

MEDICINE LODGE

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
IDAHO FALLS DISTRICT
DRAFT 1984



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

NOTICE TO READER

Please retain your copy of this draft RMP/EIS for future reference. The final document may be published in an abbreviated form, including only corrections and/or additions to this draft and public comments with BLM responses.



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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Idaho Falls District

940 Lincoln Road

Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

September 14, 1984

Dear Reader:

We have forwarded for your review and comment the draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Medicine Lodge Resource Area in eastern Idaho. The draft plan and EIS have been prepared by a team of resource specialists from the Bureau of Land Management.

The team has identified and analyzed five alternatives in this draft plan and statement dealing with management of the public lands in the area. Considered in the document are land transfer, management of 269 grazing allotments, 930,030 acres of federal mineral estate, 14,000 acres of commercial forest land, critical big game habitat, recreation values, and wilderness.

Public hearings will be held in St. Anthony and Idaho Falls to receive oral and written testimony on the document. One hearing will be held on November 7, 1984 at 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom at the Fremont County Courthouse in St. Anthony, Idaho. The second public hearing will be held on November 8, 1984 at 7:30 p.m. in meeting room "A" at the Idaho Falls Public Library, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

A written transcript of oral presentations is encouraged, to be submitted at the hearing.

Written comments may be submitted at any time before the close of business on December 27, 1984. Written comments should be sent to:

Bureau of Land Management
Idaho Falls District Office
ATTN: RMP/EIS Team Leader
940 Lincoln Road
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401

Following the public review and comment period a final plan and associated final environmental impact statement will be prepared considering the comments received through the review process. The complete plan (Part I) and an abbreviated format EIS may be used, containing only documentation of public comments and responses with an addendum section of changes made to the draft. It is suggested, therefore, that you keep your copy of the draft plan and EIS for reference purposes.

Sincerely,


O'dell A. Frandsen
District Manager

MEDICINE LODGE DRAFT RMP/EIS

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Please make the following corrections or additions to your copy of the Medicine Lodge Draft RMP/EIS.

Part I

- p. 8, para. 2. Change 237,500 acres to 132,500 acres.
p. 8, para. 5. Change 187,000 acres to 18,200 acres.

Part II

- p.1., Abstract. The last sentence should begin "Alternative E..."
p.4-5, para. 7. Change Appendix B, page 14 to Appendix B, page 8.
p.4-6, line 3. Change Appendix B, page 28 to Appendix B, page 8.
p.4-13, last line. Change Appendix B, page 14 to Appendix B, page 8.
p.4-16, para. 4. Should read "...none of the Sand Mountain WSA or Snake River Islands WSA..."
p.4-16, para. 5. Should read "...increase substantially in the Sand Mountain WSA."
p.4-24, para. 1. Should read "...none of the Sand Mountain WSA or Snake River Islands WSA..."
p.4-24, para. 2. Should read "...vegetated lands in the Sand Mountain WSA."
p.4-30, para. 9. Change Appendix B, page 14 to Appendix B, page 8.

Part III

- Appendix E, p. E-12. Last sentence should read "They are the Sand Dunes WSA (16,280 acres) in Wyoming, the Eureka Dunes WSA (405,215 acres), Kelso Sand Dunes WSA (124,518 acres), and the Imperial/Algodones Sand Dunes WSA (20,778 acres) in California."

- Appendix I, p. I-4. The table for management area 9 should read:

9. Elk	Snake River	2917	9. Mule Deer	Snake River	833	
	Moose	Snake River		Whitetail Deer	Snake River	300

Throughout the document "Nine Mile Knoll ACEC" should be used instead of "Sands ACEC."

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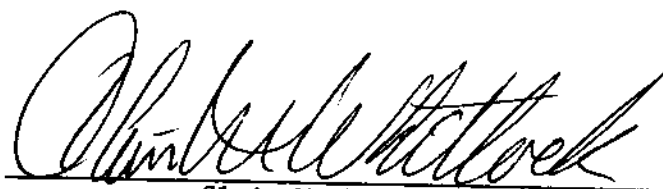
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Clair M Whitlock
State Director, Idaho

PART I RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

**PART II ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT**

- 1. Purpose and Need**
- 2. Alternatives**
- 3. Affected**
- 4. Environmental Consequences**
- 5. Consultation and Coordination**

PART III APPENDIXES

- A. Planning**
- B. Livestock Grazing**
- C. Soils**
- D. Recreation**
- E. Wilderness**
- F. Management Area Summeries**
- G. Monitoring**
- H. Economics**
- I. Wildlife**