

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN  
RECOMMENDATION-ANALYSIS-DECISION

Name (MFP)	Twin Falls
Activity	Wildlife - Non-Game
Overlay Reference	
Step	WL-4.12 Step 3

RECOMMENDATION (cont.):

- Recreation - Assistance in design of projects to provide pleasing aesthetic values.
- Watershed - Assistance in design of fences to protect watershed values.
- Wildlife - Coordination with range and operations in design and location of bird guzzlers, escape ramps and other related developments.

Multiple Use Analysis

This recommendation does not conflict with any activity recommendation. Installation of bird guzzlers will provide an available water source for any wildlife species in the areas identified. Modification of existing water development should not conflict as long as existing livestock water is not decreased. Fencing of wildlife water areas will not conflict as long as livestock water is accessible.

Multiple Use Recommendation:

Accept WL-4.12 -  
Install guzzlers, modify water developments, install wildlife escape ramps, and fence wildlife watering areas.

Reason:

Installation of bird guzzlers and modification of existing facilities will improve availability of water for wildlife. Installation of wildlife ramps will reduce drowning losses. Fencing wildlife water areas will increase escape and nesting cover near water.

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RECOMMENDATION: (Decision)

Develop nesting structures having the proper size and shape of entrance holes for a particular species to provide nesting habitat.

SUPPORT:

Operations - Construction and installation of bird houses.

Recreation - Assistance in developing projects to provide increased non-consumptive recreational values.

Wildlife - Design and location of bird houses.

RATIONALE:

In the Planning Unit relatively few trees exist on public land. In order to expand non-game avian habitat on public land, bird houses need to be installed. Installation of these houses will provide nesting habitat where it currently does not exist. To date, a dozen kestrel nest boxes have been put up in the Planning Unit. Nest success in these artificial nest boxes the first year out proved to be 100 percent, less human disturbance to boxes, (Linda Parsons, 1979, 1980, Personal Observation). This goes to show that nest boxes will be readily accepted and used.

Multiple Use Analysis

This recommendation does not conflict with any other activity recommendations. If sufficient natural nesting sites are available, there is little need for artificial structures other than having birds nesting on public land rather than private land.

Multiple Use Recommendation:

Accept WL-4.13

Reason:

Where it can be shown that a deficiency in nesting sites exists for a particular species, artificial nesting structures can improve habitat and increase populations of these species.

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Activity	Wildlife in General
Overlay Reference	Step WL-4.14 Step 3

RECOMMENDATION: (Decision)

Acquire the following easement and/or access routes to allow public access to BLM land for fishing, hunting and wildlife management:

Priority No.	Name and Number of Easement or Access Road	Legal Description	Estimated Length
1	1,000 Springs North Tract	T.9S., R.14E. Sec. 9: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	.1 mile
2	1,000 Springs South Tract	T.9S., R.14E. Sec. 9: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	.25 mile
3	Cottonwood Tract	T.11S., R.17E. Sec. 24: S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ T.11S., R.18E. Sec. 30: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	.75 mile
4	Springtown Tract	T.10S., R.18E. Sec. 11: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	.3 mile
5	1,000 Spring West	T.9S., R.14E. Sec. 17: SW $\frac{1}{4}$	.9 mile
6	Echo Lake Tract	T.10S., R.18E. Sec. 4: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	.25 mile
7	River West Tract	T.11S., R.20E. Sec. 5	.3 mile
8	River East Tract	T.11S., R.20E. Sec. 4	.2 mile
9	Eden Tract	T.10S., R.19E. Sec. 26: E $\frac{1}{2}$	.8 mile
10	Miracle Springs Tract	T.9S., R.14E. Sec. 6: E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$	.75 mile
11	Deep Creek Reservoir	T.13S., R.16E. Sec. 19: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 29: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	.85 mile
12	South Hills via Kunkel	T.12S., R.18E. Sec. 2: E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	.5 mile
13	Fifth Fork	T.12S., R.18E. Sec. 25: S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 36: W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	.75 mile
14	McMullen Creek	T.12S., R.18E. Sec. 8: W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$	1 mile
15	Shoshone Creek	T.16S., R.16E. Sec. 24: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	.25 mile

RATIONALE:

An ATROW Specialist should begin an aggressive easement acquisition program on wildlife habitat related access needs. With each passing year these easements are becoming more difficult to acquire. The public is being "locked" out of more and more public land. This lack of legal access also creates problems for BLM with respect to its management of isolated parcels. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, Public Law 94-579, Title V, Section 502(a) states that "The Secretary, with respect to the public lands, is authorized to provide for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of roads within and near the public lands . . . and at the same time meet the requirements for protection, development and management of such lands for utilization of the other resources there-of." According to the Twin Falls County survey, 58.9 percent of the people surveyed felt that BLM should do something in acquiring legal access to public land. Other comments included, "access should be provided" and "provide better access for young and old."<sup>1</sup> It appears to be obvious that access to the public lands is a strong concern of user groups. Easements and/or access should be acquired expeditiously.

<sup>1</sup> Burley District Memo. 1980. RESULTS OF THE TWIN FALLS SURVEY. 1607. November 19, 1980.

Note: Attach additional sheets, if needed

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16	Green Private	T.14S., R.17E. Sec. 4: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 5: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	1.5 mile
17	North Cottonwood Creek	T.12S., R.17E. Sec. 35: SE $\frac{1}{2}$	.8 mile
18	Squaw Joe	T.12S., R.17E. Sec. 31: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	.3 mile
19	Goat Springs	T.13S., R.17E. Sec. 18: NE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$	.25 mile
20	Ridge Isolated	T.15S., R.16E. Sec. 5: SW $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8: W $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 13: S $\frac{1}{2}$ Ridge Sec. 14: SE $\frac{1}{2}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19: E $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 22: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{4}$	6.8 mile
21	Sharp-Lost Creek	T.15S., R.16E. Sec. 25: N $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 26: NE $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{4}$	3 miles
22	Point Ranch	T.14S., R.15E. Sec. 35: S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{4}$ T.15S., R.15E. Sec. 2: N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{4}$	.75 mile
23	Fish Sections	T.15S., R.16E. Sec. 11: SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14: NE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	1.4 mile
24	Schnell-Salmon Tract	T.14S., R.15E. Sec. 26: SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35: NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	.15 mile
25	South Mule Creek	T.16S., R.16E. Sec. 29: SE $\frac{1}{2}$	.35 mile
26	PVGA-Mule Creek	T.16S., R.16E. Sec. 5: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{4}$	2.2 mile
27	Lost Creek-U2	T.14S., R.16E. Sec. 11: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14: W $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 23: E $\frac{1}{2}$ Lost Creek-U2 Sec. 24: SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25: N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{4}$	3 mile
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28	PVGA-Frahm	T.14S., R.17E. Sec. 18: SE $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{2}$	.8 mile
29	South Big Creek	T.16S., R.17E. Sec. 11: SE $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	.5 mile
30	Magic Common	T.16S., R.17E. Sec. 22: SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23: NW $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 27: NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	.8 mile

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RECOMMENDATION:

Retain and maintain all isolated parcels in public ownership to provide wildlife habitat prior to an inventory and incorporation into a habitat management plan.

SUPPORT:

Recreation - Assistance in implementing recommendation to provide an increase in recreational use areas.

Wildlife - Identification and inventory of isolated parcels. Development and implementation of a habitat management plan.

RATIONALE:

Isolated parcels of public land which are identified as having high wildlife values need to be managed as such. All isolated parcels in public ownership need to be inventoried for their wildlife values. Next, it is essential that they become incorporated into a respective habitat management plan. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, Public Law 94-579, Title I, Section 102(a)(1)(8) and Title II, Section 201(a) state that "...the public lands will be retained in Federal ownership..." "... the public lands be managed in a manner that will provide food and habitat for fish and wildlife..." and "...The Secretary shall prepare and maintain on a continuing basis an inventory of all public lands and their resource and other values..." According to the Twin Falls County survey, 51.8 percent of the people surveyed felt that the BLM should continue to hold isolated tracts of undeveloped public land and manage them for wildlife.<sup>1</sup>

Multiple Use Analysis

This recommendation is in some conflict with lands L-2.5 which calls for allowing WPRS to acquire 7,900 of public land for agricultural development. Lands L-7.2 calls for evaluating all exchange proposals within one year after completion of the MFP. An EA and land report would be required prior to any exchange taking place. An EA has been completed on the WPRS proposal.

<sup>1</sup> Burley District Memo. 1980. RESULTS OF THE TWIN FALLS SURVEY. 1607. November 19, 1980.

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Step 1 WL-4.15 Step 3

*(Decision)*

Multiple Use Recommendation:

Modify WL-4.15 -  
Retain and maintain ALL isolated parcels in public ownership. If an opportunity arises that would benefit the resource values, the best use of the tract should be implemented.

Support Needs:

Same as MFP Step 1 WL-4.15.

Lands -

Evaluate all exchange proposals.

Reasons:

This recommendation does not allow for the resource manager to balance all resource values.

Alternatives Considered:

1. Accept WL-4.15.
2. Reject WL-4.15.

Decision:

Accept the multiple-use recommendation.

Rationale:

Retention of isolated tracts is imperative for continued protection of natural resource values.

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