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Decision #1 - 1.1

Improve visitor safety by:

1. Placing direction and distance signs at appropriate backcountry locations to help orient visitors.
2. Develop and distribute a general district recreation brochure.
3. Eliminate hazards associated with abandoned open mine shafts.
4. Develop potable water sources at developed campgrounds.
5. Designate and sign safe potable water sources at recreation sites.
6. See Lands L7.5

Reasons

Signs and maps provide visitors with some directional orientation and would highlight roads, landmarks and hazards. Abandoned mine shafts are a hazard to ORV enthusiasts as well as unwary foot travelers. The public has come to expect government agencies to provide safe drinking water at recreation facilities.

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Decision #2-2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4

Develop day use and overnight facilities at the John Day Recreation site located in the upper Birch Creek Valley (2.1), at the Clyde School site in the Little Lost Valley (2.2), at Big Springs Creek located in the upper end of the Little Lost Valley (2.3) and at the Wet Creek/Dry Creek Canal site (2.4).

Reasons

Development of recreation sites at these locations will help to distribute visitor use and maximize recreation opportunities. All of these sites receive regular use by fishermen, hunters and campers. Because these sites are now undeveloped, use is unrestricted. This heavy unrestricted use causes unnecessary site damage. Development of these sites would help to eliminate some of this damage.

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ACTIVITY OBJECTIVES

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Objective:

Develop and maintain adequate access to important recreation areas through easement acquisition, road maintenance and signing.

Rationale:

In order to maximize recreational opportunities and distribute use, it is important that adequate access be developed and maintained throughout the planning unit. In some instances private or state land should be acquired while in other areas, signing the BLM land as open to the public will suffice.

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Recommendation:

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Identify key access routes and sites important for their recreational values so the public will be aware these areas are available for recreation use. Specific areas requiring signing include: Birch Creek, Lower Little Lost, Big Spring Creek, Clyde School Camp Site, Wet Creek Drainage, Sawmill Creek and Summit Creek (at the Junction of Sawmill Creek Road).

Support:

Sign shop for construction operations for sign installation and maintenance.

Rationale:

Visitors may be uncertain as to where the private land stops and the public land begins along some of the more important recreation areas in the planning unit. Signs identifying access roads and key parcels of public land would be beneficial to the public.

Multiple Use Analysis:

There are no unresolved conflicts with other resource recommendations and little social or economic impact will be felt by the local public. The visiting public, however will be better oriented in the area, consequently their recreation experience enhanced.

Multiple Use Recommendation:

Accept Step 1.

Reasons:

The action will improve recreationist experiences.

Alternatives Considered:

No action.

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Recommendation:

R-3.3

Acquire access easements across private land to BLM land having recreational values:

1. Bell Mountain Road. (T. 10 N., R. 27 E., Sections 33, 18; T. 10 N., R. 26 E., Sec. 12) dirt road parallels Little Lost River on east side for about 6 miles providing access to the River and the adjoining BLM back country lands - approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of easement required to guarantee public access.
2. Deer Creek Road. (T. 9 N., R. 27 E., Sec. 28) obtain easement across private (approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to ensure legal access to Deer Creek and the Hawley Mountain area from the Pahsimeroi Road.
3. Skull Canyon. (T. 10 N., R. 30, Sections 29 and 32) approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of private land lies between State Highway 28 at Blue Dome and the BLM and USFS land in Skull Canyon.
4. Upper Birch Creek. (Blue Dome to Lone Pine) Obtain a 50 foot easement either side of Birch Creek to allow foot access for fishing purposes.
5. Black Creek Road. (T. 10 N., R. 27, Sections 19 and 20) Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of private land lies between the Pahsimeroi Road and the BLM land along Black Creek. The Black Creek Road provides access to the Foss Mountain and Bell Mountain areas on the forest.
6. Bell Mountain Creek. (T. 10 N., R. 27 E., Sec. 12) $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from Pahsimeroi Road to Bell Mountain Creek.

Support Needs:

Operations for survey and easement acquisition.

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Rationale:

All of these blocks of private land provide access to important recreational areas for hunting, fishing, sightseeing, etc. At the present time, only the private land along upper Birch Creek is closed to public access. Easement acquisition will help to distribute the recreation use of the unit and ensure that access is available in the future. AHMP supports acquisition of easement along upper portion of Birch Creek.

R 3.3

Multiple Use Analysis:

The recommendations do not conflict with other resource recommendations, however, they do create a controversial issue with the local private landowners. The proprietors on whose land the access will be created will be socially impacted losing some of their rights to restrict bypassers from crossing the private land. The landowners will receive just economic compensation for their lost rights. The recreation visitors will benefit from the improved public access.

Multiple Use Recommendation:

Sections 1-6 of recommendation R 3.3 will be modified to better accommodate the public access needs. The modified recommendation ~~reads~~ as follows:

1. John Day Recreation Site: Acquire access across two tracts of land south of the recreation site in T. 9 N., R. 30 E., sec. 9. The larger tract being acres in size located on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ (that portion west of Highway 28).
2. Deer Creek Road: Obtain an easement across that private land extending along ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile of) the Deer Creek Road at T. 9 N., R. 27 E., sec. 28 (where the road bisects the western $\frac{1}{2}$ of the section).
3. Deer Flat Road: (south of Bell Mountain Creek Road); Obtain an easement across private land in T. 10 N., R. 27 E., sec. 12 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ (approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in length).
4. Skull Canyon: Obtain an easement across private land in T. 10 N., R. 30 E., sec. 29 (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$) and section 32 (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$). The land lies between Highway 28 and USFS/BLM land east of Blue Dome.
5. Bell Mountain Creek Road: Obtain an easement across private land in T. 10 N., R. 27 E., sec. 12 along the Bell Mountain Creek Road (approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile in length).

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Reasons:

See R-3.3 Rationale. The alteration in the original recommendation resulted from multiple use needs and input.

Alternatives Considered:

All combinations of the Step 1 recommendations as well as those accepted under Step 2.

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The original MFP-step 3 decision was missing from this book. There was no notation that the step 2 recommendation was rejected or modified. The step 2 analysis ~~has~~ has been included in this book for reference.

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Decision #4

Support a diversity of outdoor recreation on public lands within the planning unit by developing an ORV plan for the unit and by being receptive to any non-BLM recreation development proposal. R-8.1 and 8.2.

Reasons

The development of an ORV plan for the unit will provide for a legitimate use of public land while, at the same time, protect areas susceptible to damage from ORV use.

By being receptive to non-BLM sponsored recreation developments, the Bureau would be using the R&PP process as it was designed. Services would be supplied to the public, on public lands, at no cost to the Bureau.

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Decision #5, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4 (Combined into one Step 3 decision)

Manage the visual resources in the PU in accordance with VRM Class Designations.

Reasons

The quality of the environment is becoming increasingly important to the public. Since over 80 percent of our perception is based on sight, the visual quality of our environment is demanding more attention. Because many of BLM's land management activities involve alterations to the natural landscape, it is necessary to manage this activity to fit into an area's scenic quality. Since conflicts between other resource management objectives and visual resource objectives occur, the Visual Management System was developed to determine the level of management which is desirable and practical.

The Visual Management System is divided into five classes. They are:

- 9.1 Class I - Natural ecological changes or very limited management activity.
- 9.2 Class II - Changes caused by management activity should not be evident in the characteristic landscape.
- 9.3 Class III - Changes may be evident but must remain subordinate to the characteristic landscape.
- 9.4 Class IV - Changes may attract attention and be a dominant feature but must mimic the basic elements of the characteristic landscape.
- 9.5 Class V - Change is needed or may add acceptable visual variety to an area.

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Decision #6

Reclaim and/or enhance visually undesirable cultural modifications along major travel routes and recreation areas in the PU by:

10.1 Reclaiming two material sites along Birch Creek (one near Kaufman Guard Station and the other near Blue Dome) if unauthorized or require permittee to reclaim if authorized.

10.2 Work with appropriate interest to facilitate repainting of the existing communication site located in T. 8 N., R. 31 E., Section 17 north of Highway 28 utilizing colors which reduce visual impact.

10.3 Consider removal or relocation of the temporary climatological station from its present location in T. 9 N., R. 30 E., Section 35 to an area less visible from the highway.

10.4 To utilize plantings of cottonwood, willows, and/or other indigenous trees and shrubs to reduce the visual contrast between vehicles and the adjacent area and to provide spaces for campers if additional camping facilities are installed along Birch Creek.

10.5 Work with mineral interests to control the mineral exploration parallel to and northeast of Highway 28 so that operations are more compatible with VRM classification using the contract rating system.

10.6 Work with mining interest to reclaim or otherwise mitigate the disturbance mining activity has created on Scott Butte, located at T. 8 N., R. 31 E., Section 5.

10.9 Upon completion of a validity check, work with mining interest to reclaim or otherwise mitigate the disturbances caused by mining activity northeast of Highway 22, located in T. 7 N., R. 28 E., Section 21.

10.10 Clean up, recontour, scarify and revegetate existing scars created by unauthorized material excavations and dumping activities located along Uncle Ike Road, Wet Creek Road, Pass Creek Road, Badger Creek Road, Birch Creek Sportsman access and Eight Mile Canyon Road along Highway 22.

10.12 Close and reclaim the four known small unauthorized material sites located in the lower Lost River Valley.

10.14 Establish new areas of riparian vegetation (willows, birch and cottonwood) along Summit Creek, Wet Creek, and portions of Sawmill Creek.

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10.15 Work with appropriate interest to restore or remove existing buildings and unused facilities at the Howe ski area.

10.16 Work with the telephone company to eliminate their distribution line located along Wet Creek, west of Hawley Mountain and along the Little Lost Valley highway north of Howe. Consult wildlife specialist to select those poles most desirable for raptor perches. *None*

Reason:

Major travel routes, recreation areas and several streams in the PU are high use areas or serve as public gathering places. These areas are especially sensitive to activity which would contrast with the natural environment in form, line, color, and/or texture and should receive additional protection or enhancement.

Through careful cooperation with other resource specialist in the placement, treatment, relocation, reclamation, and enhancement of proposed and existing impacts, the severity of contrast between the proposed or existing activity and the natural landscape will be significantly reduced.

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Decision #7

To protect the visual integrity of public lands considered as backcountry or environmentally sensitive areas in the PU by:

7.4 Do not allow utility lines, material sites, and other major cultural modifications that do not conform to VRM contrast rating criteria on the Lemhi Foothills Scenery Quality Unit, southwest of Birch Creek.

7.5 Work with Fire Management to develop an effective and visually acceptable approach to fire suppression in backcountry, environmentally sensitive areas, and along major travel routes and use areas.

7.6 Retain in public ownership all existing public lands within backcountry or environmentally sensitive areas.

Reasons

Since unspoiled backcountry areas are limited and since high recreational benefit is recognized to exist in primitive and undisturbed areas and in ecologically sensitive areas, it is necessary to protect these areas and the quality of the recreational experience from degradation. To assure continued protection of this resource, public ownership is necessary and desirable as is adequate fire suppression and protection, provided the techniques are visually compatible with the sensitivity of the area.

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R-3.2

Present bridges on Big Spring Creek and Little Lost River are adequate for foreseeable use. Four alternate routes exist into the Eight Mile Canyon area. A bridge is not needed.

R-4.1

This is an administrative action - MFP decision not necessary.

R-4.2

Covered under Wildlife Aquatics.

R-5.1

Covered under Wildlife Aquatics and Range Management.

R-5.2

Covered under Wildlife Aquatics and Range Management.

R-6.1

Covered under R-11.3.

R-7.1, 7.2

Routine administrative matters not a land use decision.

R-9.1, 9.5

No VRM Class I or Class V areas in the P.U.

R-10.7

No administration jurisdiction.

R-10.8

A lack of potential dump sites causes relocation and reclamation of existing site to be economically unfeasible.

R-10.13

Recommendation supports W.A. 3 and other R.M. recommendations to improve range conditions by reducing opportunities for cattle congregation.

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R-11.2

Recommendation is covered in R-8.1 where the development and implementation of a District-wide ORV plan is recommended.

R-11.3

Do not place the Hawley Mountain area under any type of special protective management status. Continue management under Wilderness Interim Management Guidelines pending final determination on WSA.

R-11.4

Do not establish a scenic corridor. Consider all resource values when evaluating applications for rights-of-way or other uses.

R-11.7

Reject Step 1. Logging of Hawley Mountain is not economically feasible.

10.11 - Recommendation does not need an MFP decision to implement.