

## GLOSSARY

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**ACQUIRED LANDS.** Acquired lands, as distinguished from public lands, are those lands in federal ownership which have been obtained by the Government by purchase, condemnation, or gift, or by exchange for such purchased, condemned or donated lands, or for timber on such lands.

**ACTIVITY PLAN.** A document that describes management objectives, actions, and projects to implement decisions of the RMP or other planning documents. Usually prepared for one or more resources in a specific area.

**ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT.** A type of natural resource management in which decisions are made as part of an ongoing science-based process. Adaptive management involves testing, monitoring, and evaluating applied strategies, and incorporating new knowledge into management approaches that are based on scientific findings and the needs of society. Results are used to modify management policy, strategies, and practices.

**AIR QUALITY CLASSES.** Classifications established under the Prevention of Significant Deterioration portion of the Clean Air Act, which limits the amount of air pollution considered significant within an area. Class I applies to areas where almost any change in air quality would be significant; Class II applies to areas where the deterioration normally accompanying moderate well-controlled growth would be insignificant; and Class III applies to areas where industrial deterioration would generally be insignificant.

**AIRSHED.** A geographical area in which atmospheric characteristics are similar, such as mixing height and transport winds (Montana/Idaho Airshed Group 2005).

**ALLOTMENT.** An area of land where one or more operators graze their livestock. It generally consists of public lands but may include parcels of private or state-owned lands. The number of livestock and period of use are stipulated for each allotment.

**ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN.** A concisely written program of livestock grazing management, including supportive measures if required, designed to attain specific, multiple-use management goals in a grazing allotment.

**ALLOWABLE CUT.** The amount of timber, which can be harvested on an annual or decadal basis consistent with the principle of sustained yield. The allowable cut includes all planned timber harvest volumes exclusive of such products as Christmas trees, branches, and cones.

**ALLOWABLE SALE QUANTITY (ASQ).** The quantity of timber that may be sold from an area covered by a land management plan during a period specified by the plan, usually expressed as the average annual allowable sale quantity.

**ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE.** A motorized vehicle that is less than 50 inches in width and is capable of operating on roads, trails, or designed areas that are not maintained.

**ALLUVIAL SOIL.** A soil developing from recently deposited alluvium and exhibiting essentially no horizon development or modification of the recently deposited materials.

**ALLUVIUM.** Clay, silt, sand, gravel, or other rock materials transported by moving water. Deposited in comparatively recent geologic time as sorted or semi-sorted sediment in rivers, floodplains, lakes, and shores, and in fans at the base of mountain slopes.

**AMBIENT AIR QUALITY.** The state of the atmosphere at ground level as defined by the range of measured and/or predicted ambient concentrations of all significant pollutants for all averaging periods of interest.

**AMBIENT NOISE.** The all-encompassing noise level associated with a given environment, being a composite of sounds from all sources.

**ANIMAL UNIT MONTH (AUM).** The amount of forage necessary to sustain one cow or its equivalent for a period of one month.

**AQUATIC.** Living or growing in or on the water.

**AREA OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN (ACEC).** An area established through the planning process as provided in FLPMA where special management attention is required (when such areas are developed or used or where no development is required) to protect and prevent irreparable damage to important historic, cultural, or scenic values; or to fish and wildlife resources or other natural systems or processes; or to protect life and afford safety from natural hazards.

**ATTAINMENT AREA.** A geographic area in which levels of a criteria air pollutant meet the health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standard for that specific pollutant.

**ATTENUATION.** The reduction of sound intensity and energy as a function of distance traveled.

**BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP).** A practice or usually a combination of practices that are determined by a State or a designated planning agency to be the most effective and practicable means (including technological, economic, and institutional considerations) of controlling point and nonpoint source pollutants at levels compatible with environmental quality goals.

**BIG GAME.** Larger species of wildlife that are hunted, such as elk, deer, bighorn sheep, and pronghorn antelope.

**BIODIVERSITY (BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY).** The variety of life and its processes, and the interrelationships within and among various levels of ecological organization. Conservation, protection, and restoration of biological species and genetic diversity are needed to sustain the health of existing biological systems. Federal resource management agencies must examine the implications of management actions and development decisions on regional and local biodiversity.

**BIOLOGICAL OPINION.** A document prepared by US Fish and Wildlife Service stating their opinion as to whether or not a federal action will likely jeopardize the continued existence or adversely modify the habitat of a listed threatened or endangered species.

**BURNED AREA REHABILITATION.** Efforts undertaken within three years of containment of a wildfire to repair or improve fire-damaged lands unlikely to recover naturally to management approved conditions, or to repair or replace minor facilities damaged by fire.

**CANDIDATE SPECIES.** Any species not yet officially listed but which are undergoing a status review or are proposed for listing according to Federal Register notices published by the Secretary of the Interior of the Secretary of Commerce.

**CHEMICAL VEGETATION TREATMENT:** Application of herbicides to control invasive species/noxious weeds and/or unwanted vegetation. To meet resource objectives the preponderance of chemical treatments would be used in areas where cheatgrass or noxious weeds have invaded sagebrush steppe. In these areas, fine fuel loads are extremely high due to cheatgrass dominance of the understory. The effectiveness of chemical treatments increases if they are applied following prescribed or wildland fire.

**CONCESSION LEASES.** Authorize the operation of recreation-oriented services and facilities by the private sector, on BLM-administered lands, in support of BLM recreation programs. The concessionaire is authorized through a concession lease administered on a regular basis. The lease requires the concessionaire to pay fees to the BLM in exchange for the opportunity to carry out business activity. BLM Handbook H-2930-1, Recreation Permit Administration, provides consistent and explicit direction to supplement the Recreation Permit Administration Manual 2930 and regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2930.

**CONSERVATION WATERSHED.** Conservation watersheds have watershed processes and functions that occur in a relatively undisturbed and natural landscape setting. Generally, the majority of ownership in the watershed or subwatershed is comprised of BLM, Forest Service, or Idaho Department of Fish and Game lands, or is based on the fisheries value and miles of stream flowing across BLM lands.

**CRITERIA POLLUTANT.** The US EPA uses six “criteria pollutants” as indicators of air quality, and has established for each of them a maximum concentration above which adverse effects on human health may occur. These threshold concentrations are called National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The criteria pollutants are ozone, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter and lead.

**CRUCIAL WINTER RANGE.** A BLM definition that applies to elk and mule deer comprised of areas defined by Idaho Department of Fish and Game as “winter concentration areas” and “severe winter range:”

- **Winter Concentration Area:** That part of winter range where densities are at least 200 percent greater than the surrounding winter range density during the same period used to define winter range in the average five winters out of ten.
- **Severe Winter Range:** That part of the overall range where 90 percent of the individuals are located when the annual snowpack is at its maximum and/or temperatures are at a minimum in the two worst winters out of ten.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES.** Locations of human activity, occupation, or use. Cultural resources include archaeological, historic, or architectural sites, structures, or places with important public and scientific uses, and locations of traditional cultural or religious importance to specified social and/or cultural groups.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY.** An inventory to assess the potential presence of cultural resources. There are three classes of surveys:

- **Class I.** An existing data survey. This is an inventory of a study area to (1) provide a narrative overview of cultural resources by using existing information, and (2) compile existing cultural resources site record data on which to base the development of the BLM's site record system.
- **Class II.** A sampling field inventory designed to locate, from surface and exposed profile indications, all cultural resource sites within a portion of an area so that an estimate can be made of the cultural resources for the entire area.
- **Class III.** An intensive field inventory designed to locate, from surface and exposed profile indications, all cultural resource sites in an area. Upon its completion, no further cultural resources inventory work is normally needed.

**CUMULATIVE EFFECTS.** The direct and indirect effects of a proposed project alternative's incremental impacts when they are added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable actions, regardless of who carries out the action.

**DESIGNATED ROUTES.** Specific routes (including roads and trails) identified by the BLM in Limited areas where some type of motorized vehicle use is appropriate and allowed either seasonally or yearlong.

**DESIRED FUTURE CONDITION (DFC).** For rangeland vegetation, the condition of rangeland resources on a landscape scale that meet management objectives. It is based on ecological, social, and economic considerations during the land planning process. It is usually expressed as ecological status or management status of vegetation (species composition, habitat diversity, and age and size class of species) and desired soil qualities (soil cover, erosion, and compaction). In a general context, desired future condition is a portrayal of the land or resource conditions that are expected to result if goals and objectives are fully achieved.

**DIVERSITY.** The relative abundance of wildlife species, plant species, communities, habitats, or habitat features per unit of area.

**EASEMENT.** Right afforded 'a person or agency to make limited use of another's real property for access or other purposes.

**ELIGIBLE RIVER SEGMENT.** A section of a river that qualifies for inclusion into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System through determination that it is free-flowing and with its adjacent land area possessing at least one river-related value considered to be outstandingly remarkable.

**EMERGENCY STABILIZATION.** Planned actions to stabilize and prevent unacceptable degradation to natural and cultural resources, to minimize threats to life or property resulting from the effects of a fire, or to repair/replace/construct physical improvements necessary to prevent degradation of land or resources. Emergency stabilization actions must be taken within one year following containment of a wildfire.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES.** Any species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT.** A concise public document prepared to provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining whether to prepare an environmental impact statement or a finding of no significant impact. It includes a brief discussion of the need for the proposal, alternatives considered, environmental impact of the proposed action and alternatives, and a list of agencies and individuals consulted.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS).** A formal public document prepared to analyze the impacts on the environment of a proposed project or action and released for comment and review. An EIS must meet the requirements of NEPA, CEQ guidelines, and directives of the agency responsible for the proposed project or action.

**EXISTING ROUTES.** The roads, trails, or ways that are used by motorized vehicles (jeeps, all-terrain vehicles, motorized dirt bikes, etc.), mechanized uses (mountain bikes, wheelbarrows, game carts), pedestrians (hikers), and/or equestrians (horseback riders) and are, to the best of BLM's knowledge, in existence at the time of RMP/EIS publication.

**FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976 (FLPMA).** Public Law 94-579 signed by the President on October 21, 1976. Establishes public land policy for management of lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management. FLPMA specifies several 'key directions for the Bureau, 'notably (1) management be on the basis of multiple-use and sustained yield, (2) land use plans be prepared to guide management actions, (3) public lands be managed for the protection, development, and enhancement of resources, (4) public lands be retained in federal ownership, and (5) public participation be utilized in reaching management decisions.

**FIRE REGIME CONDITION CLASS (FRCC).** A classification of a vegetation communities' variance or departure from historic fire conditions. Fire Condition Classes can be: (1) Fire Condition Class 1, representing low departure from historic fire regime; (2) Fire Condition Class 2, representing moderate departure from historic fire regime; or (3) Fire Condition Class 3, representing high departure from historic fire regime.

**FORAGE.** All browse and herbaceous foods that are available to grazing animals.

**FOREST HEALTH.** [The condition in which forest ecosystems sustain sufficient complexity, diversity, resiliency, and productivity to provide for specified human needs and values.](#)

**FUNCTIONAL AT RISK.** [Riparian-wetland areas that are in functional condition, but an existing soil, water, or vegetation attribute makes them susceptible to degradation.](#)

**GRAZING PREFERENCE.** The total number of animal unit months of livestock use on public lands apportioned and attached to base property owned or controlled by a permittee. Some of the total grazing preference may have been suspended in past administrative actions. That portion of the grazing preference that is not suspended is the active grazing preference.

**GRAZING SYSTEM.** Scheduled grazing use and non-use of an allotment to reach identified goals or objectives by improving the quality and quantity of vegetation.

**HABITAT.** A specific set of physical conditions that surround a single species, a group of species, or a large community. In wildlife management, the major components of habitat are considered to be food, water, cover, and living space.

**HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN (HMP).** A written and approved activity plan for a geographical area which identifies habitat management activities to be implemented in achieving specific objectives of planning decisions.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIAL.** A substance, pollutant, or contaminant that, due to its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, poses a potential hazard to human health and safety or to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment.

**HISTORIC RANGE OF VARIABILITY (HRV).** The range of conditions that are likely to have occurred prior to settlement of the project area by Euro-Americans (approximately the mid-1800's) which would have varied within certain limits over time.

**IMPACT.** The effect, influence, alteration, or imprint caused by an action.

**IMPAIRMENT.** The degree to which a distance of clear visibility is degraded by man-made pollutants.

**INVERTEBRATE.** An animal lacking a backbone or spinal column.

**LAND TREATMENT.** All methods of artificial range improvement arid soil stabilization such as reseeded, brush control (chemical and mechanical), pitting, furrowing, water spreading, etc.

**LEASABLE MINERALS.** Those minerals or materials designated as leasable under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920. They include coal, phosphate, asphalt, sulphur, potassium and sodium minerals, and oil and gas. Geothermal resources are also leasable under the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970.

**LENTIC.** Pertaining to standing water such as lakes and ponds.

**LITHIC SITE.** An archaeological site containing debris left from the manufacture, use, or maintenance of flaked stone tools.

**LOCATABLE MINERALS.** Minerals or materials subject to claim and development under the Mining Law of 1872, as amended. Generally includes metallic minerals such as gold and silver, and other materials not subject to lease or sale (some bentonites, limestone, talc, some zeolites, etc.). Whether or not a particular mineral deposit is locatable depends on such factors as quality, quantity, mineability, demand, and marketability.

**LONG-TERM EFFECT.** The effect could occur for an extended period after implementation of the alternative. The effect could last several years or more.

**MECHANICAL VEGETATION TREATMENT.** Includes mowing, chaining, chopping, drill seeding, and cutting vegetation to meet resource objective. Mechanical treatments generally occur in areas where fuel loads or invasive species need to be reduced prior to prescribed fire application; when fire risk to resources is too great to use naturally started wildland fires or prescribed fires; or where opportunities exist for biomass utilization or timber harvest.

**MECHANIZED USES.** Equipment that is mechanized, including but not limited to mountain bikes, wheelbarrows, and game carts.

**MINERAL ENTRY.** Claiming public lands (administered by the BLM) under the Mining Law of 1872 for the purpose of exploiting minerals. May also refer to mineral exploration and development under the mineral leasing laws and the Material Sale Act of 1947.

**MINERAL MATERIALS.** Common varieties of sand, building stone, gravel, clay, moss rock, etc., obtainable under the Minerals Act of 1947, as amended.

**MINING LAW OF 1872.** Provides for claiming and gaining title to locatable minerals on public lands. Also referred to as the “General Mining Laws” or “Mining Laws.”

**MITIGATION.** Alleviation or lessening of possible adverse effects on a resource by applying appropriate protective measures or adequate scientific study. Mitigation may be achieved by avoidance, minimization, rectification, reduction, and compensation.

**MOTORIZED VEHICLES OR USES.** Vehicles that are motorized, including but not limited to jeeps, all-terrain vehicles (all-terrain vehicles, such as four-wheelers and three-wheelers), and trail motorcycles or dirt bikes.

**MULTIPLE-USE.** Management of the various surface and subsurface resources so that they are jointly utilized in the manner that will best meet the present and future needs of the public, without permanent impairment of the productivity of the land or the quality of the environment.

**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1969 (NEPA).** Public Law 91-190. Establishes environmental policy for the nation. Among other items, NEPA requires federal agencies to consider environmental values in decision-making processes.

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.** A listing of architectural, historical, archaeological, and cultural sites of local, state, or national significance, established by the Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and maintained by the National Park Service.

**NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM (NWSRS).** Rivers with outstanding scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values designated by Congress under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of October 2, 1968 for preservation of their free-flowing condition.

**NATURALNESS.** Refers to an area that “generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with, the imprint of man’s work substantially unnoticeable” (Set 2[c] of the Wilderness Act of 1964).

**NONFUNCTIONAL.** [Riparian-wetland areas that are not providing adequate vegetation, landform, or large woody debris to dissipate stream energy associated with high flows, and thus are not reducing erosion, improving water quality, etc.](#)

**OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE/OFF-ROAD VEHICLE (OHV).** A general term referring to any motorized vehicle capable of or designed for operating on unmaintained natural terrain, roads,

and/or trails (i.e., capable of operating off maintained roads and trails). These include but are not limited to motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, dune buggies, and four-wheel-drive vehicles.

**OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AREA DESIGNATIONS.** BLM-administered lands in the CFO are designated as Open, Limited, or Closed for OHV use.

- **Open.** Designated areas where all types of motorized vehicles (jeeps, all-terrain vehicles, motorized dirt bikes, etc.) are permitted at all times, anywhere in the area, on roads or cross country, subject to the operating regulations and vehicle standards set forth in 43 CFR subparts 8341 and 8342.
- **Limited.** Designated areas where motorized vehicles are restricted to designated routes. Off-road, cross-country travel is prohibited in Limited areas, unless an area is specifically identified as an area where cross-country over-snow travel is allowed. Some existing routes may be closed in Limited areas.
- **Closed.** Designated areas where off-road motorized vehicle travel is prohibited yearlong. Emergency use of vehicles is allowed yearlong.

**OVERSTORY.** That portion of a plant community consisting of the taller plants on the site; the forest or woodland canopy.

**OZONE.** One of the six “criteria” pollutants for which the US EPA established National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

**PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES.** The physical remains or other physical evidence of plants and animals preserved in soils and sedimentary rock formations. Paleontological resources are important for correlating and dating rock strata and for understanding past environments, environmental change, and the evolution of life.

**PARTICULATE MATTER (PM).** One of the six “criteria” pollutants for which the US EPA established National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Particulate matter is defined as two categories, fine particulates, with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 micrometers (PM<sub>10</sub>) or less, and fine particulates with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5 micrometers or less (PM<sub>2.5</sub>).

**PASSENGER VEHICLE.** Two-wheel-drive, low-clearance vehicles.

**PATENT.** A grant made to an individual or group conveying fee simple title to selected public lands.

**PATENTED CLAIM.** A claim on which title has passed from the federal government to the mining claimant under the Mining Law of 1872.

**PLANNING AREA.** The geographical area for which land use and resource management plans are developed and maintained. The CFO boundary defines the planning area assessed in this RMP. The planning area encompasses 8,841,193 acres in Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis, Idaho, and Adams Counties of northern Idaho. The BLM administers about 1.6 percent, or 143,826 acres, of the planning area.

**PLANNING ISSUES.** Concerns, conflicts, and problems with the existing management of public lands. Frequently, issues are based on how land uses affect resources. Some issues are concerned with how land uses can affect other land uses, or how the protection of resources affects land uses.

**POTENTIAL VEGETATION GROUP (PVG).** Potential vegetation types grouped on the basis of a similar general moisture or temperature environment.

**PRESCRIBED FIRE TREATMENTS.** A pre-planned, management-ignited fire designed to meet specific resource objectives, such as reducing fuel loads, preparing a site for chemical treatment or seeding, or promoting vegetation regeneration. Prescribed fires are useful for reducing fuel loads and providing or promoting vegetation regeneration. Prescribed fires can be performed anywhere that specific fire prescriptions can be met and fire risks to resources are mitigated after site-specific planning and NEPA analysis.

**PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED RECREATION.** Nonmotorized and undeveloped types of outdoor recreation.

**PRIMITIVE ROAD.** A linear route managed for use by four-wheel drive or high-clearance vehicles. These routes do not normally meet any BLM road design standards.

**PROPER FUNCTIONING CONDITION (PFC).** Riparian-wetlands function properly when adequate vegetation, landform, or large woody debris is present to dissipate stream energy associated with high water flows. The functioning condition of these areas is influenced by geomorphic features, soil, water and vegetation.

**PROBABLE SALE QUANTITY (PSQ).** The PSQ is the amount of timber, measured in thousand board feet (MBF), that could be produced on BLM lands where commercial forest uses are considered appropriate. Calculations are based on species, growth, mortality, land base, and sustainability. The PSQ does not include volume removed for other purposes from other areas (such as recreation sites where hazard trees are removed). The PSQ also is not a commitment to offer for sale a specific level of timber volume.

**PUBLIC LAND.** Any land and interest in land (outside of Alaska) owned by the US and administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the BLM.

**RAPTOR.** Bird of prey with sharp talons and strongly curved beaks, e.g. hawks, owls, vultures, eagles.

**RECLAMATION.** Returning disturbed lands to a form and productivity that will be ecologically balanced and in conformity with a predetermined land management plan.

**RECREATION OPPORTUNITY SPECTRUM (ROS).** A land delineation system commonly used by federal land management agencies to address the need for a range of recreational opportunities within the planning area.

**RECREATION USE PERMITS.** Authorizations for use of developed facilities that meet the fee criteria established by the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1964, as amended or subsequent authority (such as the pilot fee demonstration program). Recreation Use Permits are issued to

ensure that US residents receive a fair and equitable return for the use of those facilities to help recover the cost of construction, operation, maintenance, and management of the permits.

**RESEARCH NATURAL AREA (RNA).** A land management status which reserves the area for uses that are compatible with the resource of interest and research for which the area was designated.

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMP).** A land use plan that establishes multiple-use guidelines, and management objectives for a given planning area.

**RESTORATION.** The continuation of rehabilitation beyond the initial three years or the repair or replacement of major facilities damaged by the fire. Restoration activities must be funded through sources other than the emergency stabilization and restoration subactivities.

**RESTORATION WATERSHED.** Restoration watersheds are identified because biological and physical processes and functions do not reflect natural conditions because of past and long-term land disturbances. Generally, the majority of ownership in the watershed or subwatershed is comprised of BLM, Forest Service, or Idaho Department of Fish and Game lands, or is based on the fisheries value and miles of stream flowing across BLM lands.

**RESTORE.** [To bring back to a former or original or specific desired condition or appearance.](#)

**RETARD.** Measureably slow attainment of any identified objective level that is worse than the objective standard. Degradation of the physical/biological process or conditions that determine objective standards would be considered to retard attainment of specific objective standard.

**RIPARIAN.** Situated on or pertaining to the bank of a river, stream, or other body of water. Normally describes plants of all types that grow rooted in the, water table or sub-irrigation zone of streams, ponds, and springs.

**RIPARIAN/AQUATIC SYSTEM.** Interacting system between aquatic and terrestrial situations. Identified by a stream channel and distinctive vegetation that requires or tolerates free or unbound water.

**RIPARIAN ZONE.** An area one-quarter mile wide encompassing riparian and adjacent vegetation.

**ROAD.** A linear route declared a road by the owner, managed for use by low-clearance vehicles having four or more wheels, and maintained for regular and continuous use.

**ROADLESS.** Refers to the absence of roads that have been constructed and maintained by mechanical means to ensure regular and continuous use.

**ROUTES.** A combination of roads, trails, or ways that are used by motorized vehicles (jeeps, all-terrain vehicles, motorized dirt bikes, etc.), mechanized uses (mountain bikes, wheelbarrows, game carts), pedestrians (hikers), and/or equestrians (horseback riders).

**SALINITY.** Refers to the solids such as sodium chloride (table salt) and alkali metals that are dissolved in water.

**SCOPING PROCESS.** An early and open public participation process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action.

**SEEDING.** Seeding is a vegetation treatment that includes the application of grass, forb, or shrub seed, either aerially or from the ground. In areas of gentle terrain, ground applications of seed are often accomplished with a rangeland drill. Seeding allows the establishment of native species or placeholder species and restoration of disturbed areas to a perennial-dominated cover type, thereby decreasing the risk of subsequent invasion by exotic plant species. Seeding would be used primarily as a follow-up treatment in areas where disturbance or the previously described treatments have removed exotic plant species and their residue.

**SHORT-TERM EFFECT.** The effect occurs only during or immediately after implementation of the alternative.

**SOLITUDE.** The state of being alone or remote from habitations; isolation. A lonely or secluded place. Factors contributing to opportunities for solitude may include size, natural screening, topographic relief, vistas, physiographic variety, and the ability of the user to find a secluded spot.

**SPECIAL RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA (SRMA).** BLM administrative units established to direct recreation program priorities, including the allocation of funding and personnel, to those public lands where a commitment has been made to provide specific recreation activity and experience opportunities on a sustained yield basis. These areas usually require a high level of recreation investment and/or management.

**SPECIAL RECREATION PERMITS.** Authorizations that allow for recreational uses of public lands and related waters. Issued as a means to control visitor use, protect recreational and natural resources, and provide for the health and safety of visitors. Commercial Special Recreation Permits also are issued as a mechanism to provide a fair return for the commercial use of public lands.

**SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES.** BLM sensitive species are designated by the State Director under 16 US Code 1536(a)(2). Sensitive species are managed so they would not need to be listed as proposed, threatened, or endangered species. They are given the same level of protection as candidate species (BLM Manual 6840).

**SPLIT ESTATE.** Lands on which the mineral estate remains with the federal government (BLM).

**STATIONARY SOURCE.** Refers to a stationary source of emissions. Prevention of Significant Deterioration permits are required for major new stationary sources of emissions that emit 100 tons or more per year of Carbon Monoxide, Sulphur Dioxide, Nitrogen Dioxide, Ozone, or particulate matter.

**SUITABLE RIVER.** A river segment found, through administrative study by an appropriate agency, to meet the criteria for designation as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system, specified in Section 4(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

**SUSTAINED YIELD.** The achievement and maintenance in perpetuity of a high-level annual or regular periodic output of the various renewable resources of the public lands consistent with multiple use.

**TERRESTRIAL.** Living or growing in or on the land.

**THREATENED SPECIES.** Any species or significant population of that species likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range. Usually includes only those species that have been recognized and listed as threatened by federal and state governments, but may include species categorized as rare, very rare, or depleted

**TIMBER.** Standing trees, downed trees, or logs which are capable of being measured in board feet.

**TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS.** Salt, or an aggregate of carbonates, bicarbonates, chlorides, sulfates, phosphates, and nitrates of calcium, magnesium, manganese, sodium, potassium, and other cations that form salts.

**TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL).** A calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards, and an allocation of that amount to the pollutant's sources.

**TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES.** A cultural property that is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places because of its association with a living community's cultural practices or beliefs that: (a) are rooted in that community's history; and (b) are important in maintaining the community's continuing cultural identity.

**TRADITIONAL USE.** Longstanding, socially conveyed, customary patterns of thought, cultural expression, and behavior, such as religious beliefs and practices, social customs, and land or resource uses. Traditions are shared generally within a social and/or cultural group and span generations. Usually traditional uses are reserved rights resulting from treaty and/or agreements with Native American groups.

**TRAIL.** A linear route managed for human-power (e.g., hiking or bicycling), stock (e.g., equestrian), or off-highway vehicle forms of transportation or for historical or heritage values. Trails are not generally managed for use by four-wheel drive or high-clearance vehicles.

**TRESPASS.** Any unauthorized use of public land.

**UNDERSTORY.** That portion of a plant community growing underneath the taller plants on the site.

**UNIQUE PLANT ASSOCIATIONS.** Plant communities which (1) occur only in Idaho, (2) are common elsewhere but are represented by only a few occurrences in Idaho, (3) could easily be eliminated from Idaho, or (4) are considered to be in their natural state.

**UTILITY CORRIDOR.** Tract of land varying in width forming passageway through which various commodities such as oil, gas, and electricity are transported.

**VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.** Legal interests that attach to a land or mineral estate that cannot be divested from the estate until that interest expires or is relinquished.

**VEGETATION MANIPULATION.** Planned alteration of vegetation communities through use of mechanical, chemical, seeding and or prescribed fire or wildland fire use to achieve desired resource objectives.

**VEGETATION TREATMENT METHODS.** There are five types of vegetation treatments that may be used: wildland fire use, prescribed fire treatments, chemical, mechanical, and seeding.

**VEGETATION TYPE.** A plant community with immediately distinguishable characteristics based upon and named after the apparent dominant plant species.

**VERTEBRATE.** An animal having a backbone or spinal column.

**VIEWSHED.** The panorama from a given viewpoint that encompasses the visual landscape, including everything visible within a 360-degree radius.

**VISITOR DAY.** A visitor day represents one person using BLM-managed lands for all or part of one day. For example, if one person spent one night camping on public lands, it is counted as two visitor days.

**VISUAL RESOURCES.** The visible physical features on a landscape, (topography, water, vegetation, animals, structure-s, and other features) that comprise die scenery of the area.

**VISUAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (VRM).** The inventory and planning actions taken to identify visual resource values and to establish objectives for managing those values, and the management actions taken to achieve the visual resource management objectives.

**VISUAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CLASSES.** VRM classes identify the degree of acceptable visual change within a characteristic landscape. A classification is assigned to public lands based on the guidelines established for scenic quality, visual sensitivity, and visibility.

- **VRM Class I.** This classification preserves the existing characteristic landscape and allows for natural ecological changes only. Includes Congressionally authorized areas (wilderness) and areas approved through the RMP where landscape modification activities should be restricted.
- **VRM Class II.** This classification retains the existing characteristic landscape. The level of change in any of the basic landscape elements due to management activities should be low and not evident.
- **VRM Class III.** This classification partially retains the existing characteristic landscape. The level of change in any of the basic landscape elements due to management activities may be moderate and -evident.
- **VRM Class IV.** This classification provides for major modifications of the characteristic landscape. The level of change in the basic landscape elements due to management activities can be high. Such activities may dominate the landscape and be the major focus of viewer attention.
- **VRM Class V.** This classification applies to areas where the characteristic landscape has been so disturbed that rehabilitation is needed. Generally considered an interim short-term classification until rehabilitation or enhancement is completed.

**VISUAL SENSITIVITY.** Visual sensitivity levels are a measure of public concern for scenic quality and existing or proposed visual change.

**WATERSHED.** Topographical region or area delineated by water draining to a particular watercourse or body of water.

**WATERSHED CONDITION INDICATORS.** An integrated suite of aquatic, riparian, and hydrologic condition measures that are intended to be used at the watershed scale.

**WILDERNESS.** An area formally designated by Congress as a part of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

**WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS.** Identified by Congress in the Wilderness Act of 1964, namely, size, naturalness, outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation, and supplemental values such as geological, archaeological, historical, ecological, scenic, or other features.

**WILDLAND FIRE.** Any wildland fire that requires a suppression response. A prescribed burn may be declared a wildfire if part of it escapes from the control line or if weather conditions deteriorate and become unacceptable, as described in the burning plan.

**WILDLAND FIRE USE.** A vegetation treatment that involves taking advantage of a naturally-ignited wildland fire in an area where fire would benefit resources. Wildland fire use would be conducted in specific areas needing treatment after a site-specific plan and NEPA analysis are completed and only if predetermined prescriptive parameters (e.g., weather/fire behavior) can be met. Until this planning and NEPA analysis are accomplished, wildland fires would be suppressed using an appropriate management response.

**WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE (WUI):** The line, area or zone where structures and other human development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland or vegetative fuels.

**WINTER RANGE.** An Idaho Department of Fish and Game definition that applies to elk and mule deer. That part of the overall range where 90 percent of the individuals are located during the average five winters out of ten from the first heavy snowfall to spring green-up, or during a site-specific period of winter.

**WITHDRAWAL.** An action that restricts the use of public land and segregates the land from the operation of some or all of the public land and mineral laws. Withdrawals are also used to transfer jurisdiction of management of public lands to other federal agencies.