

**M3(IFG)/BLM PROPOSED
LAND EXCHANGE**

AN M₃ EAGLE LLC PROPOSAL

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Land Exchanges

- Federal Land Policy & Management Act, as amended
- Five Requirements
- Consistent with land use plan
- Public interest will be well served
- Title to land or interest in land
- Values shall be equal or equalized
- Citizenship

Land Use Plans

- Framework for land ownership adjustments
- Serve as a screening mechanism
- Identifies lands as potentially suitable for disposal
- Identifies disposal and acquisition criteria

Land Exchanges

- Must evaluate & consider a full range of disposal & acquisition tools
- Exchanges are one of the tools used to:
 - Consolidate land ownership
 - Secure important objectives: enhance, develop, protect
 - Meet needs of communities
 - Promote multiple use management

Exchange Process

- **Developing Exchange Proposals**
 - ✓ Informal discussions at the Field Office level
 - ✓ Preliminary Screening – Consider all interests in land and all resources (existing uses/users, access, minerals, cultural, Tribal, timber, grazing, water rights, etc.)
 - ✓ Ensure exchange reflects the BLM's needs & priorities
 - ✓ Public interest determination – early, often, throughout

Exchange Process

- Feasibility Report & Agreement to Initiate
 - ✓ Funding & staffing
 - ✓ Roles, responsibilities, timeframes
- Complex land transactions
- Deliberative Process

North Idaho Perspective

- Land Use Plan Criteria
 - High-value timberlands & growing sites
 - Special Recreation Mgmt Areas
 - Riparian & wetland habitat
 - Public or administrative access
 - Traditional cultural uses/significant sites
 - Consolidate for management efficiency
 - Municipal watersheds
 - Special Status Species
 - Special designation areas

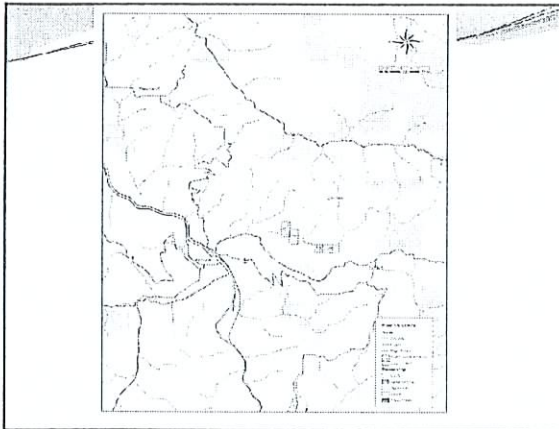
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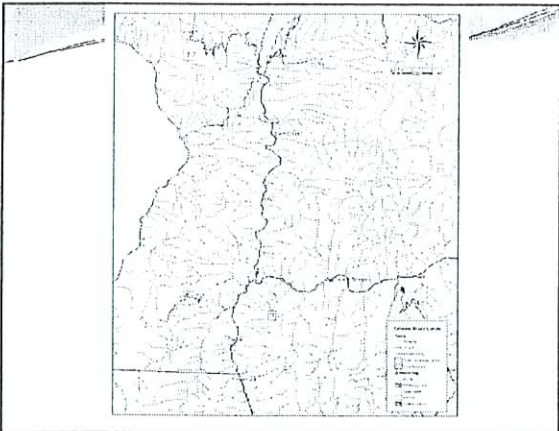
- Private land offered to the BLM: approximately 11,038 acres in 3 tracts (all located in Boise District).
 - Tract 1: 9,638 acres at Harris Creek
 - Tract 2: 560 acres at Cartwright Canyon
 - Tract 3: 840 acres adjacent to Stack Rock

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- Public land selected in northern Idaho: 73 parcels, approximately 8,891 acres
 - 8,091 acres -Coeur d'Alene Field Office
 - 800 acres -Cottonwood Field Office

- M3 would immediately sell acquired public lands to Idaho Forest Group





ISSUES

- Preliminary Exchange Proposal – did not consult with or involve the Coeur d'Alene District BLM
- Loss of potential to acquire other lands in northern Idaho
- Unplanned, unfunded workload
- Public access issues – hunting, fishing, & other uses
- Coeur d'Alene Tribe - conditional support
- Nov. 1 – complete initial review parcel-by-parcel

ISSUES

- In accordance with the CDA RMP, disposal lands in N. Idaho to be utilized for wildlife, wetlands, riparian and water-based recreation acquisitions for the N. Idaho public.
- History of land ownership adjustments in N. Idaho
 - State in-lieu selections
 - Legislated land exchanges
 - Land exchanges, sales, acquisitions

ISSUES

- Public Benefits
- Staffing
- Workload
- Timing

- RAC Involvement
- Public Input
- NEPA

