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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN - STEP 1
ACTIVITY OBJECTIVES

Name (MFP)	Bennett Hills-Timmerman Hills
Activity	Recreation
Objective Number	R-1

OBJECTIVE:

Expand fishing opportunities within the Planning Area to accommodate at least 50,000 visitor days of fishing use, attributable to National Resource Lands, by 1990.

RATIONALE:

The Planning Area contains over 1300 surface acres of reservoirs and over 50 miles of streams on National Resource Lands which produce either warm-water or cold-water fish. Based upon the Planning Area Analysis, an increase in human population is expected for areas lying close to the Planning Area, particularly the areas near Twin Falls and Jerome. Such an increase would undoubtedly increase the demand for fishing opportunities within the Planning Area. The Unit Resource Analysis indicates that by maintenance and improvement of fish habitat, and by additional stocking of desirable fish, the potential for fishing could be greatly improved. Considering this potential and the fishing pressure which is presently exerted upon all fishing resources within the vicinity, it would be desirable to provide for substantially increased fishing within the Planning Area over the long run. Also, the BLM Manual 603 Supplemental Guidance of Idaho states that the National Resource Lands in Idaho are most important for supplying recreational opportunities for extensive uses such as hunting and fishing.

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Fishing Improvement

RECOMMENDATION

R-1.1

By 1990 increase by 50% the number of desirable catchable fish in the streams, canals, and reservoirs by improvement of habitat and supplemental stocking.

RATIONALE

To increase fishing opportunities, the number of fish must be increased. The URA indicates that a substantial increase would be possible.

Multiple-Use Analysis

This recommendation would be supplementary to the Wildlife Recommendations WL - 13.1, .2, & .3 (Fisheries) and would be compatible with all other activities, with the possible exception of intensive livestock grazing on some streams, canals, and reservoirs. As a general goal, it would provide desirable multiple-use management direction.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Activity recommendation accepted as stated above.

Reasons

No unresolved conflicts with other recommendations have been identified.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation

Reasons

The goal of this recommendation is to increase recreation opportunities through fishing. Stream and resource habitat improvement on National Resource Lands is a direct responsibility of BLM. Supplemental stocking will require a coordinated effort with Idaho Fish and Game Department.

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Objective Number
R-2

OBJECTIVE:

Expand hunting opportunities within the Planning Area to accommodate at least 20,000 visitor days of all types of hunting use, attributable to National Resource Lands, by 1990.

RATIONALE:

The Planning Area contains over 550,000 acres of National Resource Lands which support various species of big game, small game, upland game, waterfowl, and hunt-able nongame animals. Based upon the Planning Area Analysis, an increase in human population is expected for adjacent areas, particularly Twin Falls and Jerome, which would undoubtedly increase the demand for hunting opportunities within the Planning Area. The URA indicates that by maintenance and improvement of wildlife habitat the potential for hunting could be greatly improved. Considering the large area involved, it is logical to provide for substantially increased hunting of all types over the long run. Also, the BLM Manual 1603 Supplemental Guidance of Idaho states that the National Resource Lands in Idaho are most important for supplying recreational opportunities for extensive uses such as hunting and fishing.

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Hunting Improvement

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

R-2.1

By 1990 provide for a 100% increase in all game populations and huntable non-game species by improving wildlife habitat conditions in accordance with recommendations in the Wildlife portion of this MFP.

Game populations are the major key factor for determining hunting quality in the RIS Manual. By increasing the huntable species, more recreation opportunities will be provided. The URA indicates that such population increases would be possible and reasonable.

Multiple-Use Analysis

This recommendation is basically consistent with practically all of the Wildlife activity recommendations. It would be compatible with all other activities except range management. It would indirectly conflict with maximizing production of stock forage since more vegetation would need to be retained for wildlife food and cover. Also, increasing the numbers of predators, especially coyotes, would be of concern to livestock operators.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reasons

Same as above, except make no specific effort to increase numbers of coyotes in the Planning Area.

Some coyotes will probably always be available for hunting, and there is no need to create unnecessary problems for livestock owners.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.

Note: Attach additional sheets, if needed

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Name (MFP)	Bennett Hills-Timmerman Hills
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Objective Number	R-3

OBJECTIVE:

Maintain the quantity and, by 1990, improve the quality of water available for power boating, sailboating, and swimming.

RATIONALE:

Sufficient water is available in the Snake River and the larger reservoirs to accommodate increased use for water sports. Improving the water quality would enhance the enjoyment related to participating in the activities. This objective would be consistent with the Planning Area Analysis and BLM policy.

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WATER QUANTITY

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

R-3.1

As an agency, BLM should support minimum stream flows and minimum pools in reservoirs for recreational purposes.

BLM is responsible for protecting the public interest and might often have enough influence to encourage protection of existing water for recreational uses.

Multiple-Use Analysis

This would establish a desirable long-term District policy which would promote multiple-use and not detract from any BLM program.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reasons

Accept activity recommendation as stated above.

No conflicts with other uses or values have been identified.

Decision

Reasons

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.

As a multiple use agency, BLM is concerned about the recreation potential of water sources which could enhance or support recreation use. Minimum stream flows and reservoir pool levels are key requirements for a water-based recreation program. Close coordination between BLM and the State of Idaho at the state level is necessary for a viable recreation program.

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WATER QUALITY

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

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Place increased emphasis on watershed protection on National Resource Lands by improving overall range conditions.

One of the major factors contributing to water pollution on National Resource Lands is the lack of sufficient vegetation on the deteriorated ranges.

Multiple-Use Analysis

This recommendation would compliment recommendations in practically all other activities. There could be a short-term impact on livestock grazing by causing restrictions or reductions, but long-term range management would be enhanced.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reasons

Accept activity recommendation as stated above.

Minor conflicts with grazing values identified in PAA would be outweighed by multiple-use benefits.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation