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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Four Rivers Field Office
3948 Development Avenue
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May 27, 2014

Dear Interested Public:

This letter is to provide you additional information related to the Environmental Assessment (EA) # DOI-BLM-ID-B010-2011-0021-EA, and supporting documents (Idaho Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management Evaluations and Determinations or Standards), as referenced by the enclosed Proposed Decision and Finding of No Significant Impact. The EA analyzes the environmental impacts that would result in renewing livestock grazing permits in the 12 Bennett Mountain North allotments: Hammett #1 (North and Berry pastures; 01033), East Hammett #5 (01037), Hammett #6 (01038), Hammett #7 (01039), South Camas (01043), North Slope (01044), Camas Creek Field (01091), North Camas (01098), East Bennett Mountain (01101), Hammett Livestock Company (01195), Ballantyne Section 15 (01198), and Joost Section 15 (01199).

The allotments are located 12 to 34 miles northeast of Mountain Home, Idaho. The primary resource issues associated with the grazing permit renewals include upland vegetation and watershed conditions, greater sage-grouse habitat, redband trout habitat, and the King Hill Creek Wilderness Study Area. The 10 Proposed Decisions would modify current grazing practices to address permit applications and areas where Standards are not being met. The EA and other documents are available via the internet at:

https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do

To locate the supporting documents at the web site:

- Highlight the following – State(s) = Idaho, Office(s) = ID – Four Rivers FO, Document Type(s) = EA, Fiscal Year(s) = 2011; it is not necessary to select from the program selections.
- Click on Search
- Click on the DOI-BLM-ID-B010-2011-0021-EA link.
- The EA can be found under the Documents link on the left side of the page.

If you do not have access to the internet, and would like a hard (paper) copy of the EA, please contact Matt McCoy at (208) 384-3343 or Tate Fischer at (208) 384-3430, at our office no later than three (3) business days after receipt of this letter. A copy of the EA and supporting documents will be sent to you by certified mail. Thank you for your continued cooperation and interest.

Right of Protest and/or Appeal

Any applicant, permittee, lessee or other interested public may protest the Proposed Decision under 43 CFR §§ 4160.1 and 4160.2, in person or in writing within 15 days after receipt of such decision to:

Tate Fischer
Field Manager
Four Rivers Field Office
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The protest, if filed, should clearly and concisely state the reason(s) why the Proposed Decision is in error.

In accordance with 43 CFR § 4160.3(a), in the absence of a protest, the Proposed Decision will become the Final Decision of the authorized officer without further notice unless otherwise provided in the Proposed Decision.

In accordance with 43 CFR § 4160.3(b), upon a timely filing of a protest, after a review of protest received and other information pertinent to the case, the authorized officer shall issue a Final Decision.

Any applicant, permittee, lessee or other person whose interest is adversely affected by the Final Decision may file an appeal in writing in for the purpose of a hearing before an administrative law judge in accordance with 43 CFR §§ 4160.3(c), 4160.4, 4.21, and 4.470. The appeal must be filed within 30 days following receipt of the Final Decision or within 30 days after the date the Proposed Decision becomes final. The appeal may be accompanied by a petition for a stay of the decision in accordance with 43 CFR § 4.471 pending final determination on appeal. The appeal and petition for a stay must be filed in the office of the authorized officer, as noted above. In accordance with 43 CFR § 4.401, the BLM does not accept fax or email filing of a notice of appeal and petition for stay. Any notice of appeal and/or petition for stay must be sent or delivered to the office of the authorized officer by mail or personal delivery.

Within 15 days of filing the appeal, or the appeal and petition for stay, with the BLM officer named above, the appellant must also serve copies on other persons named in the *copies sent to* section of this decision in accordance with 43 CFR § 4.421 and on the Office of the Field Solicitor located at the address below in accordance with 43 CFR §§ 4.470(a) and 4.471(b).

Boise Field Solicitor's Office
University Plaza
960 S. Broadway Avenue Suite 400
Boise, Idaho 83706-6240

The appeal shall state the reasons, clearly and concisely, why the appellant thinks the Final Decision is in error and otherwise complies with the provisions of 43 CFR § 4.470.

Should you wish to file a petition for a stay, see 43 CFR 4.471 (a) and (b). In accordance with 43 CFR 4.471(c), a petition for a stay 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.

As noted above, the petition for stay must be filed in the office of the authorized officer and served in accordance with 43 CFR 4.471. In accordance with 43 CFR 4.401, BLM does not accept fax or email filing of a notice of appeal and petition for stay. Any notice of appeal and/or petition for stay must be sent or delivered to the office of the authorized officer by mail or personal delivery.

Any person named in the decision that receives a copy of a petition for a stay and/or an appeal, see 43 CFR 4.472(b) for procedures to follow if you wish to respond.

If you have any questions, please contact either Matt McCoy Four Rivers Assistant Field Manager at (208) 384-3343, or myself at 208-384-3430.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Tate Fischer*

Tate Fischer
Four Rivers Field Manager