

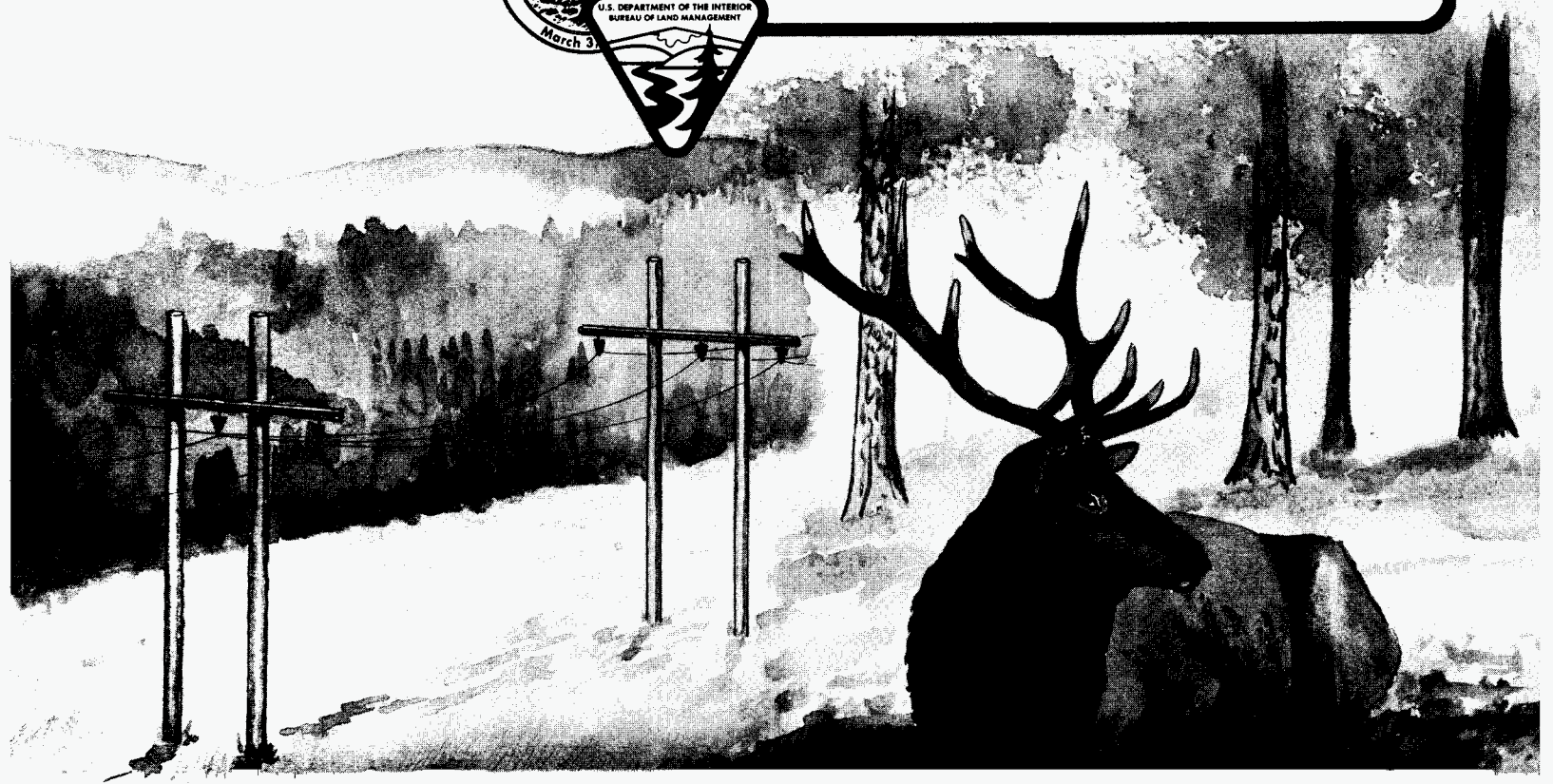
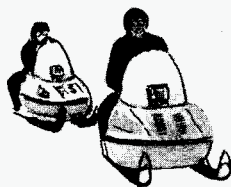
GARNET RESOURCE AREA
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN/
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Butte District, Montana

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Dear Reader:

This draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) for the Garnet Resource Area is presented for your review and comment. This document outlines five major alternatives for managing the public land in the Garnet Resource Area. These alternatives are designed to resolve the many land management issues that were identified during the early stages of the planning process.

This RMP describes the alternatives in terms of management areas. The management area concept is explained in the section entitled How To Use This Document.

We would appreciate your comments on this RMP/EIS by March 13, 1985. Questions or comments should be directed to Dave Baker, Project Manager, Garnet Resource Area Office, 3255 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, Montana 59801.

A formal public hearing will be scheduled to allow individuals to present testimony on the draft plan and EIS. This hearing is required for the wilderness suitability recommendations contained in this document, but testimony on all portions of the plan is encouraged. The hearing will be held at the following location:

Date	Location	Time
February 13, 1985	Garnet Resource Area Office 3255 Fort Missoula Road Missoula, Montana 59801	3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

In conjunction with this hearing, there will be an open house at the same office on the same day as the hearing, running from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This open house will give you an opportunity to discuss the RMP/EIS with the resource specialists who participated in its development. An additional open house will be held in Drummond, Montana in mid-February. The time and place will be announced at a later date.

All comments, whether written or oral, will be given equal consideration in the preparation of the final Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement. I hope that through your participation in this effort we can move together toward a common goal of improved public land management in the Garnet Resource Area.

Sincerely yours,

Acting State Director

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For The

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Prepared By

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marvin DeRose".

ACTING STATE DIRECTOR
MONTANA STATE OFFICE
DECEMBER 1984