MANAGEMENT AREA 11 - COTTEREL MOUNTAIN - MODERATE

This area (See Map 14) consists of 40,967 acres of public land. Cotterel Mountain is an upthrust fault block that drops off steeply on all sides. The ridge top offers scenic views of the Raft River Valley, the Snake River Plain, and the Sawtooth Mountains. Elevation ranges from 7,125 feet on the ridge to 4,450 feet in the Raft River Valley on the units eastern edge. Juniper stands with openings of sagebrush and native grass cover the ridge top and adjacent side slopes. Inventoried woodland habitat includes some 17,839 acres of juniper. Crested wheatgrass seedings are found on some of the lower slopes and extend onto the valley floor on the eastern side of the unit. On the higher slopes there are patches of aspen and several large stands of mountain mahogany. High erosion potential soils occur on 5,677 acres. Approximately 267 acres of wetland/riparian habitat are found around a number of springs and along some nine miles of streams. Several communication facilities, including one operated by the Federal Aviation Administration, are located on the highest peak in the mountain range. There is a small mining operation on the north and a building stone common use area on the southern end of the unit. A variety of wildlife habitats can be found in the area, including 18,607 acres of deer winter range and 4,069 acres of yearlong antelope habitat. Sage grouse habitat covers 17,721 acres, including 703 acres of brood-rearing habitat. Ferruginous hawks utilize the area as habitat with several identified nesting sites on the lower slopes in the southeast portion of the unit. A primitive road extends along the ridge top providing access to the entire mountain. Several feeder roads and trails provide additional access, but the area remains largely unroaded which adds to the open space character of the area. Hunting, sightseeing, ORV use, and winter recreation pursuits are common in the area. Two semi-primitive campgrounds, at Coe Creek and McClendon Spring, have been developed. Three grazing allotments are found in the area.

Resource Management Objectives:

A. Expand dispersed recreation opportunities on approximately 18,000 acres south of the communication facility.

B. Manage the area to maintain scenic quality and open space.

C. Improve 31,212 acres of poor and fair condition rangeland to good.

D. Provide 5,278 AUMs of forage for livestock (See Appendix C).

E. Provide forage for the following mule deer by season of use: 403 spring; 403 summer; 403 fall; 563 winter.

F. Provide yearlong forage for 127 antelope.

G. Maintain or improve 6,414 acres of crucial deer winter range and 703 acres of sage grouse brood-rearing habitat (See Map 18).

H. Protect nesting ferruginous hawks from human disturbance.

I. Control surface disturbing activities on 5,677 acres having soils with high erosion potential (See Map 14).

J. Transfer 440 acres out of federal ownership: 280 acres via private exchange and 160 acres via sale or other disposal method (See Map 19).

Required Actions:

A. Energy Resources

Open to leasing subject to the following stipulations:

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 1 through June 15.

B. Fire Management

Maximum suppression on 18,000 acres south of the FAA communication site to protect resource values and recreation facilities opportunities.

Limited suppression on 22,967 acres north of the FAA communication site. Prescribed burning is allowed.

C. Grazing Management

Initial livestock use level is 4,669 AUMs (See Appendix C). Treat 3,900 acres (See Map 14) of rangeland to increase livestock forage production by 609 AUMs.

D. Lands

No sanitary landfills. Limit rights-of-way to existing facilities/localities.

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

E. Minerals

Open to mining and mineral leasing/sale. Continue use of the Nibbs Creek building stone site as a community use area.

F. Motorized Vehicle Management

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

G. Recreation

The area is a Special Recreation Management Area.

Upgrade campground and picnic facilities at Coe Creek and McClendon Spring.

Construct trail systems to accommodate horse, trailbike, hiking and cross-country ski use.

H. Wildlife

Provide 1,027 AUMs of forage for mule deer (See Appendix D).

Provide 162 AUMs of forage for antelope (See Appendix D).

The following wildlife management guidelines as identified in Appendix B, page 82 are applicable to this area: 2a; 5a-e; 6a-e; 8a,c-k; 9b-g; 11a-c,e,f.

I. Woodland Products

Harvest of woodland products on the 1/2 mile protective buffer (1,000 acres) around Coe Creek and McClendon Springs Campground will be limited to dead or downed trees.

J. Activity Plans

Prepare Allotment Management Plan (See Map 18):
North Cotterel
Continue South Cotterel Allotment Management Plan.
Prepare a South Cotterel Recreation Area Management Plan.
Prepare a Cotterel 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 12 - HIGHWAY UNIT - MODERATE

The Highway Unit (See Map 15) consists of 45,894 acres of public land. The area consists of a basaltic plain south of Lake Walcott. Elevation ranges from 4,400 feet along the southern edge of the unit to 4,200 feet at its northern edge, adjacent to the Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge. Vegetation in the area is primarily native grass and big sagebrush types with large areas of crested wheatgrass seedings. Antelope may be found on 33,304 acres of the area on a yearlong basis. The area also provides some habitat for pheasant and other upland game species. Eight grazing allotments are located in the unit, two of which are used only as buffer pastures for emergency needs.

The Oregon Trail, a National Historic Trail, crosses the unit south of Interstate 86 (Sub Area 12a). This segment, approximately seven miles long, has been identified for protection, preservation and interpretation.

Resource Management Objectives:

A. Improve 17,348 acres of poor and fair condition rangeland to good.

B. Provide 13,797 AUMs of forage for livestock (See Appendix C).

C. Provide yearlong forage for 80 mule deer.

D. Provide yearlong forage for 75 antelope.

E. Protect seven miles of Oregon Trail by restricting surface disturbing uses within a 330 foot buffer along each side of the trail (Sub Area 12a - 560 acres)(See Map 15).

F. Transfer 240 acres out of federal ownership via sale or other disposal method (See Map 19).

Required Actions:

A. Energy Resources
Open to leasing.

B. Fire Management
Limited suppression. Prescribed burning is allowed.

C. Grazing Management
Initial livestock use level is 12,602 AUMs (See Appendix C). Treat 1,988 acres (See Map 15) of rangeland to increase livestock forage production by 1,195 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 180 AUMs of forage for mule deer and 96 AUMs for antelope (See Appendix D). The following wildlife guidelines as identified in Appendix B, page 82 are applicable to this management area: 2a; 4a-d; 5a-e; 6a-e; 8a,c,e-i; 9b-d,g; 11a-c,e,f.

H. Activity Plans

Prepare three Allotment Management Plans (See Map 18):

- Highway Common
- Raft River
- Yale

Continue with Kunau Allotment Management Plan.

Prepare a Highway Unit Limited Suppression Fire Plan.

Prepare an Oregon Trail Management Plan.

SUB AREA 12a - LIMITED

Required Actions:

A. Energy Resources

Open to leasing subject to no surface occupancy within 330 feet on each side of the Oregon Trail.

B. Fire Management

Utilize non-ground disturbing fire suppression techniques such as wet-lining or backburning.

Fire rehab will be done by broadcast seeding using native plant species.

Prescribed burning excluded.

C. Grazing Management

Exclude range improvement projects such as drill seeding and pipelines. Permit rangeland seeding by broadcast means using native plant species.

D. Lands

Acquire, through appropriate means, the following parcels of land:

T. 10 S., R. 26 E., Sec. 23: N1/2NW1/4

T. 10 S., R. 27 E., Sec. 16: N1/2N1/2, S1/2NW1/4

E. Minerals

Closed to removal of mineral materials.

F. Motorized Vehicle Management

Protect and preserve the Oregon Trail by closing segments to motorized vehicles.

G. Recreation

The area is a Special Recreation Management Area.

H. Activity Plans

Prepare an Oregon Trail Management Plan.

MANAGEMENT AREA 13 - SUBLETT - MODERATE

This area (See Map 16) consists of 40,864 acres of public land. It includes lands adjacent to the Sublett Division, Sawtooth National Forest - Sublett/Meadow Creek area on the south, Eagle Point on the west, and Heglar Canyon/Badger Mountain on the north. North Chapin Mountain is also included in the unit. Elevation ranges from 6,717 feet on the Meadow Creek-Cold Spring Creek divide to 4,650 feet along the lower slopes of North Chapin Mountain. Sagebrush and native grass are the dominant vegetation types in the area, but significant acreages of juniper, species of mountain shrubs, and aspen communities are also found throughout the unit. There are 2,533 acres identified as woodland habitat. A limited amount (two acres) of wetland/riparian habitat has been identified in the unit. Mule deer are abundant in the area with 25,725 acres identified as winter range. An important mule deer migration route lies between summer habitat in the Sublett Range and winter range in the Black Pine Mountains. Sage grouse utilize 32,885 acres as general habitat with 3,481 acres identified as brood-rearing habitat. Hunting is the primary recreation use of the area with winter activities often originating in the unit before moving onto the National Forest. There are eleven grazing allotments in the management area.

Resource Management Objectives.:

A. Improve 24,674 acres of poor and fair condition rangeland to good.

B. Provide 7,177 AUMs of forage for livestock (See Appendix C).

C. Provide forage for the following mule deer by season of use: 1,751 spring; 1,751 summer; 1,751 fall; 635 winter; 1,600 deer for a two week period during both the spring and fall migration.

D. Provide yearlong forage for 6 antelope.

E. Maintain or improve 5,777 acres of crucial deer winter range and 3,481 acres of sage grouse brood-rearing habitat (See Map 16).

F. Transfer 160 acres out of federal ownership: 80 acres via private exchange and 80 acres via sale or other disposal method. Transfer 560 acres to the U.S. Forest Service (See Map 19).

Required Actions:

A. Energy Resources

Open to leasing subject to no exploration/development in crucial mule deer winter range from December 1st through March 31st and sage grouse strutting/brood-rearing habitat from April 1 through June 15.

B. Fire Management

Limited suppression. Prescribed burning is allowed.

C. Grazing Management

Initial livestock use level is 6,420 AUMs (See Appendix C). Treat 5,975 acres (See Map 16) of rangeland to increase livestock forage production by 757 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 3,243 AUMs of forage for mule deer and 8 AUMs for antelope (See Appendix D). The following wildlife guidelines as identified in Appendix B, page 82 are applicable to this management area: 2a; 3a-e; 8a-k; 9b-g; 11a-c,e,f.

H. Woodland Products

Harvest will be allowed so long as it does not remove more than 20% of the woodland cover on 32,427 acres within the deer migration routes.

I. Activity Plans

Prepare three Allotment Management Plans (See Map 18):

Shirley Creek
North Lake Fork
Meadow Creek

Continue implementing the Forest Service-BLM Coordinated Management Plan on Shirley Creek and North Lake Fork Allotments.
Continue with Point Allotment Management Plan.
Prepare a Habitat Management Plan.
Prepare a Limited Suppression Fire Plan.

MANAGEMENT AREA 14 - ISOLATED WILDLIFE TRACTS - LIMITED

This area (See Map 17) includes 3,965 acres scattered among 36 isolated tracts of public land managed for upland game habitat under the authority of the Sikes Act. The tracts are generally flat to gently rolling. A wide variety of vegetation occurs on the tracts, including annual grasses, big sagebrush and greasewood plant communities. These tracts provide important habitat for pheasant, Hungarian partridge, a wide variety of birds of prey and non-game birds. The principal uses of these tracts are for wildlife habitat, particularly wintering and nesting habitat, and hunting. Clean farming practices on adjacent private lands force wildlife to rely heavily on these isolated parcels for food and thermal cover during the critical winter period. Portions of several tracts are farmed under cooperative agreements which require that portions of farmed areas be left unharvested for wildlife habitat. Three tracts are grazed by livestock.

Resource Management Objectives:

A. Increase non-game and upland game wildlife populations by improving food, water and cover.

B. Provide 143 AUMs of forage for livestock (See Appendix C).

C. Provide yearlong forage for 26 mule deer.

Required Actions:

A. Energy Resources
Open to leasing.

B. Fire Management
Maximum suppression.

C. Grazing Management
Initial livestock use level is 138 AUMs (See Appendix C). Five AUMs will be accrued over the long term as a result of implementing a grazing system on one allotment.

D. Lands
Exclude future sanitary landfills. Maintain a withdrawal for vegetation research purposes on 40 acre tract located in T. 10 S., R. 22 E., Section 32: SE1/4SE1/4 (PLO 5507).

E. Minerals
Permit continued use of existing mineral material sites. Exclude new mineral material operations. Open to mining and mineral leasing.

F. Motorized Vehicle Management
All vehicles limited to existing roads and trails.

G. Recreation

Accommodate casual motorcycle use on the 20 acres of public land known as the Duncan Tract located in T. 10 S., R. 22 E., B.M. Section 31: SE1/2NE1/4SW1/4

H. Wildlife

Provide 590 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: 2a; 4a-d; 5a-3; 9a,b,f,g; 10a-d; 11a-g.

I. Activity Plans

Implement the Cassia-Twin Falls Isolated Tracts Habitat Management Plan.

CASSIA RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

					ENERGY RESOURCES				FIRE MNGT.			GRAZING MNGT.			LANDS			MINERALS						MOTORIZED VEHICLE MNGT.						RECRE-ATION		WATER-SHED		WILDLIFE HABITAT - PROTECT/IMPROVE							WOODL PROD.		
	NO.	MANAGEMENT AREA (OR SUB AREA)	CLASS	FEDERAL ACRES**	Open	Closed	Seasonal Closure ***	No Surface Occupancy ***	Limited Suppression	Maximum Suppression	Prescribed Burning	Grazing Excluded	Improvements Excluded	Treatments Excluded	Landfills Excluded	Rights-of-Way Excl/Restr	Withdraw - Gen. Land Laws	Leasables - Open	- Closed	Locatables - Open	- Closed	Salables - Open	- Closed	Wheeled - Open	- Closed	- Limited	Over Snow - Open	- Closed	- Limited	Facility Develop. Ident.	Special Designation	Flood Control Measures	Erosion Control Measures	Mule Deer - Cruc. Winter	- All Winter	Antelope	Sage Grouse - Crucial*	Sage Grouse - All Hab.	Pheasant	Ferruginous Hawk	Open to Harvest	Restricted Harvest	TRANSFER ACREAGE
A	1	MILNER	MOD	2,055				2,045		●									●		●		●			●			●		●							●					
	2	FOOTHILLS	MOD	48,394			15,000	200	●		●							●		●		●		●				●					●	●			●				●		520
B	3	WEST GOOSE CREEK	MOD	27,268			10,000		●		●							●		●		●				●	●					●	●	●							●		200
	4	MIDDLE MOUNTAIN	MOD	40,608			7,000		●		●							●		●		●				●	●						●	●			●				●		3,399
C	4a	OAKLEY WATER SUPPLY	LIM	480					●		●							●		●		●			●			●						●			●					●	
	5	ADMINISTRATIVE SITE	INT	19				19		●									●		●		●	●			●																
	6	EAST HILLS	MOD	3,711	●					●								●		●		●		●			●														●		200
D	7	ALBION	MOD	21,300			2,000			●	●							●		●		●		●					●					●			●					●	720
E	8	CITY OF ROCKS	MOD	17,877			7,500	2,000		●	●							●		●			●			●			●				●	●			●					●	120
F	8a	PINYON PINE AREA	MOD	1,015			400	100		●				●	●	●		●		●		●				●			●				●	●			●					●	
G	8b	CITY OF ROCKS CORE	LIM	1,628			200	1,628		●			●	●	●	●		●		●		●				●			●	●	●		●	●			●					●	
	9	RAFT RIVER VALLEY	MOD	106,684			500			●	●							●		●		●		●			●						●							●	●		5,383
	9a	POINT SPRINGS	MOD	8,227						●	●							●		●		●				●	●						●							●			
H	9b	CRITICAL FLOODPLAINS	LIM	2,000				2,000		●					●			●		●			●			●	●					●	●							●			
I	10	JIM SAGE	MOD	76,567			23,000		●		●							●		●		●				●	●			●	●			●			●			●		●	280
J	11	COTTEREL MOUNTAIN	MOD	40,967			7,000		●		●				●	●		●		●		●				●	●			●	●		●	●			●			●		●	440
	12	HIGHWAY UNIT	MOD	45,894	●				●		●							●		●		●		●			●																240
K	12a	OREGON TRAIL	LIM	550				560	●				●	●				●		●			●			●			●		●												
L	13	SUBLETT	MOD	40,864			7,000		●		●							●		●		●		●			●							●			●					●	160
M	14	ISOLATED WILDLIFE TRACTS	LIM	3,965	●					●					●			●		●		●				●			●										●		●		

* Crucial sage grouse habitat includes strutting, brood-rearing, and winter use areas.
** Sub Area acreage is included in total acreage for the Management Area.
***Acres.

A. Area is designated as a Special Recreation Management Area. Maintain the Classification and Multiple Use classification.

B. Provide for extensive cultural resource research and inventory.

C. Restrict surface disturbance within 200 feet of wetland areas. Utilize structural means to protect the Oakley City water supply.

D. 4,062 acres in deer migration routes restricted for harvest of woodland products.

E. 5,012 acres in deer migration routes restricted for harvest of woodland products.

F. Open to annual harvest of 260 pinyon Christmas trees and to harvest of dead or down juniper.

G. Area is designated as a Special Recreation Management Area. Consolidate land ownership to facilitate management.

H. No new roads. All activities designed or managed to minimize sedimentation and drainage failure and to protect floodplain functions.

I. Area above 6,000 feet elevation (11,227 acres) is designated as a Special Recreation Management Area. This area has restricted harvest of woodland products. Management is directed toward preservation of scenic and natural qualities.

J. Area is designated as a Special Recreation Management Area. Maximum suppression on 18,000 acres. Limited suppression on 22,967 acres. 1,000 acres have restricted harvest of woodland products at developed campgrounds.

K. No ground disturbing activities permitted. Acquire State and private lands along the trail. A Special Recreation Management Area.

L. 22,422 acres in deer migration routes have restricted harvest of woodland products.

M. Accommodate casual motorcycle use on the Duncan Tract, SE$\frac{1}{4}$NE$\frac{1}{4}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, T. 10 S., R. 22 E., B.M. (20 Acres). Permit continued use of mineral material sites, but exclude new operations or sites.

N. Within Management Areas 9,10, and 11, protect ferruginous nests between March 1st and July 15th by prohibiting activity within the shorter of the following two distances: 2,000 feet or the visible range of active nest sites.