

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN - STEP 1
ACTIVITY OBJECTIVES

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Objective F-1

To protect and enhance the resources of public lands in order to preserve their capability to contribute toward meeting the resource needs of the nation.

Rationale:

This objective is supported by policy statements within Bureau manual 9210 and other authority sources as outlined below.

- A. Protection Act of September 20, 1922 (42 Stat. 857; 16 U.S.C. 594).
- B. Taylor Grazing Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1269; 43 U.S.C. 315).
- C. O. and C. Act of August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 874; 43 U.S.C. 1181e).
- D. Reciprocal Fire Protection Act of May 27, 1955 (69 Stat. 66; 42 U.S.C. 1856, 1856a).
- E. Economy Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 417; 31 U.S.C. 686).
- F. Public Land Administration Act of July 14, 1960 (74 Stat. 506; 43 U.S.C. 1361).
- G. Disaster Relief Act, Section 417 (Public Law 93-288).
- H. Annual Appropriations Acts for the Department of the Interior.
- I. United States Department of the Interior Manual (590 DM 1.3).
- J. Planning area analysis.
- K. Normal year fire plan.

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F-1.1

Recommendation:

Designate a permanent Fire Guard Station site in the vicinity of Salmon Dam in T. 14 S., R. 15 E., Sec. 8: SE $\frac{1}{4}$. Construction of the facility could be accomplished by the fire crew resulting in a considerable savings.

Rationale:

At the present time we are maintaining a temporary Guard Station facilities at the old Rogerson School house. This situation is less than desirable as our crew is constantly in the public view, the rental fees are exceedingly high, poor utility services and limited storage and parking areas. With the construction of a new site these problems would be eliminated and, in addition, the facility could also be utilized by the resource area for office space, storage of equipment, materials and supplies.

Support:

Engineering: Survey and design complex and compile materials lists.
Public information specialist: Media releases and orientation.
Administration: Procurement of required materials and/or services.
Realty: Prepare required withdrawals.

Multiple Use Analysis

This recommendation does not conflict with any other activity recommendation. Construction of a permanent guard station would reduce or eliminate problems of high rent, poor utility service and limited storage and parking areas. Additionally, the station could be used as a base for other district personnel working in the area.

Note: Attach additional sheets, if needed

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Multiple Use Recommendation:

Accept F-1.1.

Reasons:

Construction of a permanent Fire Guard Station in the Rogerson area will be beneficial to fire control operations and other personnel working in the Rogerson-Shoshone Basin area.

Support Needs:

As described in MFP 1 Recommendation.

Alternatives Considered:

1. Reject F-1.1.
2. Choose a different location.

Decision:

Modify the multiple use recommendation to the extent that construction will be accomplished in the most feasible and economical manner.

Rationale:

Same as for multiple use recommendation.

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F-1.2

Recommendation:

Designate the area lying within the Salmon Creek Canyon below Salmon Dam as a limited suppression area. All fires occurring in this area will be left in their natural state and only suppression effort expended would be in a case of threatening life or escaping the confines of the canyon.

Rationale:

Presently this area is being considered for wilderness designation of which fire is considered a natural part of the overall wilderness scheme. Fires occurring within this area for the most part will remain relatively small due to the natural terrain and existing barriers such as canyon walls, rock slides, creeks, etc. Suppression costs, limited access and personnel safety is also a contributing factor in designating this area as a limited suppression area.

Support:

Public Information Officer: News media releases
Area Personnel: Development of EA

Multiple Use Analysis

The recommendation is supported by Wilderness 1.2 which recommends establishing the canyon as a natural area. Fire is considered a natural part of the overall wilderness scheme. No conflicts were identified between this and any other recommendation.

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Multiple Use Recommendation:

Accept F-1.2.

Reasons:

Designation of Salmon Falls Canyon below Salmon Falls Dam as a limited suppression area will compliment the natural area recommendation. Limited access and rugged terrain make fire suppression very difficult and hazardous.

Support Needs:

As stated in MFP 1 Recommendation.

Alternatives Considered:

1. Reject F-1.2 and continue to use normal suppression.

Decision:

Modify the multiple use recommendation to the extent that the limited suppression area will be that area downstream from the dam to the area at Balanced Rock. Suppression in these areas will be by ground forces or mechanical means.

Rationale:

Minimum suppression is compatible with the management of the Salmon Falls Canyon.

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F-1.3

Recommendation:

Restrict the use of aerial retardant on resource value class II lands within the Twin Falls Planning Unit. Retardant should be used on Class II Lands only to protect and/or ensure the safety of private property, structures, livestock, general public and fire suppression personnel.

Rationale:

Suppression costs should be commensurate with established resource values. Since aerial retardant is an extremely expensive tool costing approximately a dollar per gallon or two thousand dollard per load delivered on the fire, it is felt use should be limited in areas of low values with the exception of the areas identified in the recommendation.

Multiple Use Analysis

This recommendation conflicts with Wildlife Recommendations to maintain and enhance sage grouse and mule deer winter range and critical mule deer summer range. The importance of these areas is based on the listed wildlife species needs for large amounts of browse in the diet during the winter. Retention of brushy areas on the isolated parcels identified in WL-2.2 and WL-2.4 is important for providing cover areas for pheasants.

Multiple Use Recommendation:

Modify the recommendation to remove the identified sage grouse, antelope and mule deer winter areas, mule deer critical summer range, and isolated tracts from the restricted retardant recommendation.

Reasons:

The values described for the areas identified should be protected from fire with all standard fire suppression methods.

Support Needs:

Fire Management Operations -
Determine fire supression techniques necessary to protect identified values on a fire by fire basis.

Alternatives Considered:

1. Accept F-1.3.
2. Reject F-1.3.

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Decision:

Modify the multiple use recommendation.

Do not use aerial retardant on resource value Class II lands except when needed to protect or ensure the safety of private property, structures, livestock, general public and fire suppression personnel.

Do not use aerial retardant on any open waters such as reservoirs, ponds, streams, and springs.

Aerial retardant can be used to aid in protecting identified sage grouse, antelope, and mule deer winter areas, mule deer critical summer range, and isolated tracts.

Rationale:

The decision to use or not use retardant within these areas will be determined on a fire-by-fire basis by management after considering input by the Fire Management Team. Retardant use will be avoided unless high value resources need protection, or life and private property is at risk.

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