

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN
RECOMMENDATION-ANALYSIS-DECISION

Name (MFP)	Twin Falls
Activity	Fire Management
Overlay Reference	F-1.4
Step 1	Step 3

Recommendation:

Use fire as a management tool in those areas identified for vegetation manipulation or land treatment. Limit suppression efforts in the areas within the Berger that are scheduled for land treatment maintenance. Suppression efforts will be conducted in accordance with an approved plan.

Areas identified for land treatment maintenance:

1. Parrott Allotment

- Burn pasture 3
- Burn pasture 2
- Burn pasture 1

2. Wrigley Allotment

- Burn pasture 2
- Burn pasture 3
- Burn pasture 1

3. Ellis Allotment

- Burn pasture 4
- Burn pasture 2
- Burn pasture 9
- Burn pasture 3

4. Buhl Group

- Burn pasture 1
- Burn pasture 2
- Burn pasture 3
- Burn pasture 4

5. Kerr Allotment

- Burn 300-400 acres every year.

Rationale:

In support of this recommendation it would be advantageous if a fire occurred within one of the identified areas. If a fire occurs in a pasture within one year of the scheduled maintenance, no suppression action will be taken until the fire has accomplished the prescribed requirements or until the fire is determined to be a hazard to livestock, improvements, etc.

Note: Attach additional sheets, if needed

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Recommendation (cont.):

6. Kaster Allotment

- Burn pasture 3
- Burn pasture 2

7. Lanting Allotment

- Burn pasture 4
- Burn brush areas in other pastures as fits schedule.

8. PVGA Allotment

- Burn brush areas in pastures as fits schedule.

9. Schnitker Allotment

- Burn pasture

10. Noh Allotment

- Burn brushy islands as fits schedule.

11. L & W Allotment

- Burn brushy islands in pasture 3.

12. Chadwick Allotment

- Burn brush on west edge of west pasture.

13. Koch Allotment

- Burn brush in pasture 3

14. Kunkel Allotment

- Burn pasture 4
- Burn brush islands in pasture 3.

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Recommendation (cont.):

15. Whiskey Creek Buffer

- Burn brush area along west side.

Support:

Public Information Specialist:
Media news releases

Range and Wildlife Specialist:
Project and/or activity plans

Area personnel:
Development of EAR's and assistance
with burns

Multiple Use Analysis

This recommendation does not conflict with any other activity recommendation. The recommendation as stated requires an approved maintenance burn plan for the area being burned. It further states that limited suppression activities will be in effect only until the fire has accomplished the prescription requirements.

Multiple Use Recommendation:

Accept F-1.4 and add the following -
All reasonable efforts will be made to protect islands of brush which are present within any limited suppression areas.

Reasons:

The recommendation requires an approved maintenance burn plan in order for limited suppression action to be used. The addition of the brush island paragraph will further ensure that attempts are made to protect identified wildlife values on the Berger Resource Conservation Area.

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Support Needs:

Range -
Completion of burn EA.

Wildlife -
Identification of protection areas
in burn plans.

Fire Management -
Completion of burn plan.

Alternatives Considered:

1. Reject F-1.4.
2. Accept F-1.4 as written.

Decision:

Modify the multiple use recommendation to include all the identified area and to agree with the range multiple use recommendation RM-2.7. RM-2.7 says practice limited fire suppression on existing seedings and proposed seedings with the modifications shown in RM-2.3, RM-2.4, and RM-2.5. Aggressive fire suppression will be initiated to protect wildlife values on sage grouse strutting grounds, antelope and mule deer winter range, mule deer critical summer range and on the Twin Falls-Cassia Isolated Sikes Act Tracts. Fire management will consult closely with the area manager on actions in these areas.

Rationale:

A fire management plan is to be prepared for the entire resource area including the Twin Falls Planning Unit that will show the detail required to accomplish this action. Include F-1.4, F-1.5, and RM-2.7 in the plan.

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Step 1F-1.5 Step 3

Recommendation:

Designate the Whiskey Creek area as a limited suppression area. The boundaries of this area will be the Salmon Dam road on the south, the Salmon Falls Creek Canyon on the west, the Salmon Butte stock driveway road on the east and Whiskey Creek on the North.

Rationale:

This area is considered as having a relatively low resource value and suppression efforts and costs should be commensurate with established values. Suppression action will be taken to prevent the fire from escaping the designated boundaries or if it is considered a hazard to people, livestock, improvement, etc.

Support:

Public Information Specialist -

Media releases and orientation.

Resource Area Manager -

Shifting of livestock use to compensate for forage losses.

Multiple Use Analysis

This recommendation conflicts with Wildlife Recommendations regarding maintenance of habitat for antelope and raptor prey base. The major wildlife concern is for possible destruction of sagebrush areas. Antelope require large amounts of sagebrush throughout the year, but particularly in the winter. Raptor prey, particularly jackrabbits, use brush area for cover extensively.

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Step 1 F-1.5 Step 3

Multiple Use Recommendation:

Modify F-1.5 as follows -
Designate the treated areas of the Whiskey Creek area as limited suppression areas. Take normal suppression efforts on any fires burning or threatening native sagebrush areas. The boundaries of this area will be the Salmon Dam road on the south, the Salmon Falls Creek Canyon on the west, the Salmon Butte stock driveway road on the east and Whiskey Creek on the north.

Reasons:

Modification of this recommendation will protect high resource value areas identified by wildlife. The seedings will be enhanced by allowing fire to burn through them.

Support Needs:

Fire Management -
Provide for suppression fires within or threatening native sagebrush within the Whiskey Creek limited suppression area.

Alternatives Considered:

1. Reject F-1.5.
2. Accept F-1.5.

Decision:

Accept the multiple use recommendation.

Rationale:

This decision is also to be implemented through a modified suppression plan and/or a fire management plan for the resource area as identified in F-1.4 and RM-2.7.

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