

Special Designations

Areas identified for special designations (ACECs, National Register, Wild and Scenic River, SRMAs, etc.) would need support of fire management to protect the significant resources and associated values. Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office, Idaho Fish and Game Department, Idaho Parks and Recreation Department, and Idaho Department of Water Resources would be required.

**CONSISTENCY WITH OTHER PLANS**Land Transfer and Utility ROWs

Coordination and consultation with affected state and local governments will continue prior to final disposal decisions.

The concept of identifying sensitive areas to be avoided has received support from state and local governments and some utility companies. However, the location of some of these avoidance areas may be in conflict with the long term (40-year) implementation proposal to meet power needs identified by the Western Power Group. Existing ROW locations and approved utility ROW routes identified in previous environmental impact statements still remain available for ROW developments.

Soil, Water, and Air

Action by BLM for protection of high erosion hazard are consistent with federal (SCS), local (Soil Conservation District) and county plans.

Livestock and Wild Horse Management

Continuation of livestock grazing on the public lands is consistent with state and county goals for maintaining a healthy economy, a varied economic base and a quality of social well being.

Wildlife (Terrestrial and Aquatic)

The actions outlined in the plan are consistent with Idaho Fish and Game Department's big game population goals and the fisheries management plan.

Fire Management

The fire management concepts and actions are consistent with state and local government objectives.

Minerals (Energy and Nonenergy)

The local land use plan supports the development of mineral resources in a manner compatible with environmental goals (protect streams and minimize unfavorable visual impacts).

## Proposed Resource Management Plan

### Recreation

The specific management of recreation on public lands was not addressed in the Idaho Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) or in local plans. However, the recreation objectives of the RMP are consistent with the overall objectives of the SCORP and the Idaho State Water Plan (Payette River protection). ORV actions appear to be consistent with existing state and local government plans and ordinances.

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The protection of resources with significant recreation, wildlife, cultural, historical, and paleontologic values is consistent with the respective state agency plans, policies, and programs. Local agency plans do not address the protection of the specific sites identified in this plan.

## IMPLEMENTATION

### Land Transfer and Utility ROWs

Land reports, environmental assessments and required clearances for cultural and paleontologic resources will be prepared for all proposals. Those proposals identified to be in the public interest and that have minimal or no significant adverse impacts on other public resource values may be approved.

Areas identified as sensitive (selected wildlife habitats or riparian habitat zones, threatened or sensitive plant sites, sites having unique or special recreation, scenic beauty, cultural or paleontologic values) have been identified as avoidance areas. The remaining public lands in the resource area are available for possible location of ROWs. Environmental assessments and required clearances will be prepared for all projects.

### Soil, Water, and Air

Site specific projects will be reviewed for compliance with existing laws, rules, and regulations. Particular attention will be given to project design in areas of high erosion hazard potential. A water quality monitoring plan will be developed (See Appendix P).

### Livestock and Wild Horse Management

Rangeland Program Summaries (RPS) will be issued and show summarized grazing levels and allotment categories. Site specific grazing use adjustments will be described in the RPSs developed. Allotment management plans will be developed on specific allotments, and will include benefit/cost analysis and environmental assessments of specific facilities and management actions. A monitoring plan will be developed (See Appendix P) and implemented. The wild horse herd and its habitat will be monitored and "round ups" will be scheduled at intervals that ensure maintenance of objective numbers and habitat quality.

Wildlife (Terrestrial and Aquatic)

Crucial habitats (big game winter ranges) will be monitored to ensure maximum opportunity for survival of local wildlife populations. ACEC designation and provisions will be applied to long-billed curlew and Columbian sharp-tailed grouse habitat. Project development will be programmed.

Fire Management

District fire crews will be used for initial suppression efforts. Additional fire fighters and support services of BIFC or other individuals could be called in to help suppress large uncontrolled fires. A fire management plan will be developed for the resource area.

Minerals (Energy and Nonenergy)

Procedures outlined in current laws and regulations (federal and state) will be applied to all applications. Mineral reports and environmental assessments will be prepared and appropriate clearances obtained. Standard and special stipulations will be followed.

Recreation

Projects identified through the RAMPs will be consistent with ROS (Appendix L) management objectives. Individual site plans will be prepared for new facility developments. An ORV plan and maps covering the resource area will be prepared showing areas closed or with limitations.

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Department of the Interior approval for administrative actions will be sought for National Register of Historic Places designation. Congressional action for Wild and Scenic Rivers study will be sought by the Secretary of the Interior.