

CHAPTER 5

CONSULTATION, COORDINATION, AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Development of the recommendations for the Big Lost/Pahsimeroi Wilderness Final Environmental Impact Statement has included an ongoing coordination and public involvement effort. Federal Register notices and news releases have announced all steps of the process to date, including the study schedule, notices of intent for preparation of the EIS, notice of availability of the EIS, notice of public hearings, and public comment periods.

Throughout the study, consultation and coordination has occurred with other federal agencies, state, county, and local governments, and the public. Additional consultation and coordination took place with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).

Wildlife and vegetation inventories and consultation with the USFWS did not identify any threatened or endangered species in the WSA. Inventories and consultation with the SHPO during scoping determined that no cultural sites that would be eligible for nomination for listing on the National Register of Historic Places are known to exist within any of the WSAs.

Coordination with the U.S. Forest Service, Challis National Forest, has been ongoing throughout the development of this EIS. While no formal comments were received, informal contacts were made at the local level to determine the Challis National Forest's opinion of BLM wilderness proposals.

LIST OF PREPARERS

Loren Anderson prepared the Burnt Creek WSA wildlife material for the EIS. Loren was the district wildlife biologist at the Salmon District Office and is now the Lemhi Resource Area biologist. He has been a wildlife biologist for twelve years and was a range conservationist for three years. Loren has a B.S. in wildlife biology from Colorado State University.

George Babits prepared the geology and energy/minerals sections for the Burnt Creek WSA. George is the district geologist at the Salmon District Office. He has been with the BLM, the Bureau of Reclamation, and Soil Conservation Service as a geologist for ten years. He has a B.S. in geology and a B.S. in physical science from Washington State University.

John Butz wrote the sections covering Appendicitis Hill and White Knob Mountains WSAs. He started with BLM in 1974 in Carson City, Nevada, and has worked in the Salem, Oregon District, in the Oregon and Idaho State Offices, and in the Idaho Falls District as the outdoor recreation planner since 1977. He holds a degree in forest recreation management from Oregon State University.

Tim Carrigan assisted with the range section of the Burnt Creek WSA. Tim was with the BLM for 4 years as a range conservationist in the Salmon District's Ellis-Pahsimeroi Resource Area, and is now a helicopter pilot for the U.S. Army. Tim has a B.S. degree in range management and wildlife management from Humboldt State University.

Tim Carroll prepared the geology and minerals section for Appendicitis Hill and White Knob Mountains WSAs. Carroll joined the BLM in 1974 as a minerals specialist, and has been the district geologist in Idaho Falls for over 3 years. He has a B.S. degree in geology from the University of Missouri.

Rex Christensen, Ellis-Pahsimeroi Area Manager, was responsible for the Ellis-Pahsimeroi MFP wilderness recommendation on the Burnt Creek WSA. Rex has a B.S. in botany from Brigham Young University. He was with the BLM for 26 years, 17 of which have been as an area manager before retiring in 1985.

Rick Colvin acted as writer-editor for the final EIS. Rick has been with the BLM for five years as the Challis Resource Area outdoor recreation planner. He has a B.S. in resource recreation management and an M.A. in interdisciplinary studies, both from Oregon State University.

Glenn DeVoe contributed to the range sections for Appendicitis Hill and White Knob Mountains WSAs. He has worked in the Idaho Falls District as a range conservationist for 6 years. DeVoe holds degrees in soils and range management and agriculture economics from the Universities of California and Oklahoma State.

Brent Jensen, Big Butte Area Manager, was responsible for the Big Lost MFP wilderness recommendations on the Appendicitis Hill and White Knob Mountains WSAs. Jensen has a B.S. degree in range management from Utah State University. He has worked in the Las Vegas, Nevada District and has been an area manager in the San Miguel and Gunnison Basin areas in Montrose, Colorado. He was the Montrose District range management specialist before coming to Idaho Falls in 1978.

Robert McCarty contributed to the wildlife sections for Appendicitis Hill and White Knob Mountains WSAs. McCarty has a B.S. degree in range management/wildlife habitat from Washington State University. He has been with the BLM in the Idaho Falls District for 7 years.

David McGowan assisted in preparing the range section of the Burnt Creek WSA. Dave has been a range conservationist in the Salmon District for eight years. He has a B.S. in rangeland resources from Oregon State University.

Michael Vallance is the Challis-Mackay Resource Area forester. He wrote the forest resource section of the Burnt Creek WSA. Mike has a B.S. in forestry from Purdue University, and has been with the BLM for four years.

George Weiskircher is the Idaho State Office Outdoor Recreation Planner and also served as state office liaison for this EIS. George has been with the BLM for ten years, the past five in Boise. He has a B.S. in earth science from New Mexico State University.

Dave Wolf was team leader for this EIS. He directed the preparation of this EIS and prepared several sections. Dave has been with the BLM for six years. He has a B.S. in wildlife management and a B.S. in outdoor recreation, both from Colorado State University.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REVIEW

An intensive effort has been made to involve the public, other agencies, industry, and special interest groups. During preparation of the Big Lost and Ellis-Pahsimeroi MFPs, numerous meetings were held with individuals, interest groups, industry representatives, and Federal, State, and local agencies. Open houses were held in May (5/6/81 and 9/30/81), Arco (8/9/82) and Mackay, Idaho (9/1/82). A notice announcing the initiation of work on the Big Lost/Pahsimeroi Wilderness EIS was published in the Federal Register on February 22, 1983.

The Draft EIS was released for public review and comment on August 26, 1983. The formal comment period was open until October 27, 1983. Public hearings were held at Arco, Idaho (9/26/83) and Challis, Idaho (9/27/83). No individuals testified at either public hearing.

During the comment period, seventeen written comments were received. Comments were received from seven individuals, two energy companies, two from a conservation organization, four federal agencies, two State of Idaho agencies, and one from the Shoshone-Bannock tribes. No comments were received from the Governor's Office, Congressional representatives, State legislators, or local officials.

All comments that presented new data, questioned facts or analyses, and raised issues having a direct bearing on the adequacy of the EIS were used in making changes to the draft and/or given individual responses in this chapter. Responses are also provided for other comments considered to be of general interest to the readers. All public comments will be considered when making the final wilderness recommendations, regardless of whether they are printed or receive responses in this EIS.

REVIEWERS AND RESPONSES

The following list identifies agencies, organizations, and individuals to whom copies of the draft EIS were sent. Those agencies, organizations, and individuals who returned written comments are denoted by a letter and page number. The comments for which responses were prepared are identified by vertical lines and consecutive numbers in the left margins of each letters. The corresponding responses are shown on the left facing page by each letter and are numbered to match the comments.

<u>Elected Officials</u>	<u>Letter</u>	<u>Page</u>
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Federal

Senator Steve Symms
Senator James McClure
Congressman George Hansen
Congressman Larry Craig

State

Governor John Evans
Representative Ray Infanger
Representative Wayne Tibbets
Senator Vearl Crystal

Local

Mayor, Arco
Mayor, Challis
Butte County Commissioners
Butte County Planning Commission
Custer County Commissioners
Custer County Planning Commission

Advisory Councils

Idaho Falls District Advisory Council
Idaho Falls District Grazing Advisory Board
Salmon District Advisory Council
Salmon District Grazing Advisory Board

Federal Agencies

Department of Interior

Bureau of Indian Affairs		
Fish and Wildlife Service		
U.S. Geological Survey	13	105
National Park Service		
Bureau of Mines		
Bureau of Reclamation		

Department of Agriculture

Soil Conservation Service
Forest Service

Federal Aviation Administration 17 111

Department of Transportation

Environmental Protection Agency 15 108

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Department of Energy 16 109

Department of the Air Force

State of Idaho Agencies

Department of Fish and Game 14 107

Department of Health, Welfare and
Environmental Services

Department of Lands

Department of Water Resources

Historic Preservation Officer 19 115

University of Idaho Extension Service

Idaho State Clearinghouse

Idaho Air National Guard 18 113

Department of Transportation

Organizations

Idaho Wildlife Federation

Idaho Cattle Feeders Association, Inc.

Tri-County Cattlemen's Association

Idaho Archaeological Society, Inc.

Idaho Conservation League

Natural Resource Defense Council

Western Environmental Trade Association

League of Women Voters of Idaho

Northern Rockies Chapter Sierra Club

The Institute of Ecology

Idaho Cattlemen's Association

Wilderness Society

Committee for Idaho's High Desert 1, 2 53, 64

Industry

Rocky Mountain Oil & Gas Association		
Independent Petroleum Producers		
Idaho Mining Association		
Hunt Energy Corporation		
Amoco Production Company		
Arco Exploration Company		
Champion Building Products		
Conoco	11	103
Exxon Minerals Company, U.S.A.		
Texaco, Inc.		
Ronan, Inc.	12	104
Union Oil Company of California		
Superior Oil Company		

Individuals

Grazing permittees		
District mailing list (on file)		
Peter Bowler	3	76
Randall E. Morris	4	87
Dan Peterson	5	88
Carol Kriz	6	90
Dale Asplund	7	92
Jerry Jayne	8	94
Howard Emry	9	97
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes	10	101