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MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN - STEP 1  
ACTIVITY OBJECTIVES

Name (MFP)	Bennett Hills-Timmerman Hills
Activity	Recreation
Objective Number	R-14

OBJECTIVES

To identify, evaluate, and manage cultural resources in the Bennett Hills-Timmerman Hills Planning Units.

RATIONALE

The Bureau of Land Management is required to manage cultural resources by a number of Federal laws, an Executive Order, and Department of Interior regulations (cf. Antiquities Act of 1906, the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Executive Order 11593, and Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties in 36 CFR 800).

Since cultural values on NRL are primarily scientific resources, they do not generally lend themselves to accurate interpretation by lay persons. Proper cultural resource management, therefore, requires the expertise of trained professionals, such as historians or archaeologists, and the utilization of particular scientific methods and techniques.

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CLASS I AREAS

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

R-14.1

Relocate and re-record all known sites within the Class 1 areas using BLM form 6230-1, and other forms appropriate to the data gathered.

a. Install a buried iron-bar datum point at each site and record its location in a permanent log using such terms as to render each point easily locatable.

b. Describe the distribution and nature of archaeological evidence and all significant features relative to the datum point, pacing for distance.

c. Photograph each site showing the entire site and datum point and interpret the photograph.

The information presently available concerning the nature of known sites is inadequate for purposes of determining the degree of impact where conflicts may be occurring. Further, precise legal locations and a photographic record of each site should be provided to eliminate the ambiguity of sketch maps and descriptions based on legal subdivisions.

Multiple-Use Analysis

Inventory of archaeological sites is an essential part of BLM's cultural resource program. The recommendations made are long-term goals strictly for the archaeological program, but they do not represent any definite conflict with other multiple-use programs.

Multiple-Use Recommendations

Reasons

Same as above.

See Rationale, and Multiple-Use Analysis above.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.

Note: Attach additional sheets, if needed

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CLASS 1 AREAS

RECOMMENDATION

R-14.2

Compile information regarding the present condition of all known sites within Class 1 areas in terms of soil surface factor, plant cover, prior and existing impacts, etc., using current BLM data collection formats or adapting these for this purpose.

RATIONALE

The present condition of most sites is only vaguely understood in terms of how much damage has been or is being done. Conforming to Bureau data collection formats should make the information more understandable to Bureau personnel.

Multiple-Use Analysis

This type of inventory would be strictly to gain more detailed information for the archaeology program. No other activities or values would be significantly affected.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Same as above.

Reasons

The inventory would provide a basis for initiating a site-specific protection program regarding archaeological resources.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.

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CLASS I AREAS

RECOMMENDATION  
R-14.3

Rank all known sites on a scale of relative significance based on apparent depth, size, degree of preservation, etc.

RATIONALE

Priorities should consider the relative significance of the sites involved.

Multiple-Use Analysis

Ranking the known sites would provide a basis for establishing priorities and identifying areas of higher concern. This would hopefully facilitate the archaeology program and provide for more efficient "clearance" procedures regarding other activities.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Same as above.

Reasons

No conflicts with other activities or values have been identified.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.

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CLASS I AREAS

RECOMMENDATION

R-14.4  
Develop an overall management program to include:

- a. A priority system for making decisions concerning salvage and/or protective measures.
- b. The establishment of general guidelines for acceptable levels of mitigation.
- c. The establishment of a system of site monitoring in consultation with the State Office Archaeologist.

RATIONALE

These steps are needed for implementing the overall objectives of the plan and for the development of a uniform statewide Cultural Resources program.

Multiple-Use Analysis

These recommendations would provide guidance strictly for the archaeological program. Until the details of the program are worked out it is undetermined if, or to what extent, other activities might be affected.

Multiple-Use Recommendations

Same as above, subject to review by the Area Manager when the program details are developed.

Reasons

No conflicts with other activities are identified at this time, but could develop when the details of the program are defined.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.

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CLASS I AREAS

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

R-14.5  
Conduct limited surveys to expand site inventories.

The accumulation of antiquities data is part of the Bureau Cultural Resources policy outlined in I.M. 75-543.

Multiple-Use Analysis

These surveys would expand the information in the District concerning archaeological resources. The surveys would not interfere with any other activities.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reasons

Same as above.

No conflicts with other activities have been identified.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.

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CLASS I AREAS

RECOMMENDATION

R-14.6

Prohibit all land disturbing develop-  
ments and uses on archaeological  
sites.

RATIONALE

This action should eliminate the possibility  
of conflicts between other land-uses and  
antiquities.

Multiple-Use Analysis

Protection of archaeological sites is already established Bureau policy. Any inter-  
ference with other activities must be accepted as part of the cost of carrying out  
this policy. There does appear to be some question, however, regarding exactly what  
constitutes an "archaeological site", and what would be considered to be "land  
disturbing developments and uses".

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Same as above, with the addition of  
clarification of terms as the pro-  
gram is developed.

Reasons

Bureau policy requires protection of  
cultural resources.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use  
recommendation.

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CLASS II Areas

RECOMMENDATION

R-14.7

RATIONALE

Relocate and re-record all known sites within Class II areas.

The information presently available concerning the nature of known sites is inadequate for purposes of determining the degree of impact where conflicts may be occurring. Further, precise legal locations and a photographic record of each site should be provided to eliminate the ambiguity of sketch maps and descriptions based on legal subdivisions.

Multiple-Use Analysis

This would benefit the archaeological program by improving the quality of the recorded site information. It would neither benefit nor hinder other activities.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Same as above.

Reasons

No conflicts with other activities or values have been identified.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.



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CLASS II AREAS

RECOMMENDATION

R-14.8  
Compile information regarding the present condition of all known sites within Class II areas.

RATIONALE

The present condition of most sites is only vaguely understood in terms of how much damage has been or is being done. Conforming to Bureau data collection formats should make the information more understandable to Bureau personnel.

Multiple-Use Analysis

This type of inventory would be strictly to gain more detailed information for the archaeology program. No other activities or values would be significantly affected.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Same as above.

Reasons

The inventory would provide a basis for initiating a site-specific protection program regarding archaeological resources.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.

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CLASS II AREAS

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

R-14.9

Rank all sites by apparent significance.

Priorities should consider the relative significance of the sites involved.

Multiple-Use Analysis

Ranking the known sites would provide a basis for establishing priorities and identifying areas of higher concern. This would hopefully facilitate the archaeology program and provide for more efficient "clearance" procedures regarding other activities.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reasons

Same as above.

No conflicts with other activities or values have been identified.

Decision

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CLASS II AREAS

RECOMMENDATION

R-14.10

Develop an overall management program to include:

- a. A priority system for making decisions concerning salvage and/or protective measures.
- b. The establishment of general guidelines for acceptable levels of mitigation.
- c. The establishment of a system of site monitoring in consultation with the State Office Archaeologist.

RATIONALE

These steps are needed for implementing the overall objectives of the plan and for the development of a uniform statewide Cultural Resources program.

Multiple-Use Analysis

These recommendations would provide guidance strictly for the archaeological program. Until the details of the program are worked out, it is undetermined if, or to what extent, other activities might be affected.

Multiple-Use Recommendations

Same as above, subject to review by Area Manager when the program details are developed.

Reasons

No conflicts with other activities are identified at this time, but could develop when the details of the program are defined.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.

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CLASS II AREAS

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

R-14.11

Conduct limited surveys to expand  
site inventories.

The accumulation of antiquities data is  
part of the Bureau Cultural Resources  
policy outlined in I.M. 75-543.

Multiple-Use Analysis

These surveys would expand the information in the District concerning archaeological  
resources. The surveys would not interfere with any other activities.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reasons

Same as above.

No conflicts with other activities or values  
have been identified.

Decision

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CLASS II AREAS

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

R-14.12

Prohibit all land disturbing develop-  
ments and uses on archaeological sites.

This action should eliminate the possibility  
of conflicts between other land-uses and  
antiquities.

Multiple-Use Analysis

Protection of archaeological sites is already established Bureau policy. Any inter-  
ference with other activities must be accepted as part of the cost of carrying out  
this policy. There does appear to be some question, however, regarding exactly  
what constitutes an "archaeological site", and what would be considered to be "land  
disturbing developments and uses".

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reasons

Same as above, with the addition of  
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is developed.

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cultural resources.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use  
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CLASS III AREAS

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

R-14.13

Actively pursue the identification of new Class II areas where additional data seems to indicate that important concentrations of antiquities exist.

While additional Class I areas are not anticipated, new Class II areas could be discovered and should be treated accordingly.

Multiple-Use Analysis

Upgrading Class III areas to Class II as additional information is obtained will provide for managing the areas in accordance with the more intensive procedures recommended for Class II areas. The identification of new Class II areas would not directly conflict with other activities and would be consistent with Bureau policy to protect and manage cultural resources.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reasons

Same as above.

No conflicts with other activities or values have been identified.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.

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CLASS III AREAS

RECOMMENDATION

R-14.14

Relocate and re-record known sites as circumstances permit.

RATIONALE

The information presently available concerning the nature of known sites is inadequate for purposes of determining the degree of impact where conflicts may be occurring. Further, precise legal locations and a photographic record of each site should be provided to eliminate the ambiguity of sketch maps and descriptions based on legal subdivisions.

Multiple-Use Analysis

This would benefit the archaeological program by improving the quality of the recorded site information. It would neither benefit nor hinder other activities.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Same as above.

Reasons

No conflicts with other activities or values have been identified.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.

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CLASS III AREAS

RECOMMENDATION

R-14.15.

Prohibit all land disturbing develop-  
ments and uses on archaeological sites.

RATIONALE

This action should eliminate the possibility  
of conflicts between other land uses and  
antiquities.

Multiple-Use Analysis

Protection of archaeological sites is already established Bureau policy. Any interference with other activities must be accepted as part of the cost of carrying out this policy. There does appear to be some question, however, regarding exactly what constitutes an "archaeological site", and what would be considered to be "land disturbing developments and uses".

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Same as above, with the addition of clarification of terms as the program is developed.

Reasons

Bureau policy requires protection of cultural resources.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.

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