

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN - STEP 1
ACTIVITY OBJECTIVES

Name (MFP)	Bennett Hills-Timmerman Hill
Activity	Recreation
Objective Number	R-11

OBJECTIVE:

Provide for BLM authorization of continued use of the cutter track and rodeo grounds located west of Bliss, by 1985.

RATIONALE:

This facility is already developed and has been used in the past, apparently without any official written authorization. If the City of Bliss, Gooding County, or some organized club would be willing to accept responsibility for the facility, it could be leased under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

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BLISS RODEO GROUNDS

RECOMMENDATION

R-11.1

RATIONALE

Investigate the history of the site to determine the ownership of the facilities and the extent of use. If feasible, encourage the county, City of Bliss, or another qualified party to apply for leasing the area under provisions of the R&PP Act.

Presently we do not know who built the corrals etc., and how much use they receive. If an R&PP lease could be issued the site could be authorized and continue to serve a public purpose.

Multiple-Use Analysis

This recommendation is directly consistent with Lands recommendation L-2.12 F. It does not conflict with any other activity recommendations. An R&PP lease would provide for maintaining the public values and authorizing what is technically a trespass situation. If the facilities cannot be authorized, they should be removed from public land.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Accept the activity recommendation as stated. If no party is interested in an R&PP lease on the site, have the facilities removed.

Reasons

No unresolved conflicts have been identified. The facilities should be removed if they cannot be authorized.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.

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Name (MFP)	Bennett Hills-Timmerman Hill
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Objective Number	R-12

OBJECTIVE:

Develop a rest area and interpretive facilities at Black Butte, adjacent to U.S. Highway 93.

RATIONALE:

Black Butte is one of the most recent volcanic vents in Southern Idaho, and exhibits many interesting volcanic features. It lies practically adjacent to a major U.S. highway which receives substantial local and tourist traffic; therefore, ideally situated for interpretation in conjunction with a highway rest area.

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Black Butte Rest Area

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

R-12.1

Provide for parking adjacent to U.S. Highway 93, install sanitary facilities, construct a hiking trail to the top of Black Butte, and develop signing and/or a brochure directing and informing visitors.

This type of development would be basic to achieving maximum public benefit from the recreational and educational potentials of the site.

Multiple-Use Analysis

The only conflict identified regarding this proposed rest area would be with a sa. of lava rock material as proposed by Minerals recommendation M-3.2. Although the rest area would be within the area identified for availability of lava rock, the demand for that material could easily be met in the foreseeable future without using rock from the area proposed for the rest area. Therefore, the intent of both the Minerals and Recreation recommendations can be met.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reasons

Accept the activity recommendation as stated above.

The area included in Minerals recommendation M-3.2 can be adjusted to accommodate the recreation proposal.

Decision

Reasons

Defer action on development of Black Butte site until future recreation pressure and local support warrant development.

Local residents generally disfavor development at Black Butte due to increased local recreation development by State of Idaho.

In addition, concern exists that a development at Black Butte may adversely impact commercial development at the Caves.

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Name (MFP)	Bennett Hills-Timmerman Hill
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Objective Number	R-13

OBJECTIVE:

Provide for legal public access and adequate roads to insure public safety and convenience while engaged in recreational pursuits.

RATIONALE:

An adequate road system and the legal public right to reach the National Resource Lands are fundamentally basic in promoting or maintaining any of the public recreation opportunities.



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Road Access Easements

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

R-13.1

Acquire easements for public access on the portions of roads crossing private or State land shown by a dashed red line on the overlay.

Public access is presently allowed on these roads, but could be blocked by the land owners. Also, easements are required before BLM funds can be spent to maintain the roads.

Multiple-Use Analysis

Acquisition of road easements would benefit all BLM programs by guaranteeing legal access to the land which must be managed. In addition to the easements recommended for acquisition, others may be needed to carry out multiple-use management.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reasons

Accept activity recommendation as stated, adding the acquisition of other easements on any roads, needed for BLM management, that cross private lands.

No conflicts with other uses or values have been identified. Additional easements may be needed for activities other than recreation.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.

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Road Relocations

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

R-13.2

Relocate the portions of roads shown in a dashed brown line so they will lie entirely on National Resource Lands

These roads presently cross several interspersed parcels of BLM and private land. Relocating the roads appears to be feasible, would eliminate the need for several gates and/or cattleguards, and road easements would no longer have to be obtained.

Multiple-Use Analysis

Relocating these roads would not conflict with other activities, and would be directly consistent with Watershed recommendation W-1.6, since the designated roads are needed for administration of National Resource Lands. Insuring legal access and eliminating the needs for gates or cattleguards would also benefit all multiple-use activities.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reasons

Accept the activity recommendation as stated above.

No conflicts with other uses or values have been identified.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.

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Road Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION

R-13.3

Upgrade the road leading to the Gooding City of Rocks (shown by a dashed sienna line) and maintain all the roads within the Planning Area in order to provide for the safety and convenience of visitors.

RATIONALE

A good road to the Gooding City of Rocks would be consistent with the proposed management of the area. General road maintenance is an important part of providing quality recreation opportunities.

Multiple-Use Analysis

This recommendation does not conflict with any other activities and is consistent with Watershed recommendation W-1.6, assuming all the existing "roads" are "needed for proper administration of National Resource Lands". The proposed maintenance would improve the accessibility of lands for all multiple-use purposes.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Accept the activity recommendation as stated above.

Reasons

No conflicts with other activities or values are foreseen.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.