Prior to undertaking or approving any proposed resource management action on public lands in the Resource Area, BLM will ensure that such action is consistent with the purposes and policies of the multiple use or transfer class or classes involved.

The multiple use or transfer class or classes assigned to each management area are identified in the management area descriptions beginning on page 13. Public lands are placed in the multiple use or transfer class that best reflect the specific resources and management priorities for the area. A description of these classes and their purposes and policies is as follows:

A. Moderate Use Class

Purpose

The purpose of a Moderate Use Class is to delineate public lands which are suitable for a wide variety of existing and potential uses.

Policy

The first priority for managing a Moderate Use Class is to provide for the production and use of forage, timber, minerals and energy, recreation, or other consumptive resources while maintaining or enhancing natural systems. These areas will be managed for a moderate intensity of use. These areas will generally be available for production and use of consumptive resources, subject to BLM standard operating procedures and other controls as needed. Sensitive and significant resource values, however, will be protected consistent with federal and State law. Public lands in a Moderate Use Class are to be retained in federal ownership.

B. Limited Use Class

Purpose

The purpose of a Limited Use Class is to delineate public lands where strict environmental controls are required to protect sensitive and significant resources.

Policy

The first priority for managing a limited use class is to protect and enhance key wildlife habitat, scenic values, wilderness, cultural resources, watershed and other sensitive and significant resources, while providing for other compatible uses. These areas will be managed for relatively low intensities of use and with strict

environmental controls to protect sensitive and significant values. A Limited Use Class may be closed to or contain restrictions on ORV use, mineral and energy exploration and development, forest management practices, location of utility corridors, installations and livestock grazing (or other potentially conflicting uses). Because of the relatively significant environmental considerations in these areas, some use may not be permitted. Special attention will be given to finding appropriate locations for compatible uses. Public lands in a limited use class will be retained in federal ownership.

C. Intensive Use/Development Class

Purpose

The purpose of an Intensive Use/Development Class is to delineate areas suitable for large scale, intensive use and development.

Policy

The first priority for Managing an Intensive Use/Development Class is to provide for existing and projected demands for large scale intensive use and development. These areas will be managed for a high intensity of use. These areas will generally be reserved for major recreation sites or facilities, ORV intensive use areas, large scale mineral or energy extraction operations, or major utility installations. Because of the potential for conflict with other uses in these areas, some uses may not be permitted. Protection of sensitive and significant resources, however, will be ensured consisted with federal and State law. Public lands in an Intensive Use/Development Class will be retained in federal ownership.

D. Transfer Class

Purpose

The purpose of a Transfer Class is to delineate public lands which may be considered for transfer out of BLM administration.

Policy

A Transfer Class is the only class in which public lands may be transferred out of BLM administration under this plan. Public lands declared eligible for transfer by their inclusion in this category are subject to detailed

consideration prior to the final decision regarding transfer. Transfer Classes are delineated in response to specific demands and needs identified during the planning process, such as agricultural development, community expansion, and other transfer, including transfers to the State of Idaho. Transfer Classes will be managed on a custodial basis until transferred from federal jurisdiction. New public investments in these lands will generally be kept to a minimum.

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MANAGEMENT AREA 1 - MILNER - MODERATE

The 2,055 acre Milner area (See Map 2) is located seven miles west of Burley. This lava plain borders the Snake River for approximately four miles and is surrounded on all other sides by agricultural lands. For the 84 river miles from Salmon Falls Creek on the west to Lake Walcott on the east, this is the only large block of public land on the south side of the Snake River. Vegetation is primarily sagebrush-cheatgrass with some brush areas having an understory of native grasses and forbs. A wide variety of wildlife inhabits the area, with pheasant and Hungarian partridge the main upland game species. Waterfowl are found in large numbers along the river. Many non-game birds and birds of prey frequent the area. Forty-five percent of the area is included within a grazing allotment with 100 percent of this area in poor range condition. A visible segment of the Oregon Trail traverses the area. The City of Burley operates a 60 acre trap-shooting range and an 80 acre archery range under Recreation and Public Purposes Act leases. The area is popular with pheasant and duck hunters.

Resource Management Objectives:

A. Protect cultural and historical values and provide for their interpretation. This includes 4.5 miles of the Oregon Trail. Restrict surface disturbing activities in a 330 foot buffer along each side of the trail(See Map 2).

B. Manage for diverse recreation such as hunting, wildlife viewing, picnicking and interpretation of historical values. Provide for water based recreation. Maintain the present size of the trap and archery ranges under lease to the City of Burley.

C. Manage to provide quality wildlife habitat for upland game, waterfowl and non-game species.

D. Provide yearlong forage for five mule deer.

E. Provide 167 AUMs of forage for livestock (See Appendix C).

F. Improve 932 acres of poor condition rangeland to good.

Required Actions:

A. Energy Resources

Open to leasing subject to no surface occupancy on all but those located in Section 26: S1/2SW1/4SE1/4NW1/4; and Section 28: N1/2SW1/4SW1/4SW1/4 of T. 10 S., R. 21 E., B.M.,.

B. Fire Management

Maximum suppression. Select suppression methods to eliminate or

minimize impacts to historical values. Fire rehab will consider restoration of wildlife habitat.

C. Grazing Management

Initial livestock use levels is 140 AUMs (See Appendix C). Treat 200 acres (See Map 2) of rangeland to increase livestock forage production by 27 AUMs.

D. Lands

Maintain the existing Classification and Multiple Use (C&MU) designation. (I-3362)

E. Minerals

Closed to mining and mineral leasing/sale. (C&MU Classification I-3362)

F. Motorized Vehicle Management

Limited to designated roads and trails.

G. Recreation

The area is a Special Recreation Management Area.

H. Wildlife

Provide 11 AUMs of forage for mule deer (See Appendix D).
The following wildlife guidelines in Appendix B, page 82 are applicable to this management area: 1a-d; 2a; 5a-e; 9a-c,f,g; 10a,c; 11a-c,e.

I. Activity Plans

Implement the Milner Habitat Management Plan.
Prepare a Milner-Holyoak Allotment Management Plan (See Map 18).
Prepare a Recreation Activity Management Plan.

MANAGEMENT AREA 2 - FOOTHILLS - MODERATE

The Foothills area (See Map 3) consists of 48,394 acres of public land. This area is located along the north slope of the South Hills, (Sawtooth National Forest). Elevations within this area range from 6,500 feet along the Forest Service border to 4,000 feet along the northern edge of the unit. Vegetation is predominantly low sage brush, big sage brush and juniper with crested wheatgrass seedings on the lower slopes. There are 7,146 acres of juniper woodland in the unit. Approximately 400 acres have soils with high present erosion. Eleven grazing allotments are located within the area. This area provides important habitat for mule deer and sage grouse, containing 33,136 acres of deer winter range and 28,496 acres of sage grouse habitat with 2,886 acres of winter habitat and 2,837 acres of strutting/brood-rearing habitat. Several springs and 18 miles of streams provide 44 acres of wetland/riparian habitat important for song birds, small mammals, game birds and deer.

Resource Management Objectives:

A. Maintain or improve 12,728 acres of crucial deer winter range, 2,886 acres of sage grouse winter habitat and 2,837 acres of sage grouse strutting/brood-rearing habitat (See Map 3).

B. Provide forage for the following mule deer by season of use: 381 spring; 381 summer; 381 fall; 1,563 winter.

C. Maintain or improve fisheries habitat along 5.9 miles of Dry Creek and its tributaries (See Map 3).

D. Provide 4,976 AUMs of forage for livestock (See Appendix C).

E. Improve 35,205 acres of poor and fair condition rangeland to good.

F. Control surface disturbing activities in 400 acres having high present erosion (See Map 3).

G. Transfer 440 acres out of federal ownership via private exchange (See Map 19).

Required Actions:

A. Energy Resources

Open to leasing subject to the following stipulations: No surface occupancy within 100 feet of streams. No exploration/development work in crucial deer winter range from December 1 through March 31 and in sage grouse strutting/brooding-rearing habitat from April 1 through June 15.

B. Fire Management

Limited suppression. Prescribed burning may be used to achieve wildlife or livestock management objectives.

C. Grazing Management

Initial livestock use level is 4,157 AUMs (See Appendix C). Treat 3,900 acres (See Map 3) of rangeland to increase livestock forage production by 819 AUMs.

D. Lands

Maintain legal access to accommodate public use and agency management when disposing of transfer lands.

E. Minerals

Open to mining and mineral leasing/sale.

F. Motorized Vehicle Management

Open to wheeled vehicles. Closed to snowmobiles.

G. Watershed

Land uses will be designed to minimize sediment production and avoid damage to drainage systems and associated resource values.

H. Wildlife

Provide 1,745 AUMs of forage for mule deer (See Appendix D). The following wildlife guidelines as identified in Appendix B, page 82 are applicable to this managememt area: 1a-d; 2a; 6a-e; 8a-d,g,j; 9b-g; 11a-c,e,g; 12a-c.

I. Activity Plans

Prepare eight allotment management plans (See Map 18):

Dry Creek-Artesian
Buckhorn-Churchill/Dry Creek
Artesian-Kidd
Marion Group
Cold Spring
Churchill-Poulton
Pickett-Wake
Mullen-Churchill

Prepare a Limited Suppression Fire Plan.
Prepare a Habitat Management Plan.
Prepare a Watershed Management Plan.
A number of activity management plans may be combined into one plan.

MANAGEMENT AREA 3 - WEST GOOSE CREEK - MODERATE

The West Goose Creek area (See Map 4) includes 27,268 acres of public land. The unit consists of all lands from Goose Creek west to the Sawtooth National Forest and from the Utah/Nevada border north to Mackey Canyon. Elevations range from 4,400 to 6,000 feet. The unit consists primarily of moderate to steep sloped drainages with the most common vegetation being sagebrush and juniper (16,089 acres of juniper woodlands). Highly erosive volcanic soils are found in the southern half of the area. Approximately 7,085 acres have high present or potential erosion. Beaverdam Creek is fed by a 4,887 acre watershed that is prone to flooding. Approximately 8 miles of streams, along Goose, Trapper, Beaverdam Creek and a number of springs provide 20 acres of wetland/riparian habitat. Eleven grazing allotments are included in the area. Included in the area are 10,321 acres of deer winter range and 20,021 acres of sage grouse habitat. The highest density of cultural resource sites in Cassia County is found here. In addition, the area provides a major source of runoff for Goose Creek Reservoir, a primary source of irrigation water in the Oakley area. Active mining for Desert Antique stone is occurring on 400 acres between Trapper Creek and Little Cottonwood Creek.

Resource Management Objectives:

A. Maintain or improve 9,686 acres of crucial deer winter range (See Map 4).

B. Provide forage for the following mule deer by season of use: 264 spring; 264 summer; 264 fall; 906 winter.

C. Provide 2,902 AUMs of forage for livestock (See Appendix C).

D. Improve 21,720 acres of poor and fair condition rangeland to good.

E. Manage surface disturbing activities on 7,085 acres having soils with high erosion (See Map 4).

F. Reduce flood potential by managing 4,887 acres of flood prone watershed along Beaverdam Creek to improve ecologic condition and stabilize drainage channels (See Map 4).

G. Protect and conserve cultural resources within the Management Area by managing other uses consistent with cultural values.

H. Preserve scenic values in the Goose Creek Travel Zone (within 1/2 mile of the Goose Creek Road between Wilson Pass and the Utah border) (See Map 4).

I. Transfer 200 acres out of federal ownership via State exchange (See Map 19).

Required Actions:

A. Cultural Resources

Conduct test excavations, prepare detailed maps, and make surface collections at selected sites in order to evaluate the relative significance of this important archaeological area.

B. Energy Resources

Open to leasing subject to no exploration or development in crucial deer winter range from December 1 to March 31.

C. Fire Management

Limited suppression. Prescribed burning is allowed.

D. Grazing Management

Initial livestock use level is 2,560 AUMs (See Appendix C). Treat 1,736 acres (See Map 4) of rangeland to increase livestock forage production by 342 AUMs.

E. Lands

Maintain legal access to accommodate public use and agency management when disposing of transfer lands.

F. Minerals

Open to mining and mineral leasing/sale.

G. Woodland Products

Any harvest of woodland products within the Goose Creek Travel Zone must enhance the scenic values of the travel zone.

H. Motorized Vehicle Management

Wheeled vehicles limited to existing roads and trails. Open to snowmobiles.

I. Wildlife

Provide 1,076 AUMs of forage for mule deer (See Appendix D).
The following wildlife guidelines as identified in Appendix B, page 82 are applicable to this management area: 1a-d; 6a-f; 8a-d,g; 9b-g; 10a-d; 11a-c,e,f.

J. Activity Plans

Prepare four allotment management plans (See Map 18):

- Mabey Goose Creek
- Combined Bruce Bedke-Private/Goose Creek-Poulton/Beaverdam/North Emery Shoulder "3" Inc./Baker/Day
- Warr-Pickett
- Churchill-Mullen/Goose Creek-Mullen

Prepare a Limited Suppression Fire Plan.
Prepare a Cultural Resource Management Plan
Prepare a Habitat Management Plan
Prepare a Watershed Management Plan
A number of activity management plans may be combined into one plan.

MANAGEMENT AREA 4 - MIDDLE MOUNTAIN - MODERATE

Totaling 40,608 acres, this unit (See Map 5) consists of Middle Mountain and surrounding lands on the east side of the Goose Creek drainage. Elevations range from 4,600 feet on the north to 7,900 feet on the south end of the area. Vegetation transitions closely follow the changes in elevation with crested wheatgrass seedings in the lowlands on the north, juniper on the hills and plateaus above Goose Creek, and mountain brush and aspen on the higher slopes. Some 18,702 acres of juniper woodlands are found in the area. Fleabane, a proposed federal endangered plant species, is located in the northern most portion of the area. There are approximately 12,796 acres of soils that presently have high erosion or have potential for high erosion. Sixteen miles of streams and numerous springs provide 41 acres of wetland/riparian habitat that is rich in wildlife variety and abundance. There are 32,476 acres of sage grouse habitat with 1,704 acres of winter habitat and 1,027 acres of nesting/brood-rearing habitat in the area. The area provides 15,041 acres of deer winter range. Several springs in an area approximately 480 acres in size in the north central portion of the area have been developed by the City of Oakley as a domestic water supply (Sub Area 4a). The area contains significant deposits of a quartzite, commonly known as Oakley stone, which is the center of a substantial building stone mining industry. The mining industry is principally concentrated in the central portion of the management area. The area contains fourteen livestock grazing allotments.

Resource Management Objectives:

A. Improve 35,819 acres of poor and fair condition rangeland to good.

B. Provide 7,172 AUMs of forage for livestock (See Appendix C).

C. Maintain or improve 6,076 acres of crucial deer winter range, 1,704 acres of sage grouse winter habitat, and 1,367 acres of sage grouse brood-rearing habitat (See Map 5).

D. Provide forage for the following mule deer by season of use: 474 spring; 474 summer; 474 fall; 1,045 winter.

E. Facilitate the orderly development of the building (Oakley) stone resource.

F. Control surface disturbing activities on 12,796 acres having soils with high present or potential erosion (See Map 5).

G. Preserve scenic values in the Goose Creek Travel Zone (within 1/2 mile of the Goose Creek road between Wilson Pass and the Utah border) (See Map 5).

H. Manage 480 acres to ensure a safe and adequate supply of domestic water for the City of Oakley. (Management Sub Area 4a.)(See Map 6)

I. Transfer 3,399 acres out of federal ownership: 600 acres via private exchange; 40 acres via sale or other disposal method; and 2,759 acres via State exchange (See Map 19).

Required Actions:

A. Energy Resources

Open to leasing subject to the following stipulation:

No exploration/development work in crucial deer winter range from December 1 through March 31, and in sage grouse strutting/brood-rearing habitat from April 11 through June 15.

B. Fire Management

Limited Suppression. Prescribed burning is allowed.

C. Grazing Management

Initial livestock use level is 6,521 AUMs (See Appendix C). Treat 6,670 acres (See Map 5) of rangeland to increase livestock forage production by 651 AUMs.

D. Lands

Maintain legal access to accommodate public use and agency management when disposing of transfer lands.

E. Minerals

Open to mining, mineral leasing and sale.

F. Motorized Vehicle Management

Wheeled vehicles limited to existing roads and trails. Open to snowmobiles.

G. Wildlife

Provide 1,495 AUMs of forage for mule deer (See Appendix D).
The following wildlife guidelines as identified in Appendix B, page 82 are applicable to this management area: 1a-d; 2a; 7a-d; 8a,c,c,g; 9b-g; 10a-d; 11a-c,e,f.

H. Woodland Products

Any harvest of woodland products within the Goose Creek Travel Zone must enhance its scenic values of the Travel Zone.

I. Activity Plans

Prepare four allotment management plans (See Map 18):

Worthington Springs
Alastra
Earl Whiteley
Marchant-Goose Creek

Continue with Goose Creek Group Allotment Management Plan.
Prepare a Limited Suppression Fire Plan.
Prepare a Habitat Management Plan.
Prepare a Watershed Management Plan.
A number of activity management plans may be combined into one plan.

SUB AREA 4a - LIMITED

Required Actions:

A. Public Health

Periodic prescribed burns around springs to reduce vegetation build-up in order to eliminate rodent habitat. (Rodents are a source of bacterial contamination of the water supply.)

B. Motorized Vehicle Management

Closed to all vehicles.

C. Watershed

Exclude surface disturbance or occupancy within 200 feet of wetland or riparian areas. Allow utilization of structural means such as springhead redevelopment or fencing to protect the city water supply.

D. Woodland Products

Harvest will only be allowed if it does not affect the Oakley domestic water supply.

MANAGEMENT AREA 5 - ADMINISTRATIVE SITE - INTENSIVE

This area consists of 19 acres of public land (See Map 18 in T. 10 S., R. 23 E., Section 32. The area is currently being developed as the new administrative site for the Burley District BLM. Current facilities located on the site consist of two metal buildings containing warehouse, motorpool, fire management and operations offices. The radio shop occupies a trailer house located on the site. A material storage area has been fenced and a motorpool parking area is in use. All portions of the site have, until recently, been utilized for the production of alfalfa.

Resource Management Objectives:

A. Develop a warehouse/motorpool/office complex for the Burley District BLM.

Required Actions:

A. Energy Resource
   Open to leasing subject to no surface occupancy.

B. Fire Management
   Maximum suppression.

C. Lands
   Maintain the Administrative Site Withdrawal (PLO 5673).

D. Minerals
   Withdraw from the mining laws (PLO 5673). Closed to mineral leasing/sale.

MANAGEMENT AREA 6 - EAST HILLS - MODERATE

This area south and east of Declo consists of 3,711 acres of public land (See Map 7). The terrain ranges from gently rolling to steep hills. Vegetation communities include perennial grass, big sagebrush, and juniper (1,160 acres of juniper woodland). Approximately one-fourth of the area was recently burned by a range fire. Water in this area is sparse, with only two springs and no perennial streams. The area includes five grazing allotments. Hungarian partridge are the only upland game species that provide recreation. Mule deer winter range totals 2,708 acres. The area is popular with motorcyclists although legal access to the public lands has been a problem.

Resource Management Objectives:

A. Improve 2,412 acres of poor and fair condition rangeland to good.

B. Provide 449 AUMs of forage for livestock (See Appendix C).

C. Provide yearlong forage for 55 mule deer.

D. Transfer 200 acres out of federal ownership via private exchange (See Map 19).

Required Actions:

A. Energy Resource
Open to leasing.

B. Fire Management
Maximum suppression.

C. Grazing Management
Initial livestock use level is 369 AUMs (See Appendix C). Treat 425 acres (See Map 7) of rangeland to increase livestock forage production by 80 AUMs.

D. Lands
Maintain legal access to accommodate public use and agency management when disposing of transfer lands.

E. Minerals
Open to mining, and mineral leasing/sale.

F. Motorized Vehicle Management
Open to all vehicles.

G. Wildlife
Provide 124 AUMs of forage for mule deer (See Appendix D).
The following wildlife guidelines in Appendix B, page 82 are applicable to this management area: 2a; 8a,c,d; 9b-d,f; 11a,b,e,f.

H. Activity Plans

Prepare a coordinated resource management plan for the Bridger Canyon Allotment (See Map 18).