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Open House Scoping Meeting

for the

Bureau of Land Management



Upper Snake Field Office



Resource Management Plan

Purpose & Need

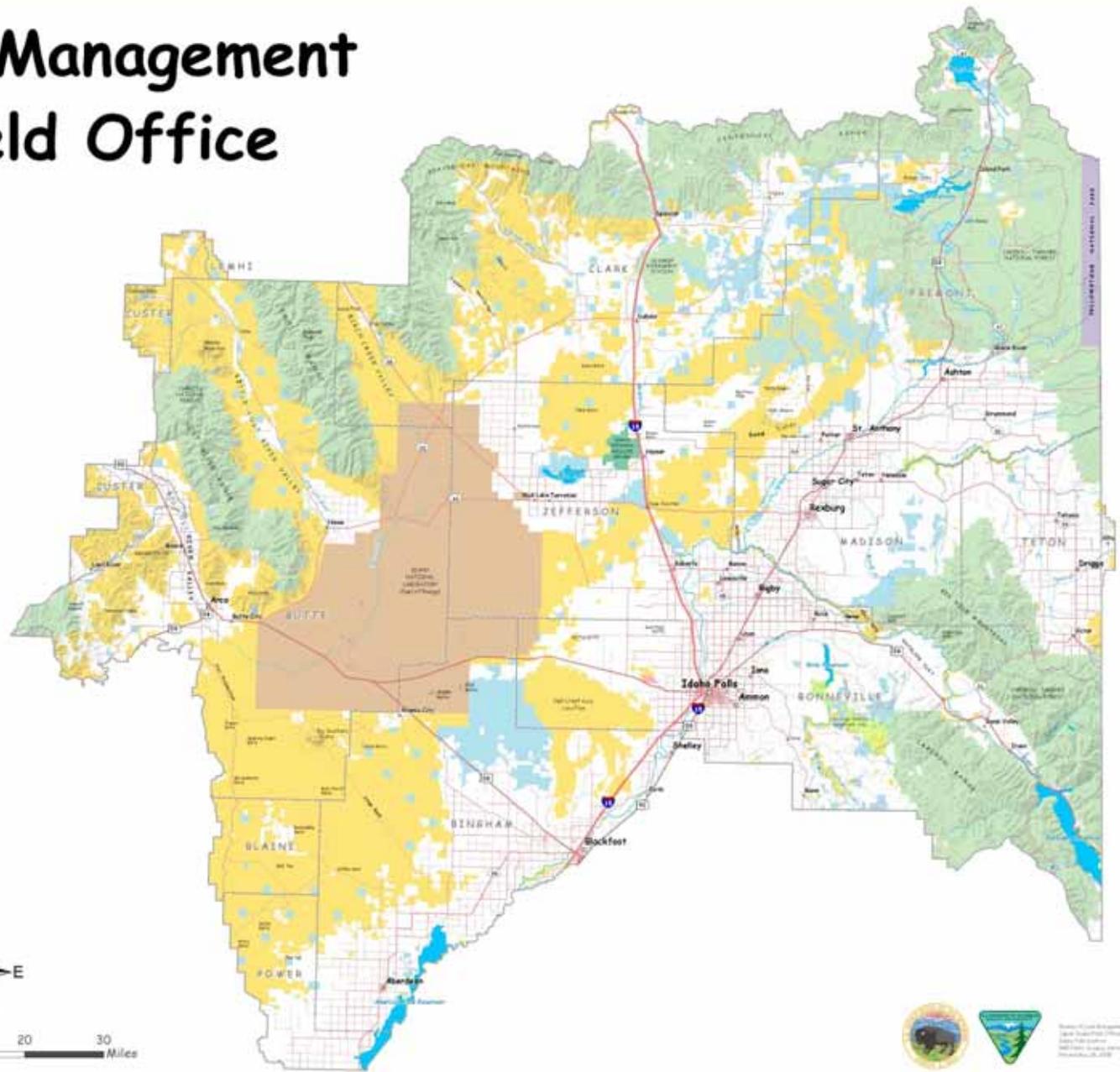
The Upper Snake Field Office (FO) proposes to:

- Revise outdated management direction in current land use plans.
- Prepare one comprehensive plan.
- Prepare the plan consistent with current BLM planning guidelines.
- Develop clear management direction (i.e., objectives and management actions) for resources and resource uses on a multiple use and sustained yield basis in accordance with the Federal Land Policy Management Act (1976).
- Respond to new issues, resource conditions that have changed over time, current laws and regulations.



Bureau of Land Management Upper Snake Field Office

Planning Area



Land Status

-  Bureau of Land Management
-  Bureau of Reclamation
-  Dept of Defense and Corp of Engineers
-  Dept of Energy
-  National Park Service
-  National Wildlife Refuge
-  Private
-  State of Idaho
-  US Forest Service



Need for Change Based Planning

Resource specialists reviewed current management direction in existing land use plans, resulting in:

- Identification of key direction for resources and resource uses that could be carried forward into a new plan.
- Identification of direction for resources and resource uses that needs to be changed to address changes in current laws or regulations, new issues, or changed conditions on the public lands.



Need for Change Topics

Change in land management direction has been identified for the following resources and resource uses:

Vegetation

- Identify desired future conditions for vegetation types.
- Develop direction for rehabilitating or restoring public lands after ground disturbing activities.

Special Status Species

- Develop direction for various plant and animal species (e.g., Ute ladies'-tresses, sage and sharp-tailed grouse, pygmy rabbit, bull trout) and the habitats in which they occur.



Need for Change Topics (continued)

Cultural Resources

- Develop direction for traditional cultural properties having special significance to individuals and communities.

Paleontology

- Develop direction for invertebrate fossils such as ammonites, trilobites, and other marine invertebrates.

Visual Resources

- Review and update current visual resource classes as necessary.

Fire Management

- Develop direction and identify areas of appropriate management response for fire suppression.



Need for Change Topics (continued)

Wilderness Characteristics

- Develop direction for areas that may exhibit wilderness characteristics and manage activities to protect or preserve these characteristics.

Cave and Karst Resources

- Develop direction for significant caves that occur on public lands or may be found in the future.

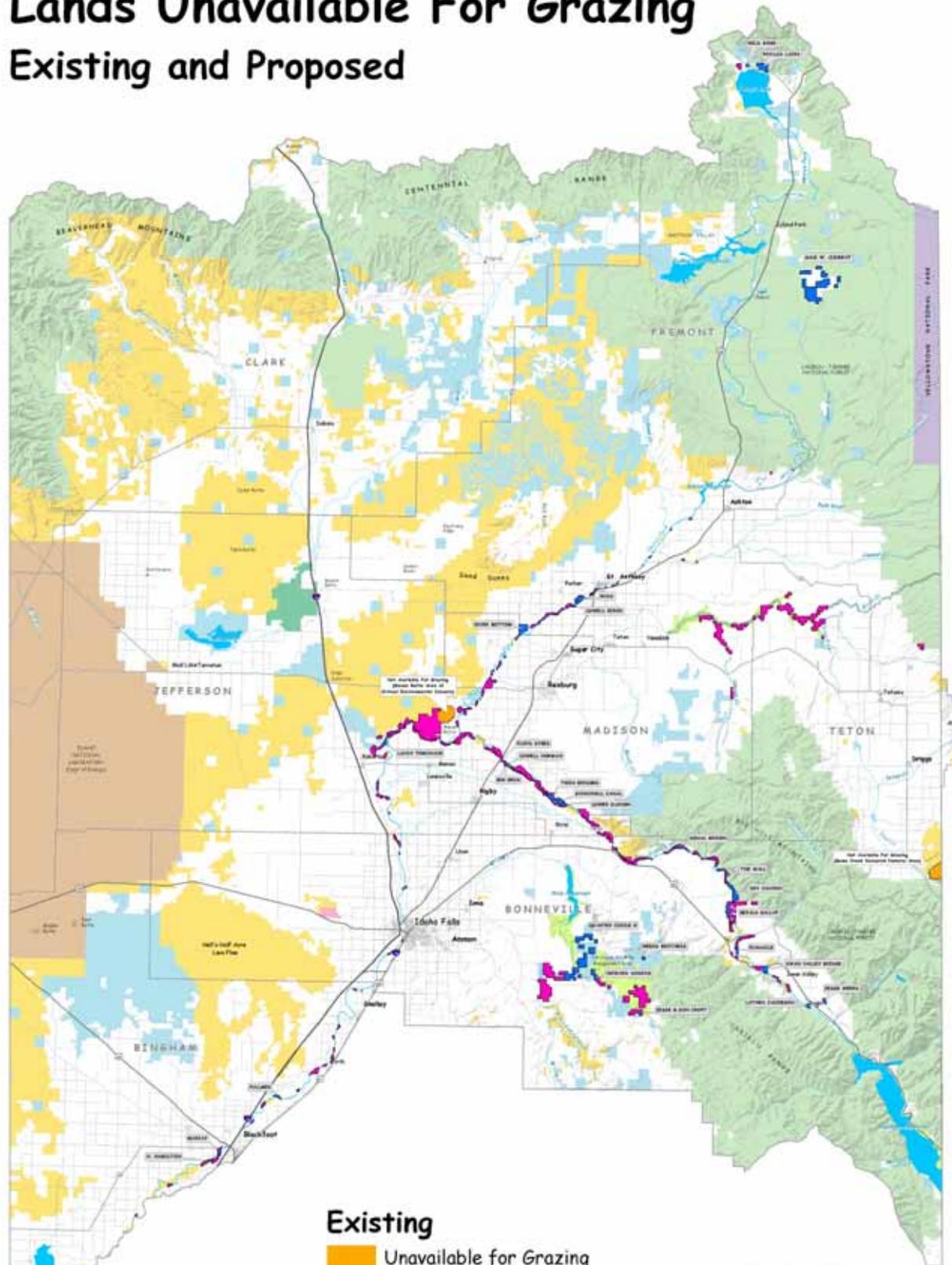
Livestock Grazing

- Develop direction to address vacant and unallocated areas as available or not available for grazing.



Lands Unavailable For Grazing

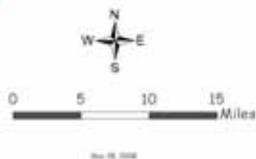
Existing and Proposed



Existing
 Unavailable for Grazing

Proposed
 Vacant Allotments Unavailable for Grazing
 Unallocated Lands Unavailable for Grazing

Map Location



Need for Change Topics (continued)

Recreation and Visitor Services

- Develop direction for the St. Anthony Sand Dunes SRMA to address increased recreational demand.
- Develop direction for ERMA's to resolve user conflicts in areas such as Teton River, Birch Creek, and King Mountain Hang Gliding Area.

Travel Management

- Designate areas "limited" to existing roads and trails for OHV management.

Lands and Realty

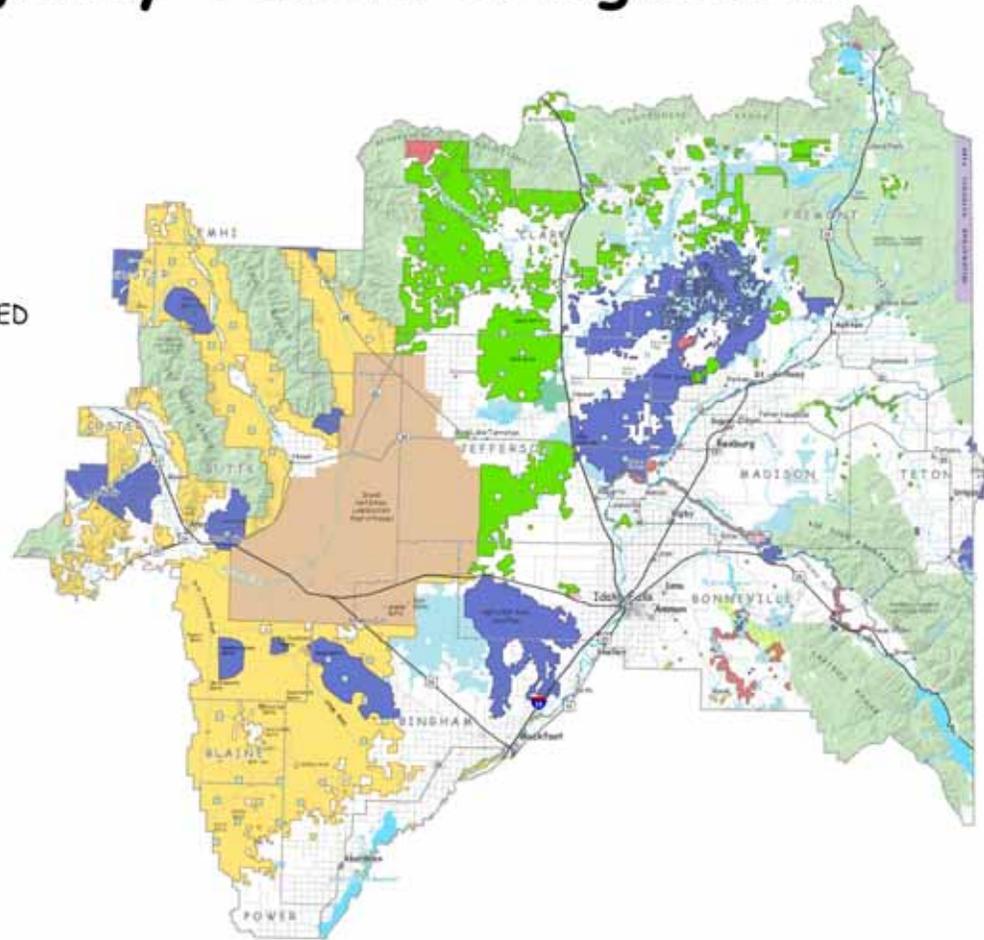
- Identify zones of public lands for retention or disposal.
- Develop direction for alternative energy sources.



Off-Highway Vehicle Designations

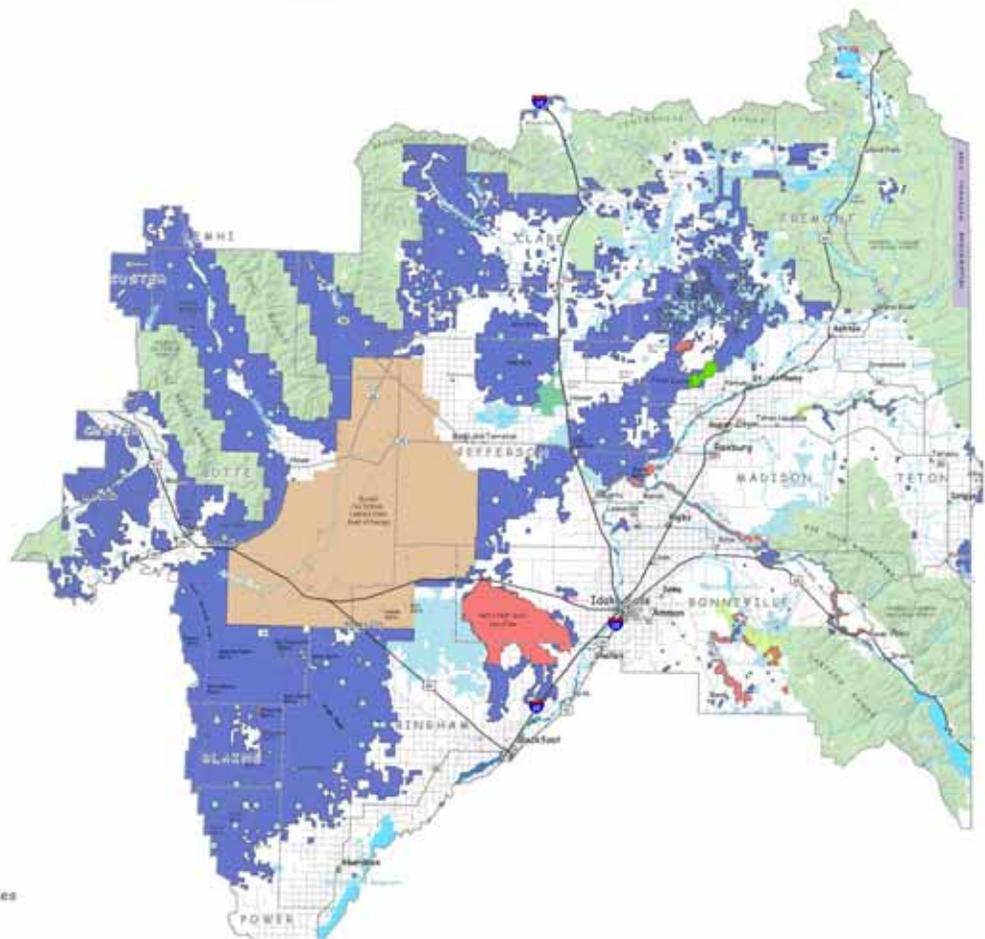
Existing

-  CLOSED
-  LIMITED
-  OPEN
-  UNDESIGNATED



Proposed

-  CLOSED
-  LIMITED
-  OPEN



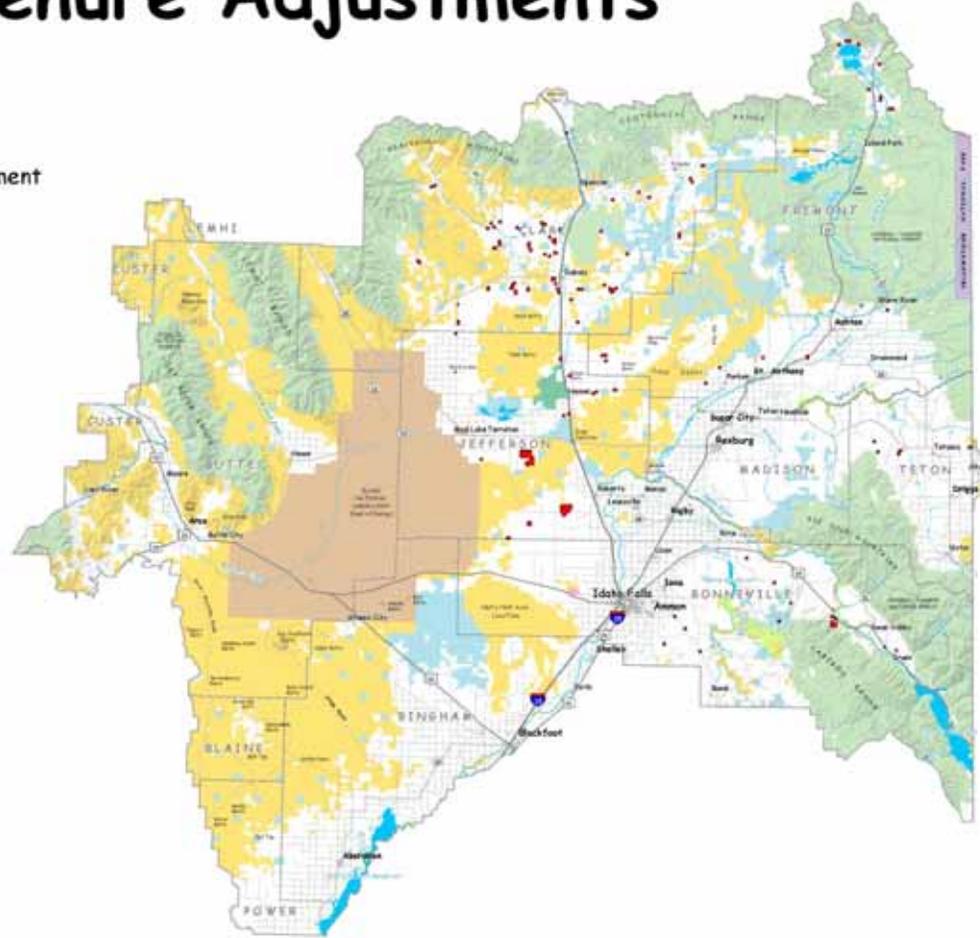
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Land Tenure Adjustments

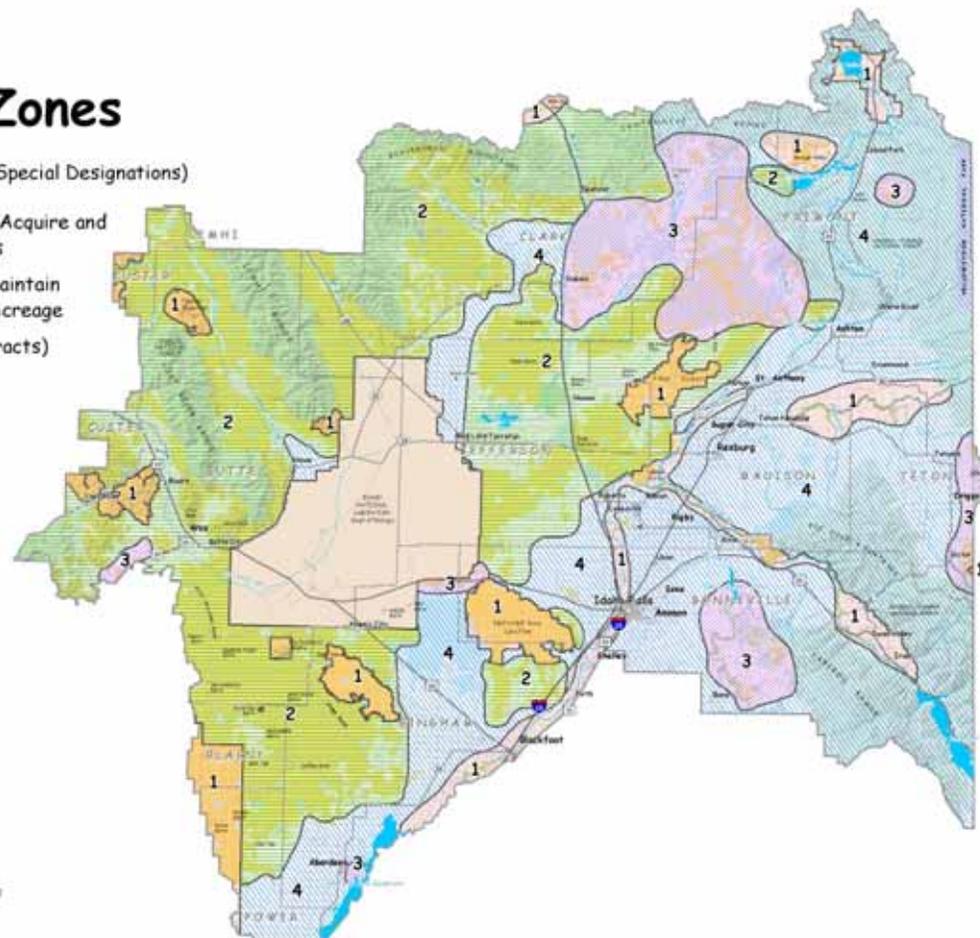
Existing

- Land Tenure Adjustment Parcels



Proposed Zones

- 1 Retention (Includes Special Designations)
- 2 Retain Large Blocks, Acquire and Adjust on Boundaries
- 3 Consolidate Lands, Maintain Overall Public Land Acreage
- 4 Disposal (Isolated Tracts)



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Need for Change Topics (continued)

Minerals

- Prepare a reasonable foreseeable development scenario for fluid mineral leasing (oil, gas, and geothermal).

Administrative Designations

- Develop improved direction for five existing ACECs.
- Consider the designation of and develop direction for three potential ACECs (Southwest Lemhi Range, Teton River, Main Snake River).
- Complete a Wild and Scenic River suitability determination for eligible river segments and develop direction to maintain unique characteristics.



Administrative Designations

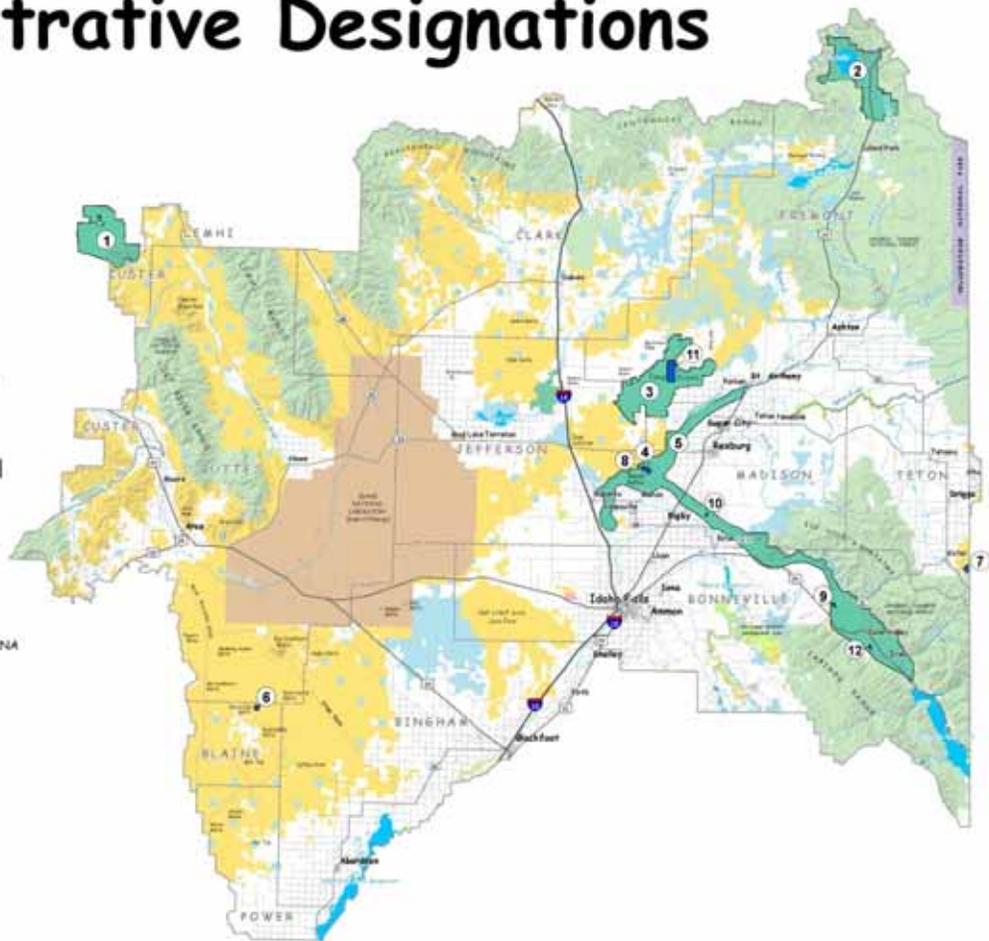
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Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)

- 1 Donkey Hills ACEC
- 2 Henry's Lake ACEC
- 3 Nine Mile Knoll ACEC
- 4 North Menan Butte ACEC
- 5 Snake River ACEC

Research Natural Area (RNA)

- 6 China Cup Butte RNA
- 7 Game Creek RNA
- 8 North Menan Butte RNA
- 9 Pine Creek Island RNA
- 10 Reid Canal Island RNA
- 11 St Anthony Sand Dunes RNA
- 12 Squaw Creek Island RNA



Proposed

Existing ACEC

- 1 Donkey Hills ACEC
- 2 Henry's Lake ACEC
- 3 Nine Mile Knoll ACEC
- 4 North Menan Butte ACEC
- 5 Snake River ACEC

Existing RNA

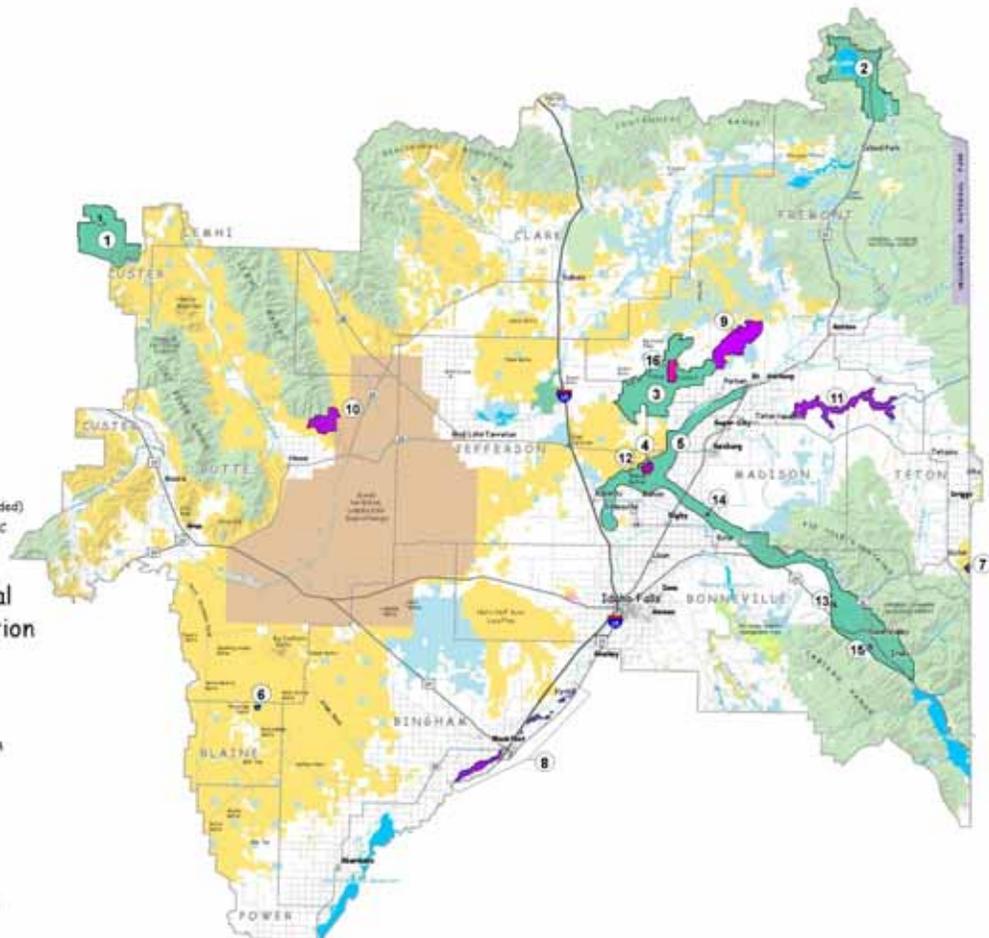
- 6 China Cup Butte RNA
- 7 Game Creek RNA

Proposed ACEC

- 8 Main Snake River ACEC
- 9 Nine Mile Knoll ACEC (Expanded)
- 10 Southwest Lemhi Range ACEC
- 11 Teton River ACEC

Proposed Removal of RNA Designation

- 12 North Menan Butte RNA
- 13 Pine Creek Island RNA
- 14 Reid Canal Island RNA
- 15 Squaw Creek Island RNA
- 16 St Anthony Sand Dunes RNA



Preliminary Planning Issues

Identified by both the public and BLM and refined throughout the planning process by public involvement.

Issues identified include:

- Native American Concerns, Trust Responsibilities & Treaty Rights
- Upland & Riparian Vegetation
- Invasive Species & Noxious Weeds
- Special Status Species
- Travel Management
- Recreation Management
- Land Tenure Adjustment



How You Can Be Involved

This is your opportunity to provide us with your comments regarding "**Need for Change Topics**" and **Planning Issues**. Your comments will help the team to identify issues and incorporate your concerns into this planning effort.

Additional opportunities for public comment will be provided throughout the process. Public meetings will be held to facilitate review and comment on the Draft EIS.

- **Written comments** may be sent to:

Bureau of Land Management
Attn: Upper Snake RMP Planning Team
1405 Hollipark Drive
Idaho Falls, ID 83401

- **E-mail comments** to: upper_snake_rmp@blm.gov

- **Web Site:**

[http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/upper_snake/
Planning/upper_snake_rmp.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/upper_snake/Planning/upper_snake_rmp.html)

Comments need to be received
no later than June 27, 2008.



Community Assessment

YOUR VISION	SUGGESTED BLM PLANNING ACTIONS
Open spaces, agriculture and ranching lands, retain our character	Review grazing leases to keep our ranchers on the land
Clean air and water	Require full mitigation of impacts as well as full reclamation/rehabilitation
Naturally functioning ecosystems that provide wildlife habitats and support hunting, fishing, and other quality recreation opportunities	Continue to work with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to restore ecosystems
Access to public lands, waters, and special managed areas for a diversity of users	Clearly address public access issues to BLM-administered public lands
Trail, pathway, and greenbelt systems that connect places within/between communities	When trails are being designed, carefully consider connectivity
Increased respect and acceptance of a diversity of peoples and cultures	Protect areas of cultural significance
Safety and security	Provide funding to local law enforcement and search and rescue units that assist on public lands
Family friendly activities that encourage learning about the area	Develop and deliver environmental education programs for youth
Small town feel where people, history, and traditions remain relevant and connected	Merge local history and customs into the design of new recreation sites, trails, and exhibits



Planning Timeline

Calendar Year Quarter	08			09				10				11	
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Public Scoping Open Houses	•	•	•										
Comment Analysis & Identify Issues													
Develop Alternatives with Mgmt. Direction													
Prepare/Write Draft EIS													
90-day Draft EIS Comment Period													
Draft EIS Open House Meetings													
Analyze Draft EIS Comments													
Prepare Final EIS and Proposed RMP													
30-Day Protest Period & Resolution													
State Director Signs Record of Decision													

We are here!

