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Greetings:

Enclosed is the ***DRAFT Pocatello Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement*** for the Pocatello Field Office. (**Note:** If you plan to download the document from the internet, see the information provided below.) The primary purpose of the Draft RMP/EIS is to outline the proposed management of resources and uses considered in the various alternatives. This DEIS presents a description of four alternatives and contains an analysis of the impacts related to implementing each of the alternatives.

I invite your comments on the DEIS. Your comments will be used in preparing the Final EIS and Proposed Resource Management Plan. The final decision may be to implement one of the alternatives in its entirety or to use a combination of various actions contained in more than one of the alternatives in developing the Proposed Resource Management Plan to manage resources and uses into the future. The decision maker for the Proposed Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision is the Idaho BLM State Director. At this time, **Alternative B is the Preferred Alternative.**

I appreciate the comments many of you have provided during the development of the Draft RMP/EIS. I encourage you to pay particular attention to concerns you may have raised during the scoping process to see if the analysis is responsive. Your review and comments are helpful to us. It would be beneficial to know the reasons for your comments to help us make better informed decisions. Positive comments about the Draft EIS and Plan that are acceptable to you would also be appreciated. Comments on the DEIS should be as specific as possible.

Comments for this document **must be received within 90 days** from the date of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) in the ***Federal Register***. After the comment period ends, your comments will be analyzed and the Final EIS, Proposed Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision will be prepared and released.

Public open house meetings will be arranged locally this fall. At a later date, the public will be notified of the dates, times, and locations of the meetings.

You may also download the document from the internet at: <http://www.id.blm.gov/planning/pocrmp>. Comments regarding the draft document can be sent by e-mail to: ID_Pocatello_RMP@blm.gov.

If you have questions please contact Terry Lee Smith, Project Manager, 4350 Cliffs Drive, Pocatello, Idaho 83204, (208) 478-6340.

Sincerely,

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