MONUMENT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN DECISION MAP

This map portrays the land management decisions contained in the Monument RMP in visual form and presents a brief description of the decisions. It is intended to be a useful reference for members of the public wanting information about resource management in the Monument Planning Area. It is not intended to present a detailed discussion of the RMP decisions. For details, please refer to the Monument RMP or ask members of the BLM staff.

I hope you find this document easy to use and informative.

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LOCATION MAP

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Monument Planning Area encompasses 2,059,441 acres north of the Snake River in southcentral Idaho. It includes all of Jerome and Minidoka counties and portions of Gooding, Lincoln, Blaine, Butte, and Power counties. The area is generally bounded by Bliss on the west, American Falls on the east, the Snake River on the south, and Craters of the Moon National Monument on the north. Of the 2,059,441 acres, 57 percent (1,178,989 acres) is public land administered by BLM, 2 percent (39,576 acres) is public land administered by other Federal agencies, 3 percent (65,932 acres) is land belonging to the State of Idaho, and 38 percent (774,944 acres) is privately owned land.

The planning area is divided among three resource areas in two BLM districts. In the Shoshone District, the Bennett Hills Resource Area contains 179,926 acres of public land administered by BLM west of the Gooding-Milner Canal, and the Monument Resource Area contains 744,682 acres. In the Burley District, the Snake River Resource Area contains 254,381 acres of BLM-administered public lands. These figures differ from the ones in the EIS for the Monument RMP because of a boundary change effective January 6, 1986.

MULTIPLE USE AND TRANSFER AREAS

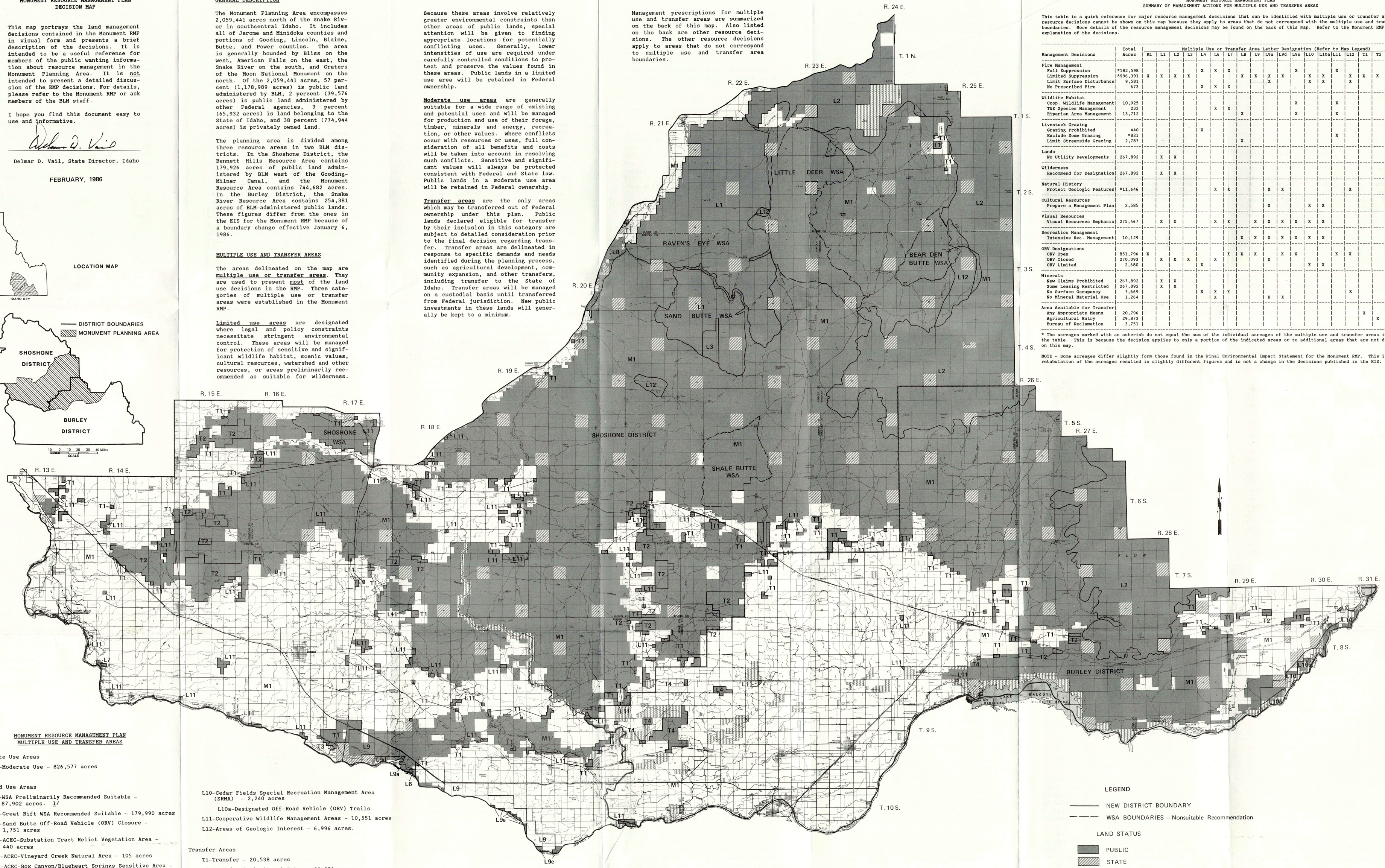
The areas delineated on the map are multiple use or transfer areas. They are used to present most of the land use decisions in the RMP. Three categories of multiple use or transfer areas were established in the Monument RMP.

Limited use areas are designated where legal and policy constraints necessitate stringent environmental control. These areas will be managed for protection of sensitive and significant wildlife habitat, scenic values, cultural resources, watershed and other resources, or areas preliminarily recommended as suitable for wilderness. Because these areas involve relatively greater environmental constraints than other areas of public lands, special attention will be given to finding appropriate locations for potentially conflicting uses. Generally, lower intensities of use are required under carefully controlled conditions to protect and preserve the values found in these areas. Public lands in a limited use area will be retained in Federal ownership.

Moderate use areas are generally suitable for a wide range of existing and potential uses and will be managed for production and use of their forage, timber, minerals and energy, recreation, or other values. Where conflicts occur with resources or uses, full consideration of all benefits and costs will be taken into account in resolving such conflicts. Sensitive and significant values will always be protected consistent with Federal and State law. Public lands in a moderate use area will be retained in Federal ownership.

Transfer areas are the only areas which may be transferred out of Federal ownership 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 areas are delineated in response to specific demands and needs identified during the planning process, such as agricultural development, community expansion, and other transfers, including transfer to the State of Idaho. Transfer areas 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.

Management prescriptions for multiple use and transfer areas are summarized on the back of this map. Also listed on the back are other resource decisions. The other resource decisions apply to areas that do not correspond to multiple use and transfer area boundaries.



MONUMENT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN MULTIPLE USE AND TRANSFER AREAS

Moderate Use Areas

M1-Moderate Use - 826,577 acres

Limited Use Areas

L1-WSA Preliminarily Recommended Suitable - 87,902 acres. 1/

L2-Great Rift WSA Recommended Suitable - 179,990 acres

L3-Sand Butte Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Closure - 1,751 acres

L4-ACEC-Substation Tract Relict Vegetation Area - 440 acres

L6-ACEC-Vineyard Creek Natural Area - 105 acres

L7-ACEC-Box Canyon/Blueheart Springs Sensitive Area - 128 acres

L8-Little Wood River Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) - 2,787 acres

L9-Snake River Rim Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) - 5,102 acres

L9a-Devil's Corral

L9d-Dry Cataracts

L9e-Cooperative Wildlife Management Areas

L10-Cedar Fields Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) - 2,240 acres

L10a-Designated Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Trails

L11-Cooperative Wildlife Management Areas - 10,551 acres

L12-Areas of Geologic Interest - 6,996 acres.

Transfer Areas

T1-Transfer - 20,538 acres

T2-Transfer-Agricultural Entry - 29,873 acres

T3-Jerome County Canyon Rim Transfer - 258 acres

T4-Bureau of Reclamation Transfer - 3,751 acres

1/ WSAs preliminarily recommended nonsuitable are shown in dashed outline on this map. All WSAs will be managed in accordance with BLM's Interim Wilderness Management Policy until Congress acts on suitability recommendations.

LEGEND

NEW DISTRICT BOUNDARY

WSA BOUNDARIES – Nonsuitable Recommendation

LAND STATUS

PUBLIC

STATE

OTHER FEDERAL

PRIVATE

MONUMENT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN SUMMARY OF MANAGEMENT ACTIONS FOR MULTIPLE USE AND TRANSFER AREAS

This table is a quick reference for major resource management descisions that can be identified with multiple use or transfer areas. Some resource decisions cannot be shown on this map because they apply to areas that do not correspond with the multiple use and transfer area boundaries. More details of the resource management decisions may be found on the back of this map. Refer to the Monument RMP for a full explanation of the decisions.

Management Decisions	Total Acres	M1	L1	L2	L3	L4	L6	L7	L8	L9	L9a	L9d	L9e	L10	L10a	L11	L12	T1	T2	T3	T4
	Multiple Use or Transfer Area Letter Designation (Refer to Map Legend)																				
Fire Management																					
Full Suppression	*182,598					X	X	X					X			X					
Limited Suppression	*996,391	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Limit Surface Disturbance	9,581										X			X	X		X				
No Prescribed Fire	673					X	X	X													
Wildlife Habitat																					
Coop. Wildlife Management	10,925												X			X					
T&E Species Management	233						X	X													
Riparian Area Management	13,712								X				X			X					
Livestock Grazing																					
Grazing Prohibited	440					X															
Exclude Some Grazing	*821															X					
Limit Streamside Grazing	2,787								X												
Lands																					
No Utility Developments	267,892		X	X																	
Wilderness																					
Recommend for Designation	267,892		X	X																	
Natural History																					
Protect Geologic Features	*11,646						X	X			X	X					X				
Cultural Resources																					
Prepare a Management Plan	2,585										X			X	X						
Visual Resources																					
Visual Resources Emphasis	275,467		X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X						
Recreation Management																					
Intensive Rec. Management	10,129								X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
ORV Designations																					
ORV Open	851,796	X						X	X	X		X	X			X	X				
ORV Closed	270,093		X	X	X		X				X										
ORV Limited	2,680					X								X	X						
Minerals																					
New Claims Prohibited	267,892		X	X																	
Some Leasing Restricted	267,892		X	X																	
No Surface Occupancy	7,669					X	X	X									X				
No Mineral Material Use	1,264						X				X	X									
Area Available for Transfer																					
Any Appropriate Means	20,796																	X		X	
Agricultural Entry	29,873																		X		
Bureau of Reclamation	3,751																				X

* The acreages marked with an asterisk do not equal the sum of the individual acreages of the multiple use and transfer areas indicated in the table. This is because the decision applies to only a portion of the indicated areas or to additional areas that are not delineated on this map.

NOTE – Some acreages differ slightly form those found in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Monument RMP. This is because retabulation of the acreages resulted in slightly different figures and is not a change in the decisions published in the EIS.