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# Dear Reader Letter

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the Proposed RMP Amendments/EA/and FONSI to clarify language in the Cascade RMP, Kuna MFP, and Bruneau MFP. BLM published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare the plan amendments in the Federal Register on October 18, 2002. The publication of the NOI initiated public scoping for the proposal. This proposal would allow parcels identified for disposal in those plans that meet the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) Section 203 criteria be sold as the disposal method. This proposal would not change any designated retention parcels to designated disposal parcels or authorize the disposal of any BLM land. Lands could only be sold after a site specific NEPA analysis and subsequent decision are completed.

No issues were raised concerning the language clarification proposal; therefore, the BLM analyzed two alternatives. Alternative A would not add the FLPMA Section 203 clarification language to the plans. Alternative B would add the clarification language for tracts previously identified for disposal that are 160 acres or smaller, and are surrounded on four sides by state and/or private land. These tracts have been determined to be 'difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands' and, therefore meet the standard set forth for land sales in FLPMA Section 203(a)(1).

The BLM Planning Regulations, 43 CFR 1610.5-2, state that any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest which may be adversely affected may protest. A protest may raise only those issues which were submitted and discussed during the earlier planning process. Protests must be filed with the Director, Bureau of Land Management.

Protests through regular mail should be sent to: Director (210), Attn: Brenda Hudgens-Williams, P.O. Box 71383, Washington, D.C. 20024-1383. Protests through overnight mail should be sent to Director (210), Attn: Brenda Hudgens-Williams, 20 M Street SE, Room 2134LM, Washington, DC 20003.

Emailed and fax protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, e-mailed or faxed protests will be considered as advance copies, and will receive full consideration. Protests must be written and must be postmarked on or before the 30th day following receipt of this notification and contain the following information:

- The name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest;
- A statement of the issue or issues being protested;
- A statement of the part or parts of the document being protested;
- A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues previously submitted during the planning process by the protesting party, or an indication of the date the issue or issues were discussed for the record; and
- A concise statement explaining precisely why the decision presented in the Proposed RMP/FEIS is believed to be wrong.

The Director, Bureau of land Management, will promptly render a decision on the protest. The decision will be in writing and will be sent to the protesting party by certified mail, return receipt requested. The decision of the Director shall be final.

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be retained on file in the Boise District Office as part of the public record for this project. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public inspection or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. Upon resolution of any protests, the plan amendments will be approved and a Decision will be issued. The plan amendments and a copy of the Decision will be mailed to all individuals who participated in this planning process and all other interested publics upon their request.

# **Chapter 1. Introduction**

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In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Boise District, proposes to amend disposal classification language in two Management Framework Plans (MFP) and one Resource Management Plan (RMP) in accordance with FLPMA Section 203 (43 U.S.C. 1713). The amendments would clarify which of the subset of lands, currently designated as eligible or potentially eligible for disposal, meet the FLPMA, Section 203 sale criteria.

## **1.1. Development of the Proposed RMP Amendments**

Scoping began on October 18, 2012 when the BLM published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register. BLM received two letters and one telephone call responding to the NOI. No issues were raised concerning the language clarification proposal; therefore, the BLM analyzed two alternatives. Alternative A would not add the FLPMA Section 203 clarification language to the plans. Alternative B would add the clarification language for tracts previously identified for disposal that are 160 acres or smaller, and are surrounded on four sides by state and/or private land. These tracts have been determined to be “difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands” and, therefore meet the standard set forth for land sales in FLPMA Section 203(a) (1).

Alternative B is the preferred alternative and the Proposed Plan Amendments. The amendments would clarify that 88 parcels in the Kuna MFP, 7 parcels in the Bruneau MFP, and 50 parcels in the Cascade RMP, which are currently designated as eligible or potentially eligible for disposal, meet the FLPMA Section 203 sale criteria (see Table 2.1, “Parcels Less Than 160 Acres That Meet the FLPMA 203 Sale Criteria” (p. 11))

### **1.1.1. Bruneau MFP Proposed Plan Amendment Language**

The Proposed Plan Amendment would add following language to the Bruneau MFP under Alternative B. This language would supersede any contradictory language in the Bruneau MFP regarding land tenure.

Tracts identified for disposal that are 160 acres or smaller, and are surrounded on four sides by state and/or private land have been determined to be ‘difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands’ and, therefore meet the standard set forth for land sales in FLPMA Section 203(a)(1).

Within both Category II and III, tracts that, as of the date of this amendment, lie immediately adjacent to a community and/or to an important local facility (i.e., land fill, public school, air strip, etc.), surround the community and/or important local facility on at least three sides, and could provide significant opportunities for community expansion and economic development, are deemed to meet the criteria set forth in FLPMA Section 203(a)(3). However, prior to any sale, site-specific analysis would be required for all such parcels to determine if public objectives ensured by retention in federal ownership are outweighed by other important public objectives gained through sale.

These tracts also meet the exchange criteria in Section 206 of FLPMA. The above mentioned tracts in the Bruneau MFP may also be conveyed pursuant to the

Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926 as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq), other lesser used authorities, or as directed by special legislation.

### **1.1.2. Cascade RMP Proposed Plan Amendment Language**

The following language would be added to the Cascade RMP. This language would supersede any contradictory language in the Cascade RMP regarding land tenure.

Lands identified for disposal (sale or exchange) meet the disposal criteria outlined in Sections 203 and/or 206 of FLPMA. Tracts identified for disposal that are 160 acres or smaller, and are surrounded on four sides by state and/or private land have been determined to be ‘difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands’ and, therefore meet the standard set forth for land sales in FLPMA Section 203(a)(1).

Tracts that, as of the date of this amendment, lie immediately adjacent to a community and/or to an important local facility (i.e., land fill, public school, air strip, etc.), surround the community and/or important local facility on at least three sides, and could provide significant opportunities for community expansion and economic development, are deemed to meet the criteria set forth for land sales in FLPMA Section 203(a) (3). However, prior to any sale, site-specific analysis would be required for all such parcels to determine if public objectives ensured by retention in federal ownership are outweighed by other important public objectives gained through sale.

These tracts also meet the exchange criteria in Section 206 of FLPMA. The above mentioned tracts in the Cascade RMP may also be conveyed pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926 as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq), other lesser used authorities, or as directed by special legislation.

### **1.1.3. Kuna MFP Proposed Plan Amendment Language**

The Proposed Plan Amendment would add following language to the Kuna MFP. This language would supersede any contradictory language in the Kuna MFP regarding land tenure.

Isolated tracts that are 160 acres or smaller, and are surrounded on four sides by state and/or private land have been determined to be ‘difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands’ and, therefore meet the standard set forth for land sales in FLPMA Section 203(a)(1).

Within both Category II and III, tracts that, as of the date of this amendment, lie immediately adjacent to a community and/or to an important local facility (i.e., land fill, public school, air strip, etc.), surround the community and/or important local facility on at least three sides, and could provide significant opportunities for community expansion and economic development, are deemed to meet the criteria set forth for land sales in FLPMA Section 203(a)(3). All Category II tracts meet the criteria for exchange in FLPMA Section 206. The above mentioned tracts in the Kuna MFP may also be conveyed pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926 as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq), other lesser used authorities, or as directed by special legislation.

## **1.2. Need for and Purpose of Action**

The land use plan amendments are needed because the Bruneau and Kuna MFPs, and Cascade RMP do not clearly state that the lands currently designated as eligible or potentially eligible for disposal meet FLPMA, Section 203 sale criteria. The purpose of this action is to address that deficiency and to ensure that the affected land use plans can be effectively and efficiently used by the BLM as a tool for managing the public lands in accordance with the principles of multiple use management set forth in FLPMA.

## **1.3. Summary of Proposed Action**

The BLM Boise District proposes to amend the Cascade RMP, and Bruneau, and Kuna MFPs to allow parcels identified for disposal in those plans to be sold as the disposal method. This proposal would not change any designated retention parcels to designated disposal parcels or authorize the disposal of any BLM land. Lands could only be sold after a site specific NEPA analysis and subsequent decision.

The Bruneau MFP states that lands “identified as Category II have been found suitable for disposal. These lands include potential competitive and non-competitive sales, and lands suitable for agricultural development.” It also identifies lands that “appear to be suitable for disposal, but require further study.”

The Kuna MFP identifies lands that “are suitable for disposal, subject to detailed consideration...” and lands that “appear suitable for disposal but require further study.”

The Cascade RMP identifies acres “for sale or exchange.”

## **1.4. Decision to Made**

The authorized officer will decide whether to amend the Bruneau and Kuna MFPs, and the Cascade RMP to clarify disposal classification language that reflects the application of FLPMA Section 203 sale criteria to parcels previously identified as eligible or potentially eligible for disposal.

## **1.5. Location and Setting**

The land use plan language clarification decision applies to all lands in the BLM Boise District currently classified in the three land use plans as eligible or potentially eligible for disposal.

## **1.6. Relationship to Statutes, Regulations, and Other Requirements**

Section 203 of FLPMA [43 U.S.C. 1713(a)] states, in pertinent, part the following:

A tract of public lands...may be sold under [FLPMA] where, as a result of land use planning required under Section 202 of [FLPMA], the Secretary determines that the sale of such tract meets the following disposal criteria:

- (1) such tract because of its location or other characteristics is difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands, and is not suitable for management by another federal department or agency; or
- (2) such tract was acquired for a specific purpose and the tract is no longer required for that or any other federal purpose; or
- (3) disposal of such tract will serve important public objectives, including but not limited to, expansion of communities and economic development, which cannot be achieved prudently or feasibly on land other than public land and which outweigh other public objectives and values, including, but not limited to, recreation and scenic values, which would be served by maintaining such tract in federal ownership.

### **Cultural Resource Laws and Executive Orders**

The BLM is required to consult with Native American tribes to “help assure (1) that federally recognized tribal governments and Native American individuals, whose traditional uses of public land might be affected by a proposed action, will have sufficient opportunity to contribute to the decision, and (2) that the decision maker will give tribal concerns proper consideration” (U.S. Department of the Interior, BLM Manual Handbook H-8120-1). Tribal coordination and consultation responsibilities are implemented under laws and executive orders that are specific to cultural resources which are referred to as “cultural resource authorities,” and under regulations that are not specific which are termed “general authorities.” Cultural resource authorities include: the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA); the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA); and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990, as amended (NAGPRA). General authorities include: the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1979 (AIRFA); the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA); the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA); and Executive Order 13007-Indian Sacred Sites. The proposed action is in compliance with the aforementioned authorities.

Southwest Idaho is the homeland of two culturally and linguistically related tribes: the Northern Shoshone and the Northern Paiute. In the latter half of the 19th century, a reservation was established at Duck Valley on the Nevada/Idaho border west of the Bruneau River. The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes residing on the Duck Valley Reservation today actively practice their culture and retain aboriginal rights and/or interests in this area. The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes assert aboriginal rights to their traditional homelands as their treaties with the United States (the Boise Valley Treaty of 1864 and the Bruneau Valley Treaty of 1866), which would have extinguished aboriginal title to the lands now federally administered, were never ratified.

Other tribes that have ties to southwest Idaho include the Bannock Tribe and the Nez Perce Tribe. Southeast Idaho is the homeland of the Northern Shoshone Tribe and the Bannock Tribe. In 1867 a reservation was established at Fort Hall in southeastern Idaho. The Fort Bridger Treaty of 1868 applies to the BLM’s relationship with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. The northern part of the BLM’s Boise District was also inhabited by the Nez Perce Tribe. The Nez Perce signed treaties in 1855, 1863, and 1868. The BLM considers off-reservation treaty-reserved fishing, hunting, gathering, and similar rights of access and resource use on the public lands it administers for all tribes that may be affected by a proposed action.

## 1.7. Scoping and Issues Development

Scoping for this proposal began on October 18, 2012 when the BLM published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register. A correction to the NOI was published on November 15, 2012. The correction extended the scoping period until December 15, 2012.

The NOI sought scoping comments on two proposals. The first was the RMP and MFP language clarification described above in Section 1.3, “Summary of Proposed Action” (p. 3). The second proposal would have changed parcels from retention to disposal and applied the FLPMA Section 203 criteria to the parcels. Because these two proposals are not connected actions, the responsible official decided to analyze the proposals separately. This EA will only address scoping comments pertinent to the proposal summarized in Section 1.3, “Summary of Proposed Action” (p. 3) above.

The Environmental Protection Agency submitted a scoping comments, the National Park Service called to discuss the Oregon Trail, and one individual submitted an email in response to our request for scoping comments.

There were no scoping comments that addressed the clarification language for parcels already designated for disposal in the RMP and MFPs. All scoping comments were directed at potential land sales, which are not a part of this decision.

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# **Chapter 2. Description of Alternatives**

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## **2.1. Alternative Development Process**

The lands identified on Map A.1, “Affected Environment Map 1” (p. 24), Map A.2, “Affected Environment Map 2” (p. 25), and Map A.3, “Affected Environment Map 3” (p. 26) as “parcels eligible for disposal” were originally identified in the Bruneau and Kuna MFPs and the Cascade RMP as being, in some manner, potentially eligible for disposal. Following a Bureau-wide review of existing land use plans, the BLM determined that the disposal classification language in the three affected land use plans was unnecessarily vague since they failed to state that lands identified for potential sale had been found to meet one or more the FLPMA Section 203 sale criteria.

The Kuna MFP defines public land that is potentially difficult and uneconomic to manage as parcels 160-acres or smaller. Since parcels smaller than 160-acres are typically isolated and difficult to monitor, and given that several million acres are managed in the Boise District, 160 acres was used as the threshold for applying FLPMA Section 203(a) (1) to parcels deemed eligible or potentially eligible for disposal in the Boise District. This criterion was then applied to existing parcels on Map A.1, “Affected Environment Map 1” (p. 24), Map A.2, “Affected Environment Map 2” (p. 25), and Map A.3, “Affected Environment Map 3” (p. 26).

## **2.2. Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives**

### **2.2.1. Alternative A - No Action Continue Current Management**

Lands identified on Map A.1, “Affected Environment Map 1” (p. 24), Map A.2, “Affected Environment Map 2” (p. 25), and Map A.3, “Affected Environment Map 3” (p. 26) as “parcels eligible for disposal” would remain unchanged from their current designations in the Bruneau and Kuna MFPs, and Cascade RMP.

### **2.2.2. Alternative B - Proposed Action**

The BLM is proposing to amend three land use plans to clarify language and clearly identify that lands shown on Map A.4, “Proposed Action Map 1” (p. 27), Map A.5, “Proposed Action Map 2” (p. 28), and Map A.6, “Proposed Action Map 3” (p. 29) : 1) are parcels eligible for disposal; 2) are 160 acres or smaller; 3) are surrounded on four sides by state and/or private land; and 4) meet the criteria set forth for land sales in Section 203(a)(1) of FLPMA (Table 2.1, “Parcels Less Than 160 Acres That Meet the FLPMA 203 Sale Criteria” (p. 11)).

Lands identified on the proposed action maps as “parcels eligible for disposal” that, as of the date of this amendment, lie immediately adjacent to a community and/or to an important local facility (i.e., a land fill, public school, an air strip, etc.), surround the community and/or important local facility on at least three sides, and could provide significant opportunities for community expansion and economic development, meet the criteria set forth for land sales in FLPMA Section 203(a)(3). However, prior to disposal of any individual parcels, site-specific analysis would be carried out under the requirements of NEPA.

The following language would be added to the Bruneau MFP under Alternative B. This language would supersede any contradictory language in the Bruneau MFP regarding land tenure.

Tracts identified for disposal that are 160 acres or smaller, and are surrounded on four sides by state and/or private land have been determined to be ‘difficult and

uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands' and, therefore meet the standard set forth for land sales in FLPMA Section 203(a)(1).

Within both Category II and III, tracts that, as of the date of this amendment, lie immediately adjacent to a community and/or to an important local facility (i.e., land fill, public school, air strip, etc.), surround the community and/or important local facility on at least three sides, and could provide significant opportunities for community expansion and economic development, are deemed to meet the criteria set forth in FLPMA Section 203(a)(3). However, prior to any sale, site-specific analysis would be required for all such parcels to determine if public objectives ensured by retention in federal ownership are outweighed by other important public objectives gained through sale.

These tracts also meet the exchange criteria in Section 206 of FLPMA. The above mentioned tracts in the Bruneau MFP may also be conveyed pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926 as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq), other lesser used authorities, or as directed by special legislation.

The following language would be added to the Cascade RMP under Alternative B. This language would supersede any contradictory language in the Cascade RMP regarding land tenure.

Lands identified for disposal (sale or exchange) meet the disposal criteria outlined in Sections 203 and/or 206 of FLPMA. Tracts identified for disposal that are 160 acres or smaller, and are surrounded on four sides by state and/or private land have been determined to be 'difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands' and, therefore meet the standard set forth for land sales in FLPMA Section 203(a)(1).

Tracts that, as of the date of this amendment, lie immediately adjacent to a community and/or to an important local facility (i.e., land fill, public school, air strip, etc.), surround the community and/or important local facility on at least three sides, and could provide significant opportunities for community expansion and economic development, are deemed to meet the criteria set forth for land sales in FLPMA Section 203(a) (3). However, prior to any sale, site-specific analysis would be required for all such parcels to determine if public objectives ensured by retention in federal ownership are outweighed by other important public objectives gained through sale.

These tracts also meet the exchange criteria in Section 206 of FLPMA. The above mentioned tracts in the Cascade RMP may also be conveyed pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926 as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq), other lesser used authorities, or as directed by special legislation.

The following language would be added to the Kuna MFP under Alternative B. This language would supersede any contradictory language in the Kuna MFP regarding land tenure.

Isolated tracts that are 160 acres or smaller, and are surrounded on four sides by state and/or private land have been determined to be 'difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands' and, therefore meet the standard set forth for land sales in FLPMA Section 203(a)(1).

Within both Category II and III, tracts that, as of the date of this amendment, lie immediately adjacent to a community and/or to an important local facility (i.e., land fill, public school, air strip, etc.), surround the community and/or important local facility on at least three sides, and could provide significant opportunities for community expansion and economic development, are deemed to meet the criteria set forth for land sales in FLPMA Section 203(a)(3). All Category II tracts meet the criteria for exchange in FLPMA Section 206. The above mentioned tracts in the Kuna MFP may also be conveyed pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926 as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq), other lesser used authorities, or as directed by special legislation.

**Table 2.1. Parcels Less Than 160 Acres That Meet the FLPMA 203 Sale Criteria**

Township /Range	Section	Quarter/quarter of Lot	Survey Type	Approx. Area in Acres	Plan
7S 4E	11	NWNW	Aliquot Part	40	Bruneau MFP
7S 4E	11	NENW	Aliquot Part	40	Bruneau MFP
7S 4E	13	NWNE	Aliquot Part	40	Bruneau MFP
7S 4E	11	SWNW	Aliquot Part	40	Bruneau MFP
7S 5E	10	NENW	Aliquot Part	40	Bruneau MFP
6S 3E	2	SESW	Aliquot Part	40	Bruneau MFP
6S 5E	30	L 3	Government Lot	40.6	Bruneau MFP
10N 4W	10	SESW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
11N 5W	9	NENW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
11N 5W	8	NENE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
11N 5W	5	SESE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
11N 5W	9	NWNW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
11N 5W	6	L 6	Government Lot	40.3	Cascade RMP
12N 3W	12	L 3	Government Lot	38.34	Cascade RMP
12N 3W	12	NWSE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
12N 3W	13	NWNE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
12N 3W	12	SESW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
12N 5W	31	NESW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
12N 5W	31	SESW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
13N 1W	17	SESE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
13N 1W	20	NENW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
13N 2W	18	L 2	Government Lot	33.31	Cascade RMP
13N 2W	18	L 1	Government Lot	33.56	Cascade RMP
13N 2W	6	SESW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
13N 3W	13	SENE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
13N 4W	12	SWNW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
13N 4W	11	NENE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
13N 4W	11	NWNE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
13N 4W	11	SENE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
15N 1W	9	SESW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
15N 1W	9	SWNW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
15N 2W	14	NWNE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
15N 2W	13	NWNW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
15N 2W	14	NWNW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
15N 2W	15	NENE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
15N 2W	13	NENW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
15N 2W	13	NENE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
15N 2W	13	NWNE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP

<b>Township /Range</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Quarter/quarter of Lot</b>	<b>Survey Type</b>	<b>Approx. Area in Acres</b>	<b>Plan</b>
15N 2W	14	NENW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
16N 1W	33	SWSW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
16N 1W	33	SESW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
4N 1E	11	L 1	Government Lot	40.11	Cascade RMP
4N 1E	11	SWNE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
7N 2W	7	L 1	Government Lot	38.42	Cascade RMP
7N 2W	8	NENW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
7N 3W	12	NWSE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
8N 2W	31	L 2	Government Lot	39.13	Cascade RMP
8N 2W	32	SWNE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
8N 2W	32	NESW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
8N 2W	32	NWSW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
9N 1E	11	SWNW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
9N 1E	11	SENW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
9N 3W	18	SESE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
1S 2W	4	NESW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
1S 2W	4	NWSE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
1S 2W	4	SWSE	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
1S 2W	4	SESW	Aliquot Part	40	Cascade RMP
1N 1E	6	L 7	Government Lot	38.76	Kuna MFP
1N 1E	2	SWSE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1N 1E	2	SESE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1N 1E	6	L 6	Government Lot	37.8	Kuna MFP
1N 2E	18	SWNE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1N 3E	3	NWSW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1N 3E	5	SENW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1N 3E	3	NESW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1N 4E	25	NENE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1N 4E	4	L 3	Government Lot	41.7	Kuna MFP
1N 4E	1	SWSE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1N 4E	4	SENW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1N 4E	1	L 1	Government Lot	40.47	Kuna MFP
1N 5E	7	SESE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
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1N 5E	4	NWSW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1N 5E	18	SENE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1S 3E	24	SWNE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1S 4E	35	NENE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1S 4E	35	NWNE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1S 4E	34	NENW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1S 4E	34	NWNW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1S 8E	27	NENE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1S 8E	27	NWNE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1S 8E	27	NWNW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
1S 8E	27	NENW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
2N 2E	11	SWNE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
2N 2E	14	SENE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
2N 3E	5	L 4	Government Lot	43.81	Kuna MFP
2N 3E	35	SWSE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
2N 3E	35	SESW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
2N 3E	35	SESE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
2N 3E	35	NESE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP

<b>Township /Range</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Quarter/quarter of Lot</b>	<b>Survey Type</b>	<b>Approx. Area in Acres</b>	<b>Plan</b>
2N 3E	25	SWSW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
2N 3E	25	L 2	Government Lot	40.64	Kuna MFP
2N 3E	25	L 1	Government Lot	40.4	Kuna MFP
2N 3E	25	NWSE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
2N 4E	15	SESE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
2N 4E	28	SENE	Minor Aliquot Part	5.97	Kuna MFP
2N 4E	27	SWNW	Minor Aliquot Part	0.28	Kuna MFP
2N 4E	24	L 7	Government Lot	19.54	Kuna MFP
2N 4E	24	L 15	Government Lot	19.69	Kuna MFP
2N 4E	24	L 5	Government Lot	0.92	Kuna MFP
2N 4E	24	L 14	Government Lot	28.81	Kuna MFP
2N 4E	24	L 6	Government Lot	28.45	Kuna MFP
2N 4E	24	L 14	Government Lot	28.81	Kuna MFP
2S 4E	11	SWSE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
2S 4E	11	SESE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
2S 4E	1	NWSE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
2S 4E	11	NWSE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
2S 4E	11	NESE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
2S 4E	1	NESE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
2S 5E	17	SWSE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
2S 5E	17	NWSE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
2S 6E	5	SWNE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
3N 2E	27	NWSW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
3N 2E	28	L 1	Government Lot	5.53	Kuna MFP
3N 2E	27	NESW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
3N 4E	27	SWSE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
3N 4E	27	SESW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
3N 4E	33	SWNW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
3N 4E	27	NESW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
3N 4E	27	SENE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
3N 4E	32	SESE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
3S 6E	17	SESE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
3S 6E	10	NENE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
3S 6E	17	NESE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
3S 6E	10	SENE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
3S 6E	17	SENE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
3S 6E	17	SWNE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
4S 5E	19	NESE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
4S 5E	15	NWNE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
4S 5E	15	SWSW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
4S 5E	15	SWNE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
4S 5E	15	SENE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
4S 5E	15	NENE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
4S 5E	15	SESW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
4S 6E	17	NWNW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
4S 6E	18	L 1	Government Lot	43.36	Kuna MFP
4S 6E	17	NENW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
4S 6E	18	NENW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
4S 7E	18	L 4	Government Lot	40.18	Kuna MFP
4S 7E	17	NWSW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
4S 7E	18	L 3	Government Lot	40.42	Kuna MFP
4S 7E	18	NWSE	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP

<b>Township /Range</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Quarter/quarter of Lot</b>	<b>Survey Type</b>	<b>Approx. Area in Acres</b>	<b>Plan</b>
4S 7E	18	NESW	Aliquot Part	40	Kuna MFP
5S 4E	33	L 3	Government Lot	14.9	Kuna MFP
5S 4E	34	L 2	Government Lot	36.85	Kuna MFP

# **Chapter 3. Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences**

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### **3.1. Affected Environment**

The affected environment includes all of the lands currently managed under the Bruneau and Kuna MFPs, and Cascade RMP. The proposed land use plan amendments merely affect the classification of lands currently identified as potentially eligible or eligible for disposal in the BLM Boise District.

### **3.2. Environmental Consequences**

The proposed amendments are administrative in nature and merely clarify existing land use plan language discussing land disposal classifications. The amendments neither dispose of any public lands, nor do they affect the management of any resources on those lands.

#### **3.2.1. Alternative A- No Action Continue Present Management**

The Bruneau and Kuna MFPs, and Cascade RMP would remain as is and there would be no direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts to resources in the Boise District. Potential effects to resources and management resulting from specific sale or exchange proposals would be evaluated in site-specific environmental analyses.

Since the wording of the designations has been determined to be vague and ambiguous with regards to the application of Section 203 of FLPMA, selection of this alternative would hinder the efficient management of the public lands and would necessitate future land use plan amendments to resolve the same issues addressed herein.

#### **3.2.2. Alternative B- Proposed Action**

One hundred and forty five parcels totaling 5,541 acres are identified as available for sale under FLPMA Section 203 and could be sold pending site-specific analysis. These sales would improve the manageability of the public land estate by disposing of parcels isolated or difficult to manage and could provide opportunities for community expansion. A very small portion of grazing land, open space, wildlife habitat, and land available for other public land uses could be lost through the possible sale of 5,541 acres of scattered parcels. The effect would be inconsequential to public land ownership in southwestern Idaho because the Boise District would still manage over 4,000,000 acres for multiple use.

#### **3.2.3. Cumulative Effects**

The effect of selling 5,541 acres of scattered parcels out of over 4 million total BLM acres would not have a cumulative effect when added to the other public and private realty actions occurring the southwestern Idaho because it is such a small percentage of the total BLM ownership that it would hardly be realized.

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# **Chapter 4. Tribes Consulted and List of Preparers:**

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The proposal to reclassify lands for sale was initiated during formal consultation with the Shoshone Paiute Tribe through the Wings and Roots Native American Campfire. The BLM also briefed the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes natural resource program leads. No issues were raised regarding this proposal.

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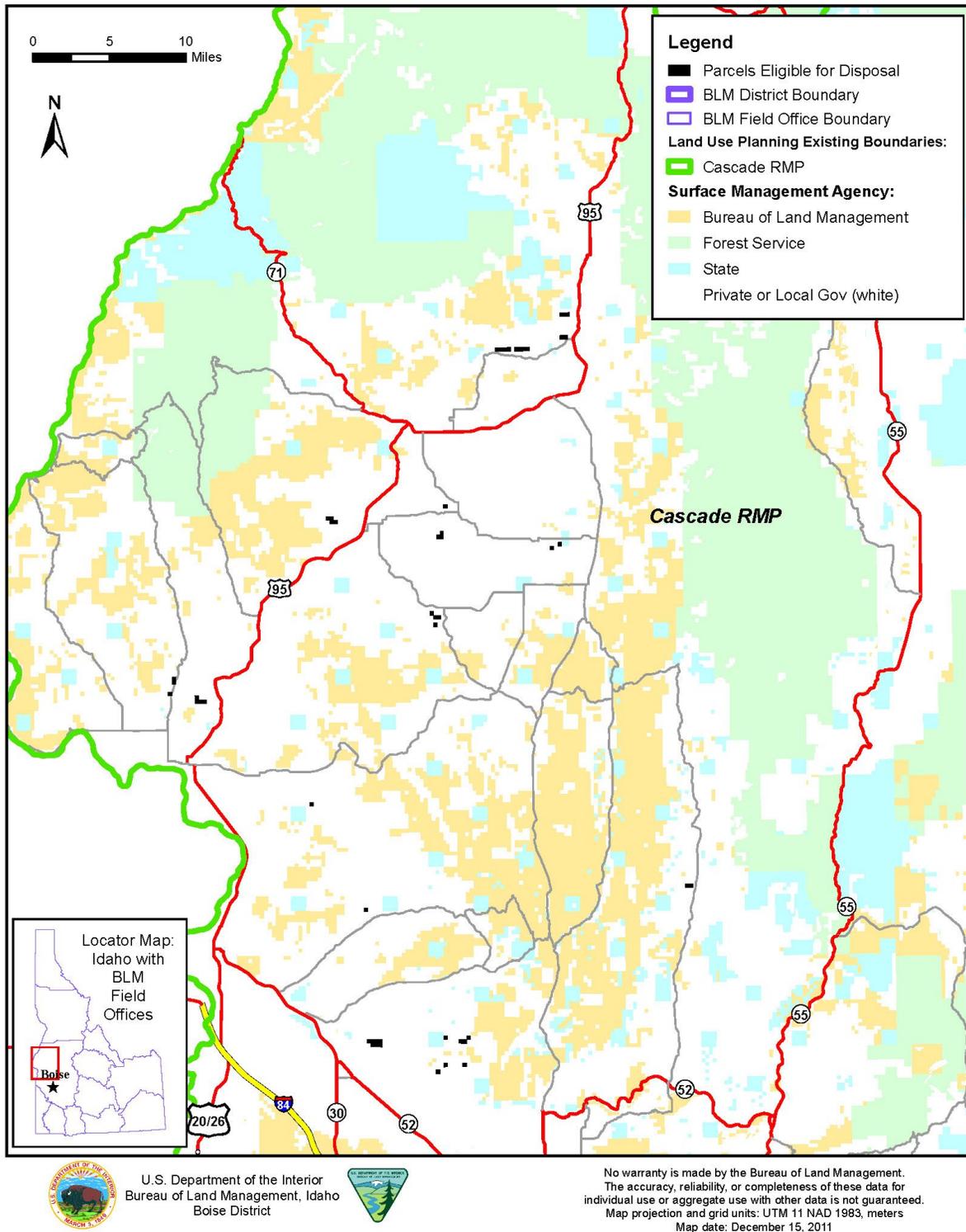
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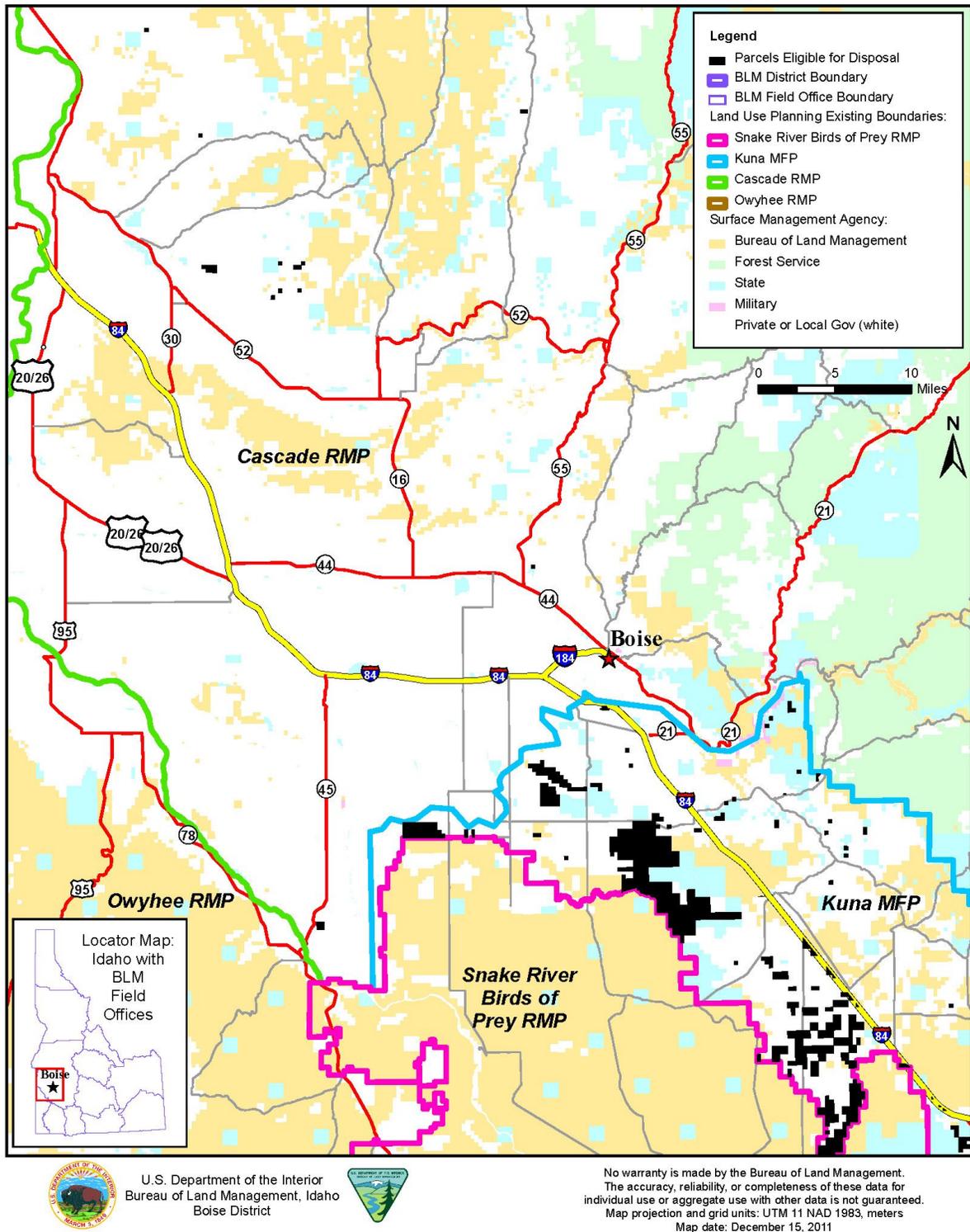
# Appendix A. Maps

### Map 1: Idaho BLM Boise District - Parcels Eligible for Disposal



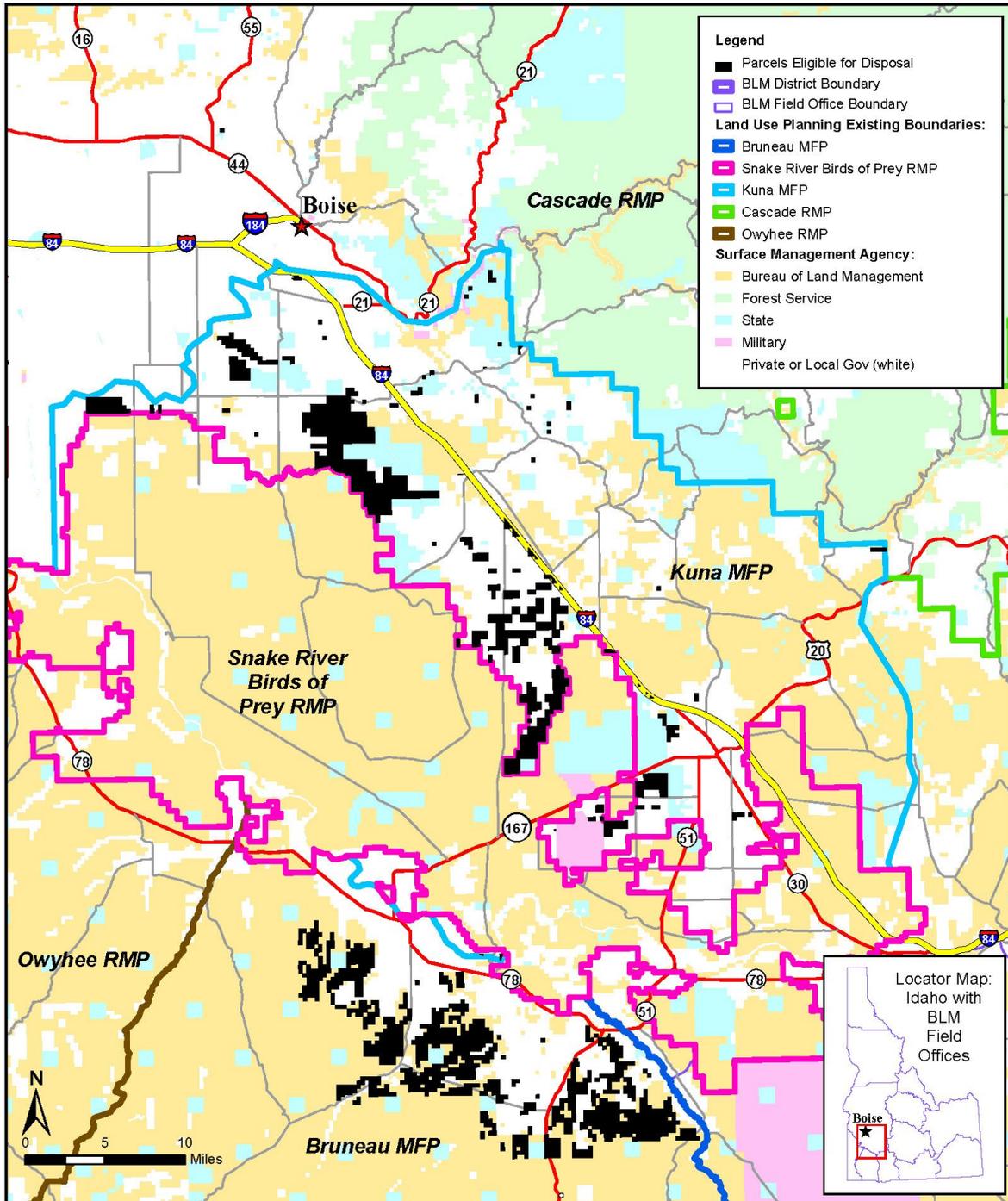
Map A.1. Affected Environment Map 1

### Map 2: Idaho BLM Boise District - Parcels Eligible for Disposal



Map A.2. Affected Environment Map 2

### Map 3: Idaho BLM Boise District - Parcels Eligible for Disposal



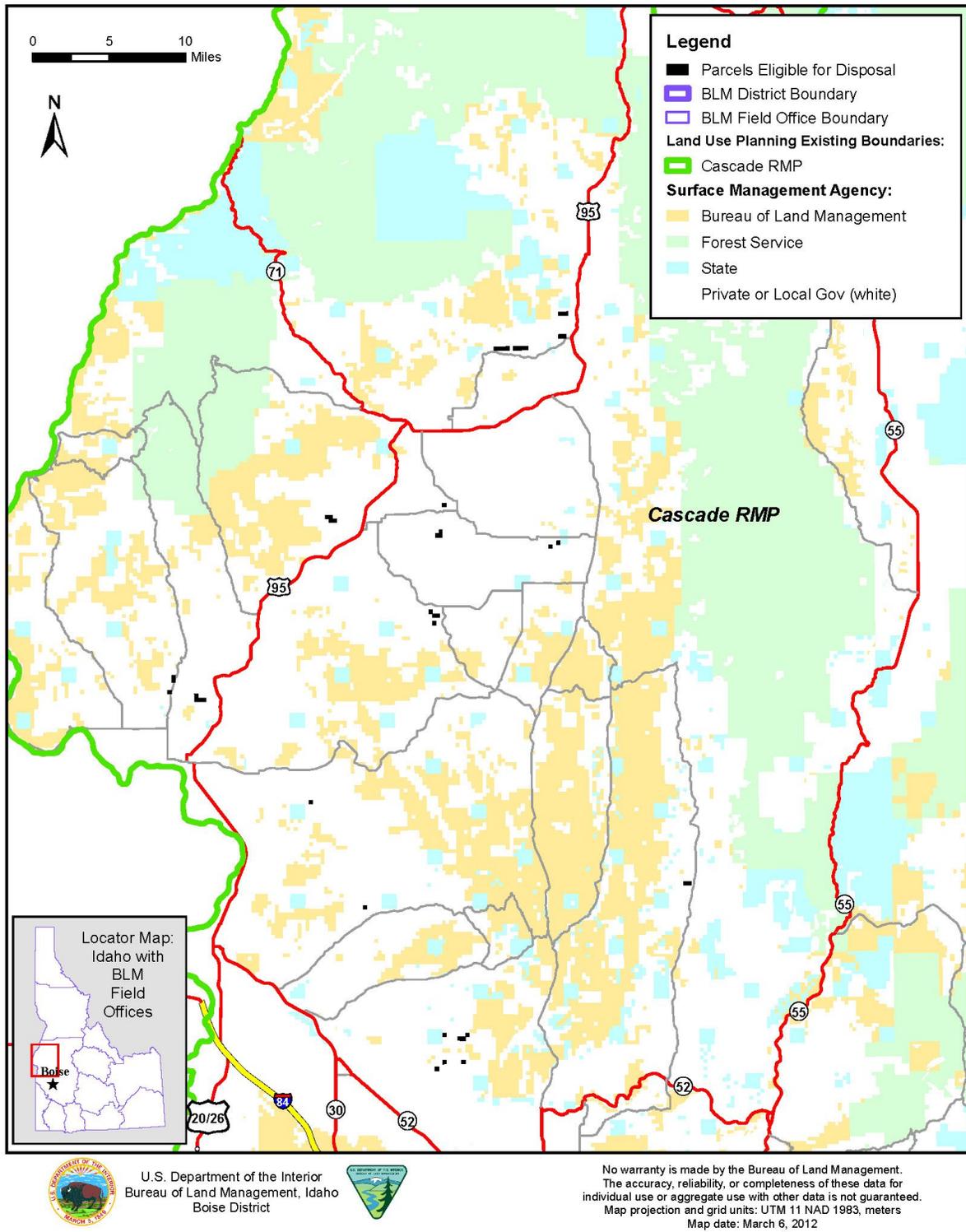
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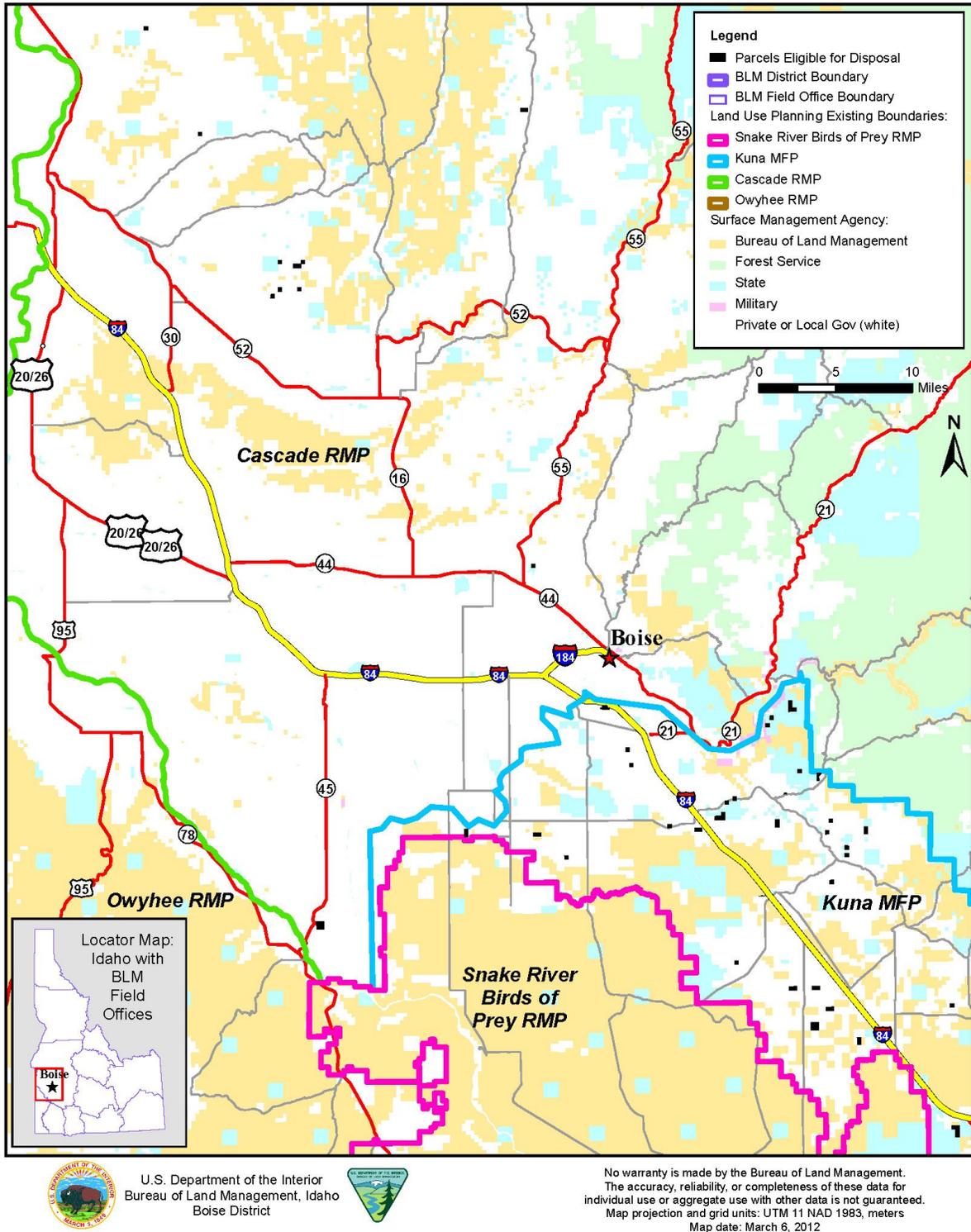
Map A.3. Affected Environment Map 3

**Map 1: Idaho BLM Boise District - Parcels Meeting FLPMA 203(a)(1)**



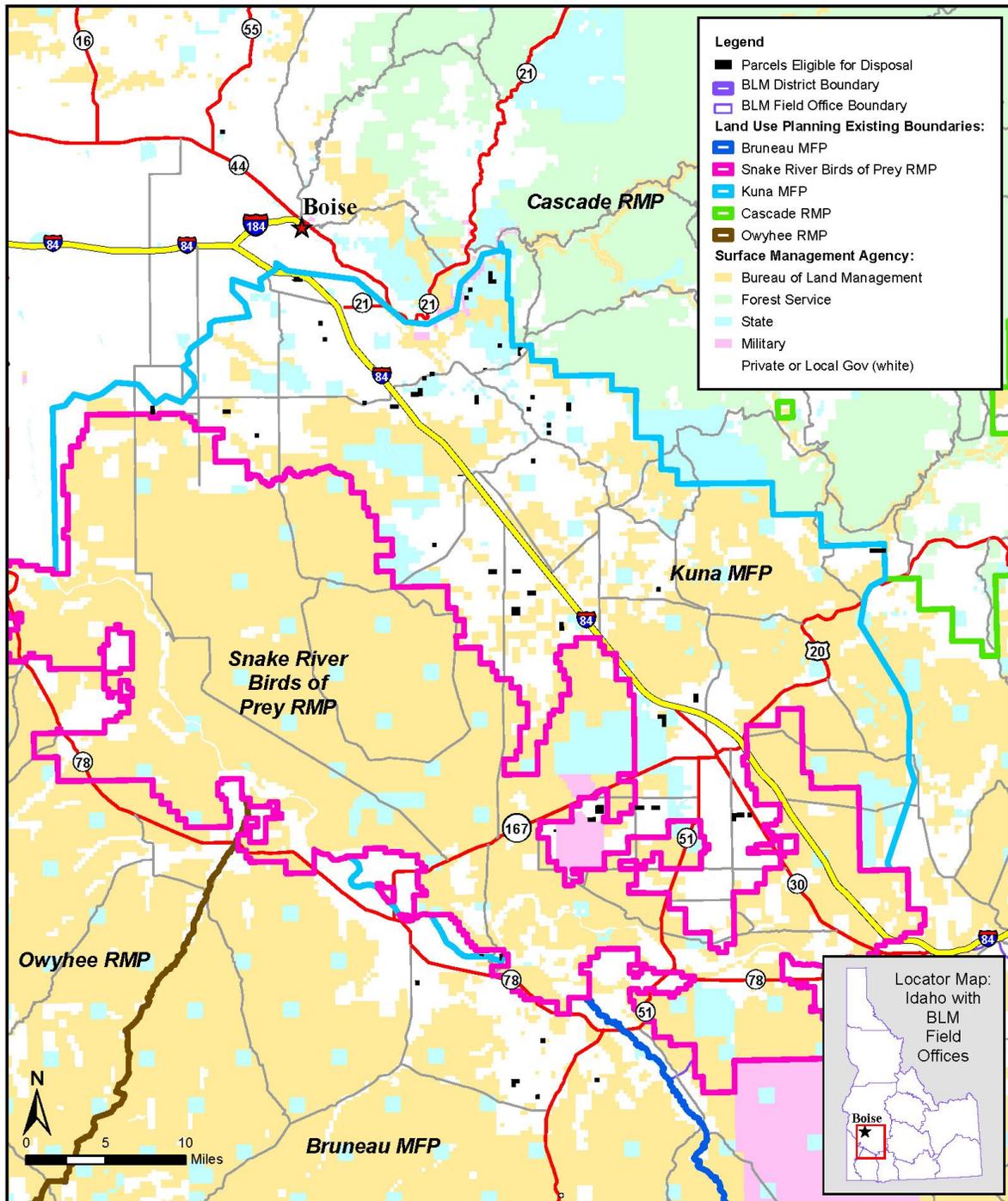
**Map A.4. Proposed Action Map 1**

**Map 2: Idaho BLM Boise District - Parcels Meeting FLPMA 203(a)(1)**



**Map A.5. Proposed Action Map 2**

**Map 3: Idaho BLM Boise District - Parcels Meeting FLPMA 203(a)(1)**



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**Map A.6. Proposed Action Map 3**