

Jarbidge RMP Newsletter

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Letter from the Field Manager

We would like to express our appreciation to everyone who attended the January Data Fair. More than 75 people representing a variety of interests viewed data collected over the past summer and talked with resource specialists. We were pleased with the thoughtful participation demonstrated by those in attendance.

We are continually impressed with the level of public involvement in the Resource Management Plan (RMP) process. The comments received to date, particularly in regard to the vegetation map, have been extremely helpful. These comments will be

considered by the Jarbidge RMP Interdisciplinary (ID) Team as they continue working on the RMP.

We look forward to your continued participation in the upcoming workshops. These workshops will give you an opportunity to roll up your sleeves and work with the ID team.

I would like to take this opportunity to report Howard Hedrick accepted a position in the BLM Idaho State Office. Howard served as the Twin Falls District Manager since the District's creation in 2004. He has been very supportive of the Jarbidge RMP

process and will be greatly missed.

Bill Baker, Associate District Manager, will serve as Acting District Manager until the District Manager position is filled.

We appreciate your continued involvement as we develop the revised Jarbidge RMP.



Rick Vander Voet
Field Manager
Jarbidge Field Office

Jarbidge Field Office Staff Host Successful Data Fair

Over 75 attendees, representing a wide array of Federal, State, and local government agencies as well as the general public, visited the January Data Fair hosted by the Jarbidge Field Office staff in Twin Falls, Idaho. Resource specialists from a variety of disciplines prepared exhibits of the data and information that will be used in developing the Draft Jarbidge Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

This informal open house provided attendees the opportunity to visit with resource specialists and share additional information or feedback with them. Fourteen stations featured colorful posters, creative hands-on displays, maps, and PowerPoint presentations.

Attendees spent considerable time examining and providing comments on the displays, especially displays on vegetation and fire. Attendees also acknowledged the

amount of effort necessary to host the event. As one attendee summarized, "I appreciate the hard work to compile all this information."

Information from the Data Fair will soon be available on the Jarbidge RMP Website.



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Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council to Host Workshops for the Jarbidge RMP

The Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will host five workshops about the Jarbidge Resource Management Plan (RMP) to discuss alternative development, vegetation and livestock grazing, transportation, and areas for special designation or management. These workshops will allow the public to participate in different aspects of developing the Jarbidge RMP. You are invited to attend any or all of the workshops.

At each workshop, Jarbidge RMP Interdisciplinary (ID) Team members will present the process for developing preliminary alternatives, goals, objectives, and management actions. Additional topics and activities will be tailored to the workshop topic.

Alternative Development Workshops

Participants will be asked to provide feedback and suggestions about items developed to date in a facilitated, small group setting. Identical information will be presented at each workshop.

Date: Saturday, April 14th

Time: 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Location: Three Creek School House (Three Creek, ID)

RSVP required by April 6th

Date: Wednesday, April 18th

Time: 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Location: Three Island Interpretive Center (Glenns Ferry, ID)

RSVP required by April 10th

Vegetation and Livestock Grazing Workshop

Participants will take part in focused discussions on forage production, livestock grazing management actions, and vegetation management actions in a facilitated, small group setting. Within the small groups, participants will be asked to provide feedback and suggestions on the alternatives and management actions related to livestock grazing and vegetation developed to date.

Date: Tuesday, April 17th

Time: 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Location: KMVT Community Room (Twin Falls, ID)

RSVP required by April 3rd

Transportation Workshop

Jarbidge RMP ID Team members will identify transportation-related decisions to be made in the RMP. Participants will take part in a focused discussion and provide feedback in a facilitated, small group setting on transportation in the Jarbidge Field Office.

Date: Wednesday, April 11th

Time: 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Location: Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs (Twin Falls, ID)

RSVP required by April 5th

Areas for Special Designation or Management Workshop

Jarbidge RMP ID Team members will present the process used to identify areas for special designation or management. Participants will take part in a focused discussion and provide feedback in a facilitated, small group setting on potential areas for special designation or management in the Jarbidge Field Office. Topics will include Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, Wild and Scenic Rivers, and Special Recreation Management Areas.

Date: Thursday, April 12th

Time: 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Location: Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs (Twin Falls, ID)

RSVP required by April 11th

Due to the structure of the workshops, attendees must be available to attend the entire meeting. An RSVP is required so adequate staff and materials are provided. Interested individuals are requested to RSVP to Aimee Betts at (208) 736-2388 or ID_Jarbidge_RMP@blm.gov by the dates specified above. Confirmed participants will receive further information a week before the workshop. All workshops are subject to cancellation if sufficient public response is not received by the RSVP deadline.

The results of these workshops will be summarized in the next newsletter and the Jarbidge RMP Website.

What You Can Do Now

- **Plan to attend the April Workshops. RSVP to Aimee Betts at 208-736-2350 or ID_Jarbidge_RMP@blm.gov.**
- **Submit feedback on RMP materials completed to date.**
- **Send ideas for future newsletter articles to ID_Jarbidge_RMP@blm.gov.**
- **Go to www.blm.gov/rmp/id/jarbidge to keep up-to-date on all the latest RMP information!**

Rivers Under Consideration for Eligibility for Wild and Scenic River Designation

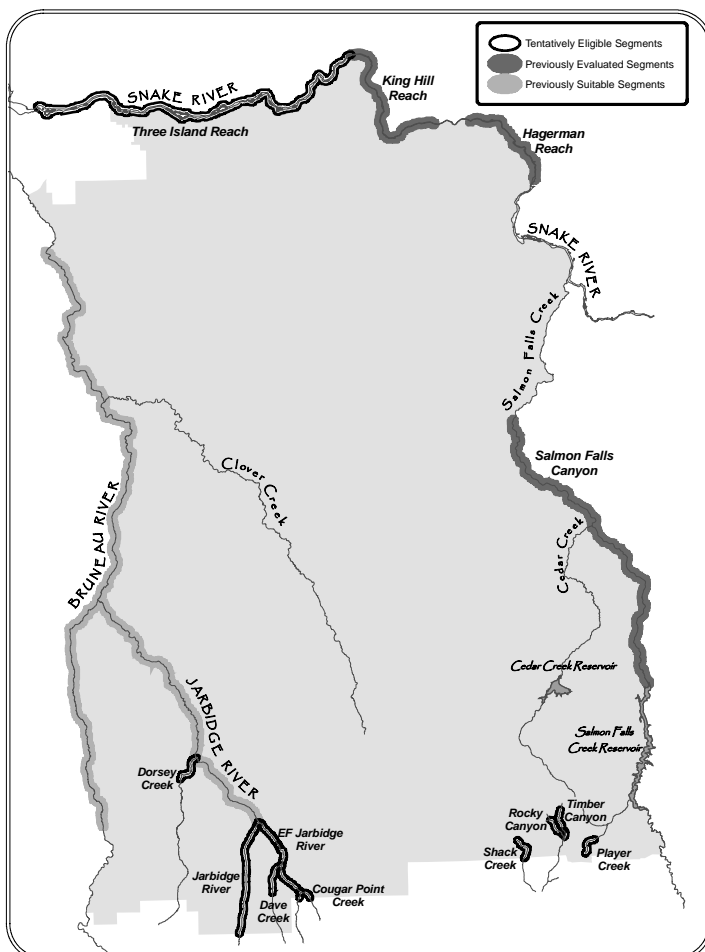
Federal land management agencies are required to consider potential Wild and Scenic Rivers in their planning processes. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 seeks to protect and enhance a river's natural and cultural values and to provide for public use consistent with its free-flowing character, water quality, and outstandingly remarkable values.

As part of developing a Resource Management Plan (RMP), the Jarbidge RMP Interdisciplinary (ID) Team considered all river segments in the Field Office, identified river segments for evaluation, assessed the river segments for their free-flowing status and outstandingly remarkable values, and tentatively classified rivers as wild, scenic, or

recreational based on the development of shoreline, watercourse, and access.

The Jarbidge RMP ID Team did not examine river segments previously determined to be eligible or suitable during other land use planning efforts, including Salmon Falls Creek from Salmon Falls Dam to Balanced Rock, the Hagerman section of the Snake River, and the King Hill section of the Snake River. A 1976 Wild and Scenic River Study recommended sections of the Bruneau and Jarbidge Rivers as suitable for inclusion in the Wild and Scenic River System.

Based on the Jarbidge RMP ID Team's evaluation, the following river segments may be eligible for further study for inclusion in the Wild and Scenic River System:



- **Cougar Point Creek** from the Field Office boundary to the confluence with the East Fork of the Jarbidge River
- **Dave Creek** from the private boundary to the confluence with the East Fork of the Jarbidge River
- **Dorsey Creek's** lower three miles to the confluence with the Jarbidge River
- **East Fork of the Jarbidge River** from the Field Office boundary to Murphy Hot Springs
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- **Jarbidge River** from the Field Office boundary to the confluence with the East Fork of the Jarbidge River
- **Player Creek** from the headwaters to the private diversion
- **Rocky Canyon Creek** from the headwaters to the confluence with the North Fork of Salmon Falls Creek
- **North Fork of Salmon Falls Creek (Timber Canyon Creek)** from the headwaters to the Field Office boundary
- **Shack Creek** from the headwaters to the Field Office boundaries
- **Snake River (Three Island Reach)** from King Hill Bridge to Highway 51 bridge

River segments determined to be eligible must be managed to protect their free flowing and outstandingly remarkable values until the river or river segment is determined suitable or non-suitable during the suitability study phase. Only Congress or the Secretary of Interior can determine whether a suitable river or river segment will be included in the Wild and Scenic River System.

A suitability study for the eligible river segments in the Jarbidge Field Office will be completed after the Record of Decision is signed for the Jarbidge RMP. This study will be coordinated with adjacent field offices and the Forest Service for river segments bordering those offices.



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Jarbridge RMP Mailing List

Please contact us if you no longer wish to receive information regarding the Jarbridge RMP.

Presentations on Jarbridge RMP

Jarbridge Field Office staff are available to speak to organizations about the Jarbridge RMP. Feel free to contact us to schedule a presentation.

Comments on Jarbridge RMP

Your comments and feedback on the Jarbridge RMP are welcome anytime. Do you have suggestions for future meeting locations? Do you have feedback on the information presented in this newsletter? If so, please let us know.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CONSIDERATIONS:

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.