

**United States Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
Four Rivers Field Office**

**Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area  
EA #DOI-BLM-ID-BO11-2011-0011**

**Decision Record**

Decision: It is my decision to authorize the Bruneau Duck Ponds Burn Wetland Burn as described in EA #DOI-BLM-ID-B011-2011-0011

- **Summary of the Selected Alternative:** Burn approximately 90-acres of wetland vegetation in 4-5 separate polygons, one each to be burned per year beginning in spring 2012, and thereafter as necessary (approx. five to ten year intervals) to suppress noxious weeds and maintain wetland health. A prescribed fire plan would be prepared.
- Treat noxious weeds, as necessary, with approved herbicides and/or bio-control following the burn(s).

**Rationale:** The selected alternative: ;

- will result in acceptable short-term adverse impacts and desirable long-term improvements to wetland vegetation and wildlife habitat; and
- will aid in suppressing noxious weeds, thereby assuring compliance with State of Idaho's Noxious Weed Laws.

**Public Involvement:**

The proposed action was formally presented to the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe through the Wings to Roots process. The local Idaho Department of Fish and Game C. J. Strike Wildlife Management Area Manager was contacted and aided in formation of the plan. BLM resource specialists and fire use specialists conferred and agree upon the plan. Idaho Power representatives were consulted and participated on one field trip to the project area and several meetings at the Boise District Office. Idaho Power Company representatives submitted a letter supporting the proposed action.

**Responses:**

Comments of support were received from the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe, Idaho Power, and Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

**Protest/Appeal:**

Any appeal of this decision must follow the procedures set forth in 43 CFR Part 4. Within 30 days of the decision, a notice of appeal must be filed in the office of the authorized officer at the Four Rivers Field Office, Boise District BLM, 3948 S. Development Ave, Boise, Idaho 87705.

If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St. Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed with the authorized officer.

To file a petition for stay pursuant to 43 CFR part 4.21(b), it must accompany your notice of appeal and must show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied.
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits.
- (3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

If a petition for stay is submitted with the notice of appeal, a notice of appeal and petition for stay must be served on each party named in the decision from which the appeal is taken, and with the IBLA at the same time it is filed with the authorized officer.

A copy of the notice of appeal, any statement of reasons, and all pertinent documents must be served on each adverse party named in the decision from which the appeal is taken and on the Office of the Solicitor, Field Solicitor-U.S. Department of the Interior, University Plaza, 960 Broadway Avenue, Suite 400, Boise, Idaho 83706, not later than 15 days after filing the document with the authorized officer and/or IBLA.

/s/ Patricia Roller  
Patricia Roller

2/15/2012  
Date

Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area  
Manager