

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN
RECOMMENDATION-ANALYSIS-DECISION

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Name (MFP)
Bennett Hills-Timmerman Hil
Activity
Lands
Overlay Reference
Step 1 TH 1/BHS Step 3

UTILITY CORRIDORS/UTILITY SYSTEMS

RECOMMENDATIONS

RATIONALE

L - 4.1 UC/US

Allow future development of major utility systems along existing systems or along utility corridors identified in URA Step 4.

Support Needs: Appraisal

The public has become much more aware and concerned about the numerous 'systems' traversing National Resource Lands. The use of corridors for development and installation of major systems will localize the impacts associated with the projects. This will also allow for more timely and efficient processing of the applications since the areas will have undergone previous analysis of the associated impacts.

Multiple-Use Analysis

The only conflict with this recommendation is with Recreation (R-9.1) which states, in part "...avoid any intensive developments..." for the portion of land within the utility corridor in T. 4 S., R. 11 E. B.M. The proposed recreation proposal for this area is its designation as a backcountry area. Development in this area should be allowed only when it is economically unfeasible to locate it within the corridor to the south.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reasons

Accept Step I recommendation.

See Rationale.

Support needs

Alternatives Considered

Appraisal.

Allowance in all areas.

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Decision

Reasons

Retain the previous MFP 3 decision to allow major utilities along existing systems and within existing corridors. However, in addition to corridors previously identified, one is hereby designated along the route described as Alternative 3, Railroad Avoidance Alternative, in Environmental Assessment ID-050-1-068. When existing utility systems are removed, their routes will no longer be considered to be utility corridors.

This amendment is based on the analysis conducted as a result of a request by Idaho Power Company to construct a new 138 Kv power line. The new corridor will reduce access and maintenance problems, while protecting wildlife habitat, visual resources, and other public values.

Recommended by:

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12/4/81
Date

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District Manager

12/4/81
Date

Concurred by:

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Acting State Director

12/11/81
Date

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Decision

Facades

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use
recommendation

*This decision was
superseded by
the new decision
based on the
Midpoint-Silver
EA. The new
decision was
announced in
by the Acting
State Director
on 12/11/81.
JVC*

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MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN - STEP 1
ACTIVITY OBJECTIVES

Name (MFP)	Bennett Hills-Timmerman Hill
Activity	Lands
Objective Number	L-5

Objective:

Communications Sites

Provide for development of communications sites atop Davis Mountain and Johnson Hill in accordance with BLM directives and with full consideration of open space and aesthetic values. Evaluate potential sites near Bliss, north of Shoshone, and future sites as identified on the basis of need and environmental quality.

Rationale:

The topographic features in the western portion of the Bennett Hills limit communications capabilities. Development of the Davis Mountain facility would enhance BLM and Idaho Department of Transportation efficiency at a minimum. The Johnson Hill site will enhance normal and emergency operations associated with maintenance of State Highway 68. Other prospective sites should be carefully evaluated as to their potential before development proceeds.