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Recommendation:

CRM-1.5 Restrict ORV use in Salmon Falls Creek and Snake River canyons, their adjacent rims, and Shoshone Basin.

Rationale:

Uncontrolled and unrestricted use of ORV is detrimental to the protection and preservation of cultural resources. Numerous sites have already been irreparably damaged by them. The recommended restrictions apply to areas of high site density.

Support Needs:

District Resources and Area Staffs -
Outdoor Recreation Planner and ORV
Specialist to coordinate cultural
resource input for designation plan.

Multiple Use Analysis

Off-road vehicle (ORV) use is an important concern of many resources. Wildlife and Watershed recommendations support ORV restrictions. Range, Minerals, and Recreation activities require the allowance of ORV use. Impacts can occur

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to cultural resource sites from the responsible use of ORVs. Without knowing how to identify sites or knowing site locations, ORV users can damage sites and not realize any problem has occurred. Most vehicle use, however, occurs on existing roads and trails due to terrain. Use of areas that have not already been impacted appears to be minimal.

(Decision)

Multiple Use Recommendation:

Reasons:

Reject CRM-1.5 -
ORV restrictions will not be implemented at this time for cultural resources protection. When monitoring shows that sites are being seriously threatened or damaged, restrictions or closures will be implemented.

The benefits of implementing ORV designations for cultural resource protection do not exceed the cost of such regulations at this time. Cost, in this context, is defined to be the loss of freedom to the public land users and the burden of additional regulation on these users. When anticipated cultural resource damage approaches this cost, ORV designations will need to be planned and implemented.

Support Needs:

Alternatives Considered:

Area Recreation Planner -
Develop designation plan for ORVs and write environmental assessment on plan.

District Archaeologist -
Provide input for environmental assessment and provide monitoring of sites to determine ORV impacts.

1. Accept CRM-1.5.

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Recommendation: (Decision)

CRM-1.6 Protect cultural resource sites by incorporating them into wildlife and range fencing projects, when possible.

Rationale:

Wildlife and range fencing projects often involve riparian zones, seeps and springs - water resources that attract man, as well as wildlife. By including cultural resource sites, when present, within a fences area, trampling impacts can be largely eliminated.

Support Needs:

District Resources and Area Staffs -
Wildlife Biologists and Ranch
Conservationists to coordinate
fencing projects.

Multiple Use Analysis

Multiple use recommendation is not needed as the fencing of cultural sites in conjunction with other projects is standard operating procedure and is not an additional resource allocation.

Decision:

Accept recommendation and multiple use analysis that utilizes multiple use fencing to protect cultural resources.

Rationale:

Disturbance to cultural resource sites can effectively be reduced and possibly eliminated by locating protective fence projects for wildlife and other purposes while considering cultural aspects.

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Recommendation: (Decision)

CRM-1.7 Establish fenced study plots at Three-Mile Spring (ID2 TF 41) and Rock Cabin Spring (ID2 TF 12) to determine the effects of livestock trampling.

Rationale:

The information derived from these study plots will provide for more effective resolution of rangeland use projects. Much discussion has surfaced concerning the effects of livestock trampling on archaeological sites. However, very little objective data is available upon which to base these discussions. By fencing portions of the sites, mapping their surface features (both physical and cultural), and making periodic evaluations of both fenced and unfenced portions, some objective data necessary for the intelligent discussion of the effects of trampling will be provided.

Support Needs:

District Operations - Fencing crews to erect the fences.

Multiple Use Analysis

Objective data from effective studies will enhance management capabilities. Without supportive facts, objective evaluation of livestock damage to cultural sites is difficult to attain. Fencing the two study plots would also benefit wildlife and watershed resources by protecting riparian vegetation.

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Recommendation:

CRM-1.8 Acquire through exchange or donation, significant cultural resource properties, when available, for conservation purposes. These properties might include the Stricker Store, Oregon Trail segments, parcels adjacent to Spring Town and Dry Town, rock-shelters, village sites, and fishing stations.

Rationale:

Currently recorded cultural resources in the planning unit are of limited diversity. Bureau objectives include the protection and preservation of a representative sample of the full array of cultural resources. Acquisition of significant, diversified resources will help to meet this objective.

Support Needs:

District Resource Staff -
Realty Specialist to assist with acquisition procedures.

Multiple Use Analysis

Acquisition of lands that have cultural resource sites will provide site protection for public benefit. Such acquisitions can be in conjunction with acquisition for other purposes such as the proposed acquisition near Spring Town for wildlife habitat protection (see WL-2.1). A variety of cultural sites exist on private land. Many of these sites could enhance the sites already contained on public land.

Multiple Use Recommendation:

Accept CRM-1.8 -
Acquire cultural resource properties, when available, and coordinate resource management of all values present on the sites.

Reasons:

By acquiring additional sites, the Bureau can conserve a greater diversity of cultural resources. Cultural resource acquisition may provide a basis for future land exchanges. Such land exchanges would probably include isolated parcels which could be managed to protect visual resources and wildlife habitat as well as cultural resource sites.

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Support Needs:

District Realty Specialist -
Assist with acquisition procedures.

Alternatives Considered:

1. Reject CRM-1.8.
2. Disregard L-7.1.
3. Disregard WL-2.1.

CRM-1.8

Decision:

Modify multiple-use recommendation to coordinate cultural resource property acquisitions with land L-7.2.

Rationale:

This will assure that significant cultural resource properties are considered by priority with all other identified acquisitions.

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Multiple Use Recommendation:

Accept CRM-1.9 -
Conserve all known cultural resources. Coordinate all development activities with staff Archaeologist so that project impacts can be mitigated. Excavate sites that are seriously threatened by development projects. Complete Class III inventories before authorizing surface-disturbing activities. Provide adequate monitoring of such activities to ensure minimization of cultural resource damage.

Support Needs:

Coordination between resource activity specialists and Archeologist during planning and implementation of projects.

Archaeologist to provide adequate monitoring of development activities to ensure minimization of cultural resource damage.

Decision:

Accept multiple-use recommendation.

Reasons:

Cultural resource sites are nonrenewable resources that need to be protected. Site protection will help optimize the benefits that can be recovered from these sites.

Conserving sites for use over time will allow excavation of threatened resources. By limiting excavation to sites endangered by development, the majority of cultural resources can be allocated to long-term future use. Thus, known cultural resources will be used gradually over time.

Alternatives Considered:

1. Reject CRM-1.9.

Rationale:

Protection of cultural sites through provisions such as EAs, cultural clearances, site excavations, inventories, and monitoring can minimize damage that might otherwise be done by surface disturbance.

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