

BRUNEAU

Management Framework Plan

Step 3 - Decisions

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BRUNEAU MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN
SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

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LANDS

Objective L-1: Incorporated into Objective 5.

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Objective L-3: Provide land for utilities and communication sites.

L-3.1 Establish utility corridors.

- a. Corridor ¼ mile wide along El Paso gas line. Underground installation is required through WSAs. If WSAs are released, R/Ws will meet VRM II requirements.
- b. Retain existing communication sites in federal ownership. Multiple housing will be required to the fullest extent possible.
- c. Allow R/Ws outside corridor as necessary.

Objective L-4: Incorporated into Objective 5.

Objective L-5: Determine lands suitable for retention and disposal.

L-5.1 Generally retain public lands unless identified for disposal. Category I lands (Overlay D-1) will be available for R&PP or exchange, but not for ag entries.

L-5.2 Category II lands (Overlay D-1) are available for sales and/or ag development.

L-5.3 Category III lands (Overlay D-1) appear to be suitable for disposal, but require further study.

Objective L-6: Review classifications and withdrawals.

MINERALS

Objective M-1: Make energy minerals available on a managed basis.

M-1.1 Allow oil and gas and geothermal leasing, except where lands are withdrawn, subject to stipulations to alleviate conflicts. If the oolitic limestone claim is found to be invalid, then it should be designated as an RNA. Allow no occupancy on specific (listed) areas. Retain federal lands in Bruneau, Mountain Home, and Castle Creek KGRAs.

Objective M-2: Make energy minerals available on a managed basis.

Objective M-3: Provide for exploration and development of locatable minerals.

M-3.1 Unless presently withdrawn, leave areas open to mineral entry, except withdraw: the Oregon Trail corridor and the Owyhee Wild and Scenic River corridor. Re-evaluate the Oolitic Limestone RNA.

Objective M-4: Provide salable minerals to meet local demands.

M-4.1 Designate FUPs up to 20 acres. Rely on existing sources where feasible. Designate community pits where necessary.

RANGE MANAGEMENT

Objective RM-1: Increase forage vigor, density, and production. Increase total production from 126,372 AUMs to 167,976 AUMs and increase livestock use from 123,149 AUMs to 164,753 AUMs within 20 years.

RM1.1 Implement AMPs on 14 allotments and less-intensive management on 5 allotments (Overlay RM-4). Allotments are listed in priority order. Adjust management or exclude grazing on sage grouse brood-rearing areas to improve habitat. Design grazing management to improve crucial antelope winter/early spring ranges. Establish grazing systems and seasons to meet bighorn sheep requirements.

RM-1.2 (Rejected.)

RM-1.3 Reduce conflicts with ORVs by scheduling most races outside of identified allotments during certain listed times. Develop a motorcycle race plan.

RM-1.4 Develop livestock management facilities to implement AMPs or grazing systems that are designed to meet all MFP objectives (estimated project totals are listed). Constraints include, but are not limited to:

- a. No livestock water sources will be developed within 1 mile of existing or potential bighorn habitat unless adverse impacts can be avoided.**
- b. Allow construction of 19 miles of the Jacks Creek pipeline plus extensions to the east, which will be limited in length to prevent adverse impacts to bighorn habitat. No extensions will be allowed to the west. A 1,000-acre research natural area will be established in the Little Jacks Creek area. A monitoring team will be established to determine the impacts to vegetation and wildlife by the pipeline and extensions.**
- c. No new roads will be constructed to range improvements within bighorn habitat or WSAs unless shown not to impact either.**
- d. Retain and/or modify gates at likely ORV race trails on an as-needed basis.**
- e. Do not develop springs that will not reasonably provide water for both livestock and wildlife. Springs developed in riparian zones will be fenced and water piped, where reasonable and economical.**
- f. Prepare EAs and B/C analyses for projects on an allotment-by-allotment basis as AMPs are developed and approved.**

in AUMs through the five-year implementation schedule will be based on monitoring and other resource needs. An implementation schedule by allotment is recommended.

Objective RM-4: Initiate a Minimal Fire Suppression Plan that will protect erosive soils, maintain or enhance forage production, improve range condition, and protect private property.

RM-4.1 Develop a fire management plan for the Planning Unit by 9/30/84 that addresses all high-value resources. No limited suppression areas will be designated in the Planning Unit.

Objective RM-5: Provide for protection and conservation of rare and endangered plants within the planning unit.

RM-5.3 Designate Mud Flat Oolite Research Natural Area (5 acres) as an ACEC. Special management actions to be applied to the ACEC are listed.

WILDLIFE (TERRESTRIAL)

Objective WL-1: Protect and/or improve endangered species habitat within the Bruneau Planning Unit.

WL-1.1 Manage the potential peregrine habitat consistent with the Endangered Species Act (see Overlay WL-t9).

- a. Manage the lands within Withdrawal Order 5777 consistent with the Snake River Birds of Prey Management Plan. Allow exchanges if higher-quality habitat can be acquired.
- b. Allow road improvement and construction if consistent with the general decision above.
- c. Enhance potential prey populations.
- d. Support reintroduction of peregrines at additional locations within the Bruneau Planning Unit, consistent with PLO 4153 and the cooperative agreement between USF&WS, IDF&G, AND BLM.

WL-1.2 Manage bald eagle habitat in the vicinity of C.J. Strike Reservoir (Overlay W/L-t9) to encourage additional use by these birds.

- a. Retain lands within PLO 5777 and manage them consistent with MFP decision WL-5.2.
- b. Allow road improvement and construction if consistent with the general decision above.
- c. Plant rapidly growing trees adjacent to the Reservoir to provide secure perch and roost sites.

Objective WL-2: Manage sensitive species habitat in the BPU to maintain or increase existing and potential populations.

WL-2.1 Manage 93,500 acres of bighorn habitat to provide adequate habitat for 420 bighorns by 1990: 100 in Little Jacks, 220 in Owyhee River, and 100 in West Fork Bruneau River.

- a. Monitor and adjust livestock use in bighorn habitat to provide for 420 bighorns by 1990. This population goal is subject to review and change in consultation with IDF&G.

- b. Develop grazing systems to improve habitat conditions in the headwater reaches of streams comprising river otter habitat.

WL-2.4 Protect known ferruginous hawk nest sites and adjacent hunting habitat from inconsistent land uses.

- a. Retain ferruginous hawk habitat (within about 1.5 miles of nest sites) unless higher quality habitat can be acquired by exchange.
- b. Where rangelands are reseeded, include a mixture of shrubs, forbs, and grasses to support prey populations.
- c. When possible, avoid locating any new roads within ¼ mile of nest sites. Mitigate the loss if avoidance is not possible.
- d. Avoid alignment of courses for organized ORV events within ¼ mile of active nest sites between April 1 and June 30.

WL-2.5 Expand the distribution of ferruginous hawk nest sites on the Snake River Plains by constructing nesting structures or planting trees for nesting in secluded areas.

WL-2.6 Manage burrowing owl habitat on the Snake River Plains to maintain existing populations.

- a. Maintain existing nest sites whenever possible. Mitigate losses if other uses are deemed more appropriate.
- b. If major land disposals are undertaken, retain tracts of sufficient size and suitability for burrowing owl nest sites.

WL-2.7 Subject to IMP, implement intensive livestock management or protective riparian habitat fencing to improve mountain quail habitat in Shoofly (both forks), Big Jacks, Cottonwood, and Duncan creeks.

WL-2.8 Retain tracts in the Duck Valley area that constitute white-faced ibis habitat, unless higher quality habitat can be acquired through exchange. Allow the Riddle Exchange.

Objective WL-3: Manage 1,143,000 acres of big game habitat in the BPU to obtain good ecological condition.

WL-3.1 Manage 359,650 acres of mule deer winter and early spring range in the BPU, within IMP guidelines where applicable, so there is adequate food, cover, and water for 2,255 animals

- b. Subject to IMP guidelines, manipulate vegetation to achieve a 60/40 ratio of forage to cover, using fire as the primary tool, making use of good soils, retaining interconnecting cover to provide for adequate hiding and thermal cover, and including a mixture of palatable shrubs, forbs, and grasses in any revegetation projects.
- c. Implement livestock grazing systems and practices that will improve composition, reproduction, and forage availability of palatable forbs and shrubs in both upland and riparian habitats. Limit utilization of key shrub species to 50 per cent of current annual growth.
- d. Avoid road construction within or adjacent to riparian habitats.
- e. Maintain water in all water developments from July 15 until October 31, or consider development of wildlife guzzlers.
- f. Retain public lands within or closely adjacent to deer migration routes unless higher-quality habitat can be acquired by exchange.

WL-3.3 Manage 1,079,000 acres of pronghorn habitat in the BPU, within IMP guidelines where applicable, to provide sufficient forage, water, cover, and space for 1,175 animals by 1990.

- a. Monitor the habitat to adjust livestock use to provide for 1,175 pronghorns by 1990. This population goal is subject to review and change in consultation with IDF&G.
- b. Refer to and address the "Guidelines for the Management of Pronghorn Antelope" when making decisions that may affect antelope.
- c. Manage habitat for good ecological condition where feasible/economical.
- d. Use prescribed burning as the primary tool for habitat management.

Objective WL-4: Manage upland game and waterfowl habitats in the BPU to increase populations of these highly desirable species.

WL-4.1 Improve the distribution of chukar and Hungarian partridge along the foothill areas south of the Snake River by providing more sources of water. The optimum spacing for water sources is one mile apart.

WL-4.2 Manage public lands in the vicinity of irrigated agricultural areas to maintain or improve the habitat for pheasants, Hungarian partridge, valley quail, and cottontails (specific tracts are listed).

incorporating the above mission and goals.

Retain all federal lands within this area unless higher quality habitat can be acquired within the boundary by exchange that is in the public interest.

Continue to support/seek legislation for the area under Title VI of FLPMA.

Seek a permanent withdrawal of BOP area from agricultural and mineral entry (1872 mining laws).

Objective WL-6: Manage all meadows and riparian habitat in the BPU to achieve a maximum diversity of vegetative species, to provide for a maximum diversity and optimum abundance of wildlife species.

WL-6.1 Manage riparian and meadow habitats to attain and/or maintain a good ecological condition class or reasonable equivalent (potential measures are presented).

WL(aq)-2.5 Improve fisheries habitat on 6.75 stream miles (listed) through cooperative management programs with private landowners or through public acquisition of the lands involved (1,920 acres).

WL(aq)-2.6 Designate watershed areas draining into major or perennial streams (priority stream headwaters are listed) as special management areas for watershed stabilization. Provide adequate cover on granitic soil slopes exceeding 25 percent and on volcanic slopes exceeding 35 percent. Adjust livestock use and remove or minimize other activities to reduce soil movement to natural runoff amounts.

Objective WL(aq)-3: Protect and manage seasonal flows in perennial and intermittent streams to maintain aquatic/riparian habitat condition on 96 miles of stream in good condition. Give priority to habitat maintenance for red-band trout.

WL(aq)-3.1 Work with IDF&G and provide in-stream flow recommendations as information becomes available. Manage flows for good water quality. Do not cause any reduction in water quality or in legally established minimum flows.

WL(aq)-3.2 Work with IDF&G and provide recommendations on introduction of other fish and/or eradication programs that might affect red-band trout populations on federal lands.

WL(aq)-3.3 Retain 245 stream miles of red-band habitat in federal ownership and pursue land exchange opportunities for blocking up valuable riparian habitat. Establish a cooperative management program with IDL, IDF&G, and the lessee on State lands to provide maintenance of listed contiguous units of riparian habitat.

R-1.2(1) Extensive recreation areas (outside SRMAs and WSAs) will be retained in public ownership if in the public interest and consistent with MFP decision L-2.1.

R-1.2(2) Acquire needed access if it cannot be obtained through cooperative agreement or by building another road across BLM land.

R-1.2(3) Maintain the C&MU classification on Hole-in-Rock and Deer Water Spring to protect cultural resource values. Also see CRM-1.1.

R-1.2(4) (Rejected.)

R-1.2(5) Maintain or improve ORV opportunities:

a. (Rejected.)

b. Allow organized cross-country motorcycle races on a case-by-case basis, consistent with other resource values. Also see RM-1.3.

c. As demand and funding substantially increase and as consistent with other uses, develop a trail network for ORVs and provide areas for parking, loading ramps, and rest stops along the trails.

d. Allow casual unorganized snowmobile use in the Summit Springs/Mud Flat Area until the use reaches a point where other resource uses and values are significantly adversely affected.

R-1.2(6) Maintain or improve fishing opportunities by intensively managing streamside zones of those streams with game fish populations.

R-1.2(7) and R-1.2(8) (Rejected.)

R-1.2(9) Develop boat ramps and sportsmen's access along the Snake River below C.J. Strike Reservoir and near Grand View, provided that the locations are authorized for the SRBOP Area under the SRMA Plan, and are coordinated with the IDF&G. Allow no surface occupancy for mineral leasing within ¼ mile of the Snake River and associated reservoirs.

R-1.2(10) (Rejected.)

R-1.2(11) Provide public access to and maintain public use of desirable rock collecting areas. Validity determinations will be completed on unpatented mining claims as time and priorities are established.

R-1.2(12) (Rejected.)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Idaho State Office

1601 (930)

To : District Manager, I-1

Date: **MAR 30 1983**

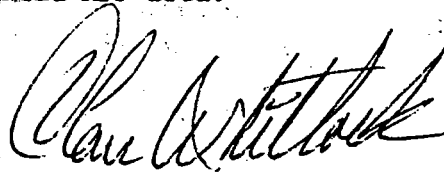
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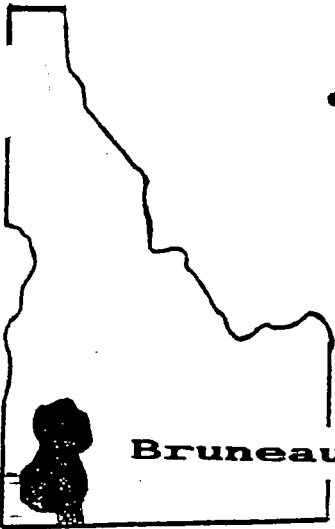
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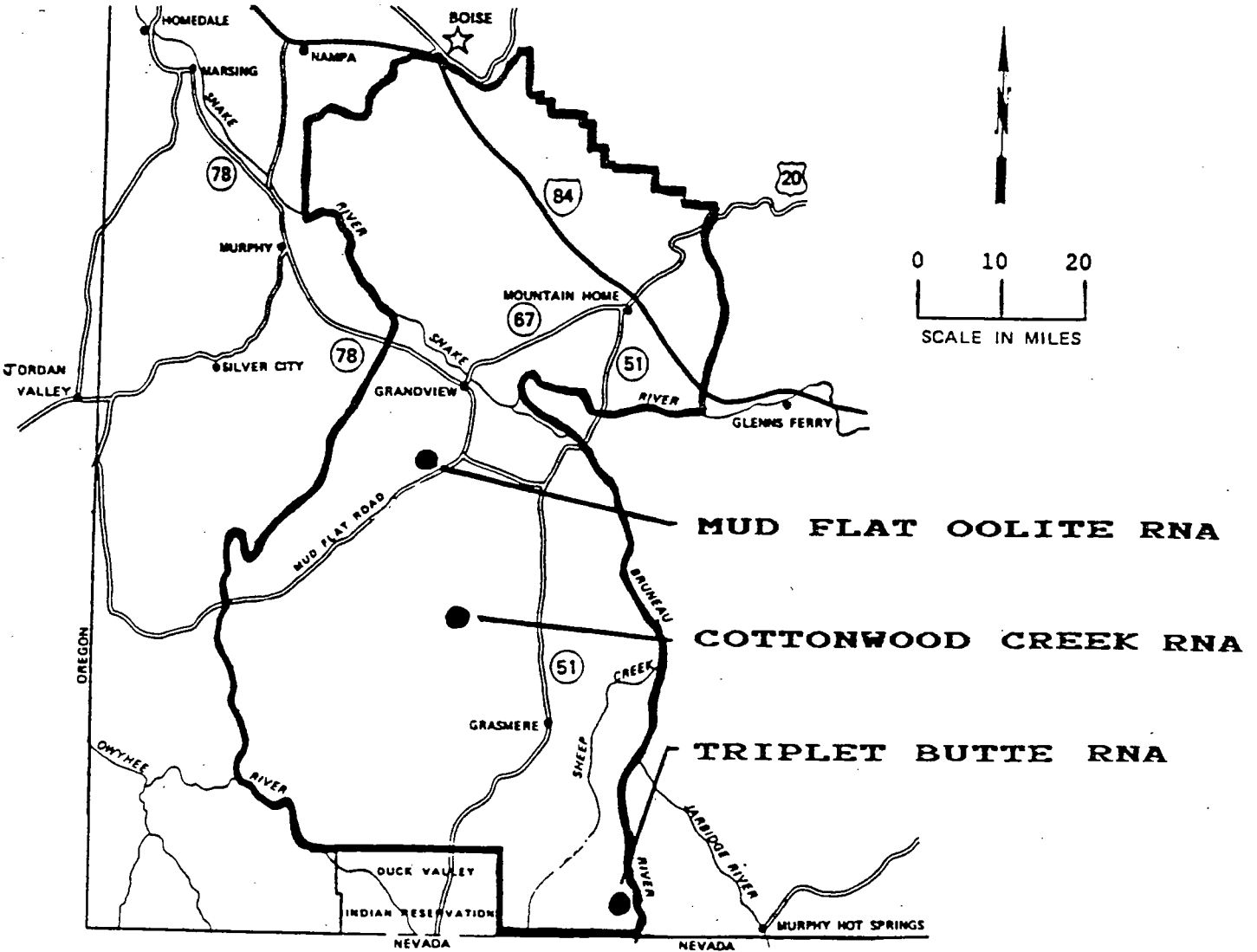


MAP 1

GENERAL LOCATION



Bruneau Resource Area



BRUNEAU MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN AMENDMENT - APPROVED AUGUST 13, 1992

This Amendment to the Bruneau MFP designates Mud Flat Oolite, Triplet Butte, and Cottonwood Creek as Research Natural Area (RNA) ACECs (Map 1) and prescribes special management to protect the identified values. This amendment was approved by the Idaho State Director on August 13, 1992. The analysis is contained in environmental assessment EA-010-91-204. Both the draft and abbreviated final EA need to be used together.

The Bruneau Management Framework Plan is amended as follows:

Add: Range Management

RM-5.3: Multiple Use Decision:

1. Designate Mud Flat Oolite Research Natural Area (5 acres) as an ACEC.
2. Designate Triplet Butte Research Natural Area (322 acres) as an ACEC.
3. Designate Cottonwood Creek Research Natural Area (346 acres) as an ACEC.

Refer to the following section for special management actions:

Range Management

RM-5.3: Multiple Use Decision:

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MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN

COMPLETION AND REVIEW RECORD

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