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Memorandum

To: Interested Party

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Subject: Clarification of Trapping, and Hunting and Photography Blinds in the Owyhee
Canyonlands Wilderness

This document is meant to clarify trapping, and hunting and photography blinds in the Owyhee Canyonlands Wildernesses as follows:

Clarification re Trapping in the Owyhee Canyonlands Wildernesses

Based on conversations with Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), BLM understands that IDFG defines and issues two types of trapping licenses: a “recreational” license and a “commercial” license. IDFG’s characterization of a trapping license as “recreational” or “commercial” under fish and game regulations does not control whether a given trapping activity is a “commercial” enterprise under the Wilderness Act.

With respect to the trapping provisions in the Owyhee WMP, BLM clarifies that the Management Plan allows trapping in wilderness areas subject to State and Federal regulations, as long as associated access is limited to non-motorized and non-mechanized means and as long as the trapper does not sell the fur, hides, or other parts of the trapped animal.

Clarification re Hunting and Photography Blinds in the Owyhee Canyonlands Wildernesses

With respect to the Owyhee WMP’s provisions regarding blinds, BLM clarifies and agrees that temporary, portable, or “pop-up” blinds will only be allowed while the user is in the wilderness. Thus, such blinds must be removed from the wilderness if and when the user leaves the wilderness.

If there are any questions or comments, please contact Michael Courtney at (208) 735-2060, or Lara Douglas at (208) 384-3300