

**Pocatello Field Office
Draft Resource Management Plan and
Environmental Impact Statement**

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ABSTRACT:

This Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement describe and analyze the impacts of four alternatives for managing the public lands administered by the Pocatello Field Office in southeastern Idaho. The alternatives are: Alternative A (continuation of current management or the No Action Alternative), Alternative B (Preferred Alternative), Alternatives C and D. The alternatives provide management direction to guide the multiple use management of all resources and uses.

Planning issues addressed include: OHV use and associated conflicts, containment of hazardous substances (e.g., selenium) and other contaminants from mining/reclamation activities, acquiring and maintaining access to public lands, balance use and demand for quality recreational opportunities with other resources and uses, management of the sagebrush ecosystem, and balancing social and economic benefits of commodity and amenity uses.

The alternatives also address the designation of an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and Wild and Scenic River suitability findings.

COMMENTS:

Comments on this document are requested from all interested and/or affected Tribes, agencies, organizations and individuals. Comments must be received within 90 days from the date of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) of this Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement in the *Federal Register*.

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