

WILDLIFE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

BENNETT HILLS-TIMMERMAN HILLS MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN

All land treatment projects will be coordinated with wildlife to insure that the projects will not adversely affect wildlife.

Selectively reduce the sagebrush on deer and elk summer areas in order to increase the quality and quantity of summer forage.

Revegetation projects will include both forbs and grasses in order to increase the quality and quantity of summer forage for elk and deer.

No more than 1/3 of critical big game winter range will be grazed by livestock in the fall, and on those ranges that are grazed, livestock utilization of shrubs will not exceed 40 percent of the current annual growth.

There will be no brush control projects on any critical deer winter ranges.

Investigations will be made to identify opportunities to improve winter game ranges by planting palatable shrubs.

Critical game ranges will be closed to ORVs from December 15 through March 31 of each year.

No National Resource Land encompassing big game winter range will be disposed of, with the possible exception of the area north of Bliss, Idaho, adjacent to Bray Lake.

All new fences located on antelope range will be constructed in a manner such that it will not impede antelope. All existing fences that are shown to impede antelope will be modified.

Sagebrush control projects proposed in known sage grouse winter areas and within two miles of sage grouse strutting grounds will be designed such that adequate nesting and wintering habitat is maintained for present and future populations.

Small parcels of National Resource Land identified as having important upland game habitat and situated adjacent to private land will be retained in public ownership and managed for upland game.

Selectively exclude livestock grazing from portions of the important waterfowl producing reservoirs, streams, and canals. In addition, the sagebrush cover lying adjacent to the canals will be maintained to provide nesting cover for waterfowl.

In association with the Idaho Department of Fish & Game, goose nesting sites will be constructed on Mormon, Thorn Creek, Spring Creek, Pioneer, and Sonners Reservoirs.

The vegetative cover lying within a two-mile radius of raptor nests will be managed in a manner that will enhance the habitat for the birds principal prey species. Additionally, various activities that could lead to the disturbance of the nesting birds will be discouraged.

The fisheries habitat along King Hill, Dry, and Clover Creeks will be improved by fencing portions of the streams to exclude livestock from the riparian habitat and stream channel.

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OBJECTIVE
NO.

SUBJECT

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| 1. | Mule Deer Summer Range |
| 2. | Mule Deer Winter Range |
| 3. | Elk Habitat |
| 4. | Antelope Habitat Expansion |
| 5. | Antelope Habitat |
| 6. | Sage Grouse Summer Habitat |
| 7. | Sage Grouse Winter Habitat |
| 8. | Upland Game Habitat |
| 9. | Waterfowl Habitat |
| 10. | Goose Nesting Habitat |
| 11. | Birds of Prey |
| 12. | All Wildlife Habitat |
| 13. | Fish Habitat |