation of the *Hands on the Land* program in the Challis FO. Mr. Berglund was an honorary mention recipient for the BLM Environmental Educator of the Year Award in 2000. Arn is an avid fly fisherman, bird hunter, bird dog trainer, and youth ice hockey coach. He has resided in the Intermountain West for 39 years and in Idaho Falls, Idaho, since 2002.

Bill Boggs (Upper Snake FO), Outdoor Recreation Planner

Mr. Boggs graduated from Merritt College in Oakland, California, with an associate of science (A.S.) degree in biological sciences. He served 2 years in the U.S. Navy on the USS *Albert David* DE-1050 during the Vietnam conflict. After his honorary discharge, he received a B.S. degree in environmental resources from California State University (Sacramento). Mr. Boggs has over 35 years combined experience with the BLM and USFS, starting as a forestry technician on the Siskiyou NF where he managed recreation facilities and a wilderness area. He continued in recreation with the USFS on the Gifford Pinchot NF, and then transferred to the BLM as a wilderness specialist, administrating the wilderness review process program on the Burley District, Idaho. Mr. Boggs continued with the District as its outdoor recreation planner and served on two land use planning teams, completed the wilderness review process on roadless areas on the District, co-managed the City of Rocks area with other

government agencies before it became a National Historic Reserve, and promoted the upgrading of recreation facilities throughout the District. Mr. Boggs has served the last 16 years for the Upper Snake FO as an outdoor recreation planner and currently manages the recreation programs in the FO outside the river corridors. He served two terms as the Idaho Parks and Recreation Society's eastern director. Mr. Boggs spends as much time as he can outdoors with his family and plays racquetball with his coworkers.

Jarom Gilbert (Upper Snake FO), GIS Specialist

Mr. Gilbert graduated magna cum laude from Utah State University (USU) with a B.S. degree in geography. Mr. Gilbert joined the BLM in 2009 with 8 years prior experience with geographic information systems (GISs). He worked for USU's Remote Sensing GIS laboratory and for private consulting firms North Wind and Post, Buckley, Schuh and Jernigan (PBS&J). His GIS project experience ranges from landcover classification methods focused on sagebrush, to providing GIS support for all Idaho BLM 2005 fire management plans, to crown fire risk classification using fire severity analysis, to support for a myriad of engineering projects in the Las Vegas Valley. Of notable mention is that Mr. Gilbert provided GIS services for the *Las Vegas Valley Flood Control District Management Plan Update*, which included developing a highly complex and labor-intensive 74 x 55 in. wall map that is permanently displayed in a number of government offices in and around the Las Vegas Valley. Mr. Gilbert enjoys the area's mountain and road cycling opportunities and river rafting, particularly the whitewater sections. Jarom and his wife, Candise, have resided in Idaho Falls since February 2009.

Glen Guenther (Upper Snake FO), Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist

Mr. Guenther graduated from Montana State University with a master of science (M.S.) degree in rangeland science. He also has a B.S. degree in biology from the University of Puget Sound in Washington State. Mr. Guenther has worked in the Upper Snake FO for 20 years, starting as a range conservationist, then as a lead rangeland management specialist, and currently he is a supervisory natural resource specialist. Mr. Guenther has been the primary author on numerous environmental assessments and has led several NEPA IDTs. In 2008, Glen was selected as BLM's Rangeland Management Specialist of the Year for Idaho and was recognized with this award at the Society for Range Management's 62nd Annual Meeting and Trade Show. Under Glen's leadership, the Upper Snake FO fully processed all grazing permits before the 2009 congressional deadline. He has resided in Idaho Falls since 1989.

Richard D. Hill (Upper Snake FO), Archaeologist and Cultural Resource Specialist

Mr. Hill graduated from Indiana University with a B.A. in anthropology. As an undergraduate, Mr. Hill worked at archaeological sites in the Midwest and eastern United States. He continued graduate studies at Idaho State University (ISU) in Great Basin archaeology and vertebrate paleontology. Mr. Hill has over 30 years experience with the BLM starting as an archaeological technician with the BLM in Salmon, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello. He has worked as a District and FO archaeologist for the Upper Snake and Pocatello FOs. Mr. Hill's archaeological achievements for the Bureau include excavations at Bobcat Cave, test excavations and evaluations of Raptor Cave, test excavations of Roadside Cave, and rock art surveys (Challenge Cost Partnership 1999–2009) throughout the Snake River Plain and the Lost River and Portneuf Valleys. Mr. Hill also completed a pioneering graffiti removal project at Jackknife Cave in the Black Canyon WSA, coordinated IFD participation in the Oregon Trail Sesquicentennial and other historic emigrant projects (1991–2009). He has worked on numerous projects related to the Nez Perce National Historic Trail including preparation of an auto tour route brochure, mapping rifle pits at the Camas Meadows Battle Site, and installation of a kiosk at the Birch Creek Skirmish Site. Richard enjoys

outdoor activities and travel. He is active in the Idaho Falls Ski Club and volunteers every winter at Harriman State Park's Jones House. Richard has resided in Idaho Falls since 1979.

Chuck Horsburgh (Upper Snake FO), Geologist

Mr. Horsburgh graduated from Brigham Young University with a B.S. degree in geology. He has 34 years experience with the BLM including the Rawlins District in Wyoming, the Richfield District in Utah, and the IFD. Chuck has served as a team member on planning teams in Wyoming, Utah, and Idaho. He has also served as the team leader on several EISs, has taught extensively at the Bureau's National Training Center in Phoenix, has evaluated the validity of mining claims throughout the West, and has coauthored a Bureau Handbook on Industrial Minerals.

David O. Howell (IFD), Resource Coordinator

Mr. Howell graduated from the University of Utah (U of U) with a B.A. degree in mass communications and a M.Ed. in educational studies. Mr. Howell has more than 18 years experience in federal service: 7.5 years with the DOE's Western Area Power Administration in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Phoenix, Arizona; and 11 years with the BLM in Idaho Falls. For 16 years he served as a public affairs specialist before being named as a resource coordinator for the IFD in December 2006. He served as the team leader for the *Challis Comprehensive Travel Management and Transportation Plan Environmental Assessment* in 2006, completing the process in June 2008. In 2009, he was named as Idaho BLM's team leader for projects funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Mr. Howell has resided in Idaho Falls since 1998.

Delilah Jordahl (NOC), Social Scientist and Economist

Ms. Jordahl has an M.S. with distinction in environment and development from the London School of Economics. She joined the BLM as a Presidential Management Fellow in 2008. In her role at BLM's National Operations Center, Ms. Jordahl is responsible for providing socio-economic expertise on the Bureau's projects and programs. Prior to joining BLM, she worked for a British think tank where she co-authored a report on community-inspired regeneration for the United Kingdom's Department for Communities and Local Government. Ms. Jordahl currently resides in Denver, Colorado.

Dan Kotansky (Upper Snake FO), Supervisory Hydrologist

Mr. Kotansky graduated from Southeastern Illinois College with an associate of applied science (A.A.S.) degree in forestry technology; from Southern Illinois University with a B.S. degree in forest resource management; and from USU with an M.S. degree in watershed science. Mr. Kotansky worked in reclamation for the Peabody Coal Company in southern Illinois, and for the last 25 years he has worked for the BLM in Wyoming (4 years) and Idaho (21 years). In Casper, Wyoming, Mr. Kotansky measured and sampled water resources and conducted NEPA analyses for oil and gas development, and for BLM's Upper Snake FO, he leads the watershed, hazardous materials, and abandoned mine lands programs. He successfully applied for/received two minimum stream flow water rights from the Idaho Department of Water Resources on BLM streams, stabilized stream banks, re-diverted streams back to their historical channels, and has removed and remediated several abandoned mine and hazardous waste sites. Dan is an avid outdoorsman, "soccer Dad," and soccer referee and has lived in Idaho Falls with his wife, Teri, and two children since 1988.

Margo Lasky (Portage), Assistant Project Manager

Ms. Lasky graduated with high honors from ISU with a B.S. degree in ecology and the Outstanding Biologist award. She also has completed graduate coursework in natural resources and applied nuclear energy. Ms. Lasky served 4 years for the State of Idaho at ISU and 13 years in private consulting where she has served the gamut of roles from field technician to technical writer to project management in support of remediation and environmental regulatory programs of the DOE for various locations nationwide. She has also supported and co-led NEPA analyses for proposed federal actions of the USFS and the BLM in Idaho, Montana, and Utah. Ms. Lasky is an outdoor enthusiast and has summited 67 mountains in several states, including Mts. Whitney, Elbert, Rainier, Gannet, Owen, Teewinot, and the Grand, Middle, and South Tetons. Margo has resided in Pocatello since 1987.

Becky Lazdauskas (Upper Snake FO), Realty Specialist

Ms. Lazdauskas graduated from Western Oregon State College with a B.S. degree in natural science, with an emphasis in geology and a minor in biology. Ms. Lazdauskas has 14 years experience with the Federal Government including service with the Wallowa Whitman and Malheur NFs, and the BLM in Oregon and Idaho. Ms. Lazdauskas served as a team member for the BLM Pocatello RMP. Becky along with her husband and two daughters has resided in Idaho Falls since 2008.

Joe W. Lowe (Upper Snake FO), Wildlife Management Biologist

Mr. Lowe graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.S. degree in wildlife biology and completed graduate courses in forestry and statistics at the Stephen F. Austin State University School of Forestry. He served with the U.S. Army in Thailand during the Vietnam War. Mr. Lowe has 28 years of experience working for the BLM in Idaho, Nevada, and Wyoming and his roles have included resource area wildlife biologist, surface compliance specialist for energy programs, and district wildlife and recreation program lead. Mr. Lowe worked as an assistant project manager for the City of Tyler, Texas, community development and planning departments for 4 years. He has also worked in the private sector as a realtor and rancher. Joe's interests include increasing wildlife on farms and ranches, and he has lived in Idaho Falls with his wife and son since 1995.

Theresa Mathis (Upper Snake FO), Wildlife Biologist

Ms. Mathis graduated summa cum laude from Eastern Washington University (EWU) with a B.S. in biology, a minor in secondary education, and with the Outstanding Senior award. Ms. Mathis subsequently returned to EWU and graduated with a M.S. degree in biology. Ms. Mathis has 5 years experience with the Federal Government, starting under the student temporary employment program, as a wildlife technician in the BLM Border Resource FO in Spokane, Washington. Currently she serves as a wildlife biologist for the Upper Snake FO. Ms. Mathis' achievements for the Bureau include maternity roost protection of Townsend's big-eared bats and restoration of the Telford Wetland, as part of a joint cooperative venture. Ms. Mathis owns four dogs, one of which she shows in agility and rally competitions. She also enjoys birding in her spare time and has traveled throughout the western U.S., Mexico, and Costa Rica pursuing her hobby.

Wendy Reynolds, Upper Snake FO Manager

Ms. Reynolds began her career in the Federal Government with the USFS on the Medicine Bow-Routt NF as the NEPA analyst and EIS project coordinator for the Lake Catamount Ski Area EIS, the Steamboat Springs Ski Area Expansion EIS, and the Fish Creek Municipal Water Supply EIS. She was the appeals and litigation coordinator in addition to being the national NEPA appeals and litigation facilitator. Ms.

Reynolds transferred to Douglas, Wyoming, with the Medicine Bow-Routt NF and Thunder Basin National Grassland where she was the special project coordinator for the *Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Powder River Basin Expansion Project EIS*. She was also the public affairs specialist on the *Northern Great Plains Management Plan Revision*. After 6 years, she transferred to Craig, Colorado, with the BLM as the planning and environmental coordinator (P&EC) for the Little Snake Resource Area covering northwest Colorado. She was then selected as the BLM Burley (Idaho) FO manager, where she served for 3 years. Afterwards, she transferred to Idaho Falls, Idaho, and has been the Upper Snake FO manager for the past 4 years, during which time she was also the acting Pocatello FO manager for nearly 1 year. Prior to her career with the Federal Government, Ms. Reynolds owned and operated a legal support service providing paralegal services in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Wendy has two daughters, owns a farm in Iowa, and enjoys fishing and golfing.

Terry Lee Smith (IFD), P&EC and Planning Project Manager

Mr. Smith graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with a B.S. degree in agriculture, with an emphasis in wildlife and forestry, and Washington State University with a M.S. in range and forest management. Mr. Smith has 26 years experience working for the BLM, in Nevada and Idaho, as a rangeland management specialist, supervisory rangeland management specialist, and P&EC. For the last 6 years, as the IFD planning project manager, Mr. Smith has directed the *Fire Fuels and Related Vegetation Management Direction Plan Amendment*, the *Pocatello FO Resource Management Plan*, and the Upper Snake FO RMP planning efforts. Terry's spare time activities, with his wife Carrie, include raising American Paint horses and successfully promoting and showing them in competitive American Paint Horse Association (APHA) halter classes. The Smiths have received the APHA's Certificate of Recognition and Superior at Halter Recognition for several of their horses.

Mike Stoddard (Upper Snake FO), Natural Resource Specialist

Mr. Stoddard served in the U.S. Air Force, where he graduated as an honor student from basic and technical schools of aircraft and structural firefighting. After his honorable discharge, Mr. Stoddard attended UI where he graduated with a B.S. degree in range management. Mr. Stoddard has 21 years experience with the BLM. He began as a seasonal range technician for the Pocatello FO and was later hired as a rangeland management specialist for the Upper Snake FO, where he has served the last 16 years. In conjunction with his rangeland management specialist duties, Mr. Stoddard also supervised the noxious weed program. Mr. Stoddard also served as a supervisory natural resource specialist for District Operations, with crews in Idaho Falls and Salmon, Idaho. After serving in this capacity, he returned to the Upper Snake FO full-time as a natural resource specialist, which he continues to date. Mike is an avid outdoorsman taking part in hunting, fishing, hiking, and camping. He has also spent many years assisting a wilderness backcountry outfitter. Mike was raised, and resides, in Idaho Falls.

Channing Swan (IFD), Zone Forester

Mr. Swan graduated from Oregon State with a B.S. in forest management and has completed graduate course work in resource conservation from the University of Montana. Mr. Swan has 9 years of experience working in state service and the private sector. Mr. Swan first served the BLM in 2001 for a year as a forestry technician with the Missoula, Montana, FO. During the following 6 years he worked for the states of Montana, as a forest manager for the Lubrecht Experimental Forest, and Washington, as a compliance forester, and for the Stimson Lumber Company as an inventory/reforestation forester. Channing then returned to the BLM in the IFD in 2007 and currently serves as a zone forester for both the

Pocatello and Upper Snake FOs. Channing is an outdoor enthusiast and enjoys fishing, camping, and alpine and back-country skiing. Channing has resided in Pocatello, Idaho, since 2007.

Deena Teel (Upper Snake FO), Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist

Ms. Teel graduated with honors from ISU with a B.S. degree in ecology. Ms. Teel has 18 years experience with the Federal Government, starting as a hydrological technician with the USFS. She has been an ecologist for the Upper Snake FO for 14 years where she served as a riparian specialist, ACEC coordinator, water rights specialist, monitoring coordinator, and NEPA coordinator. For the past 2 years, Ms. Teel has supervised the recreation and realty staff for the Upper Snake FO, while continuing duties as riparian specialist and ACEC coordinator. Ms. Teel's achievements include facilitating the first use of fixed-wing aerial reconnaissance in Idaho BLM to field investigate unauthorized agricultural use of public lands to resolve objections associated with the largest water right adjudication in U.S. history. Ms. Teel also conducted the first low-level aerial flight project in Idaho BLM to investigate the feasibility of using very large scale aerial photography for rangeland monitoring. She initiated the resource monitoring program and created the associated database that the Upper Snake FO currently uses. Deena enjoys outdoor activities, particularly camping, hiking, skiing, and riding motorcycles. Deena was raised, and resides, in Idaho Falls.

Gary M. Vecellio (IDFG), Wildlife Biologist

Mr. Vecellio graduated from Slippery Rock University with a B.S. degree in recreation and from Pennsylvania State University with an M.S. degree in fisheries and wildlife science. Mr. Vecellio has 19 years of professional experience as a wildlife biologist with various State fish and wildlife agencies, including 14 years with the IDFG. Mr. Vecellio has broad experience with big game and cervid wildlife species including white-tailed deer, elk, and moose. Recently Mr. Vecellio has focused on land use planning and environmental review for the Upper Snake FO area of Idaho. He has served as a team member on the *Revised Caribou National Forest Management Plan* and is a member of the BLM IFD Resources Advisory Council. Gary works on county planning and development, wetland and riparian protection and mitigation, and licensing of power generation and transmission projects.

Wendy Velman (Upper Snake FO), Botanist

Ms. Velman graduated from ISU with a B.S. in botany. Ms. Velman has 10 years experience with the BLM starting as a biological technician (plants) for the Cottonwood FO and then serving as a temporary non-renewable specialist for the Jarbidge FO. She is the botanist and water rights specialist for the Upper Snake FO. Ms. Velman's achievements for the Bureau include development of special status species field guides for both the Cottonwood and Upper Snake FOs. She also provided water rights support for the BLM throughout the Snake River Basin Adjudication. Ms. Velman has been active in the Idaho Native Plant Society (INPS) for 14 years. She has served as a chapter vice president and president for the eastern Idaho area, and is currently the INPS state president. Wendy enjoys camping, fishing, crocheting, and spending time with her family. She has resided in eastern Idaho since 1993.

Jason S. Wright (Upper Snake FO), Fire Ecologist

Mr. Wright graduated from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, with a certificate in biological sciences for federal land managers. Mr. Wright has 13 years experience with the BLM, which he began as a fire fighter and then as a range technician. He was a range technician (weed program) for 7 more years, and he has spent the last 5 years as a fire ecologist/fire use specialist for the Upper Snake FO fuels program. Jason was raised, and still resides, in Idaho Falls.

Monica Zimmerman (Upper Snake FO), Outdoor Recreation Planner

Ms. Zimmerman graduated from U of U with a B.S. degree in resource management and recreation and completed graduate studies in conservation social sciences from UI. Ms. Zimmerman has worked in the field of recreation for the past 18 years ranging from work with a ski resort, private recreation concessionaire, to federal service. Ms. Zimmerman has 14 years experience with the BLM, starting as a range technician fighting wildland fires to her current position as an outdoor recreation planner. Ms. Zimmerman has worked on numerous recreation development projects coordinating design and leading the NEPA analysis for the projects. She also led the NEPA analysis for the *Snake River Plan Revision* and teaches watercraft safety and recreation courses for the BLM. Monica loves being outside skiing, hiking, and whitewater rafting. She was raised, and still resides, in Idaho Falls.

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