

DECISION RECORD AND RATIONALE
Bureau of Land Management
SPRINGS FIRE (G40D) ESR PLAN DOI-BLM-ID-B010-2013-0002

Applicant: (if any) None - BLM Proposal		Proposed Action: ESR	Fire #: G40D	Project No.:	E.A. No.: DOI-BLM-ID-B010-2013-0002
State: Idaho	County: Boise	District: Boise	Field Office: Four Rivers	Authority: FLPMA	
Prepared By: (signature) /s/ TJ Clifford		Title: Recreation Planner	Field Exam Date(s): 08/17/2012	Report Date: 11/07/2012	

LANDS INVOLVED

Meridian	Township	Range	Section(s)	Subdivision(s)	Acres
Boise	T 9N	R 3E			6,145

RATIONALE AND PLAN CONFORMANCE

This emergency stabilization and burned area rehabilitation (ES&BAR) plan is consistent with the Cascade Resource Management Plan (1988). This plan states that the public lands and resources affected by wildfires would be rehabilitated and the grazing allotments that have been fully or partially burned would include a statement concerning the amount of rest needed to enable recovery (normally two years). The treatments outlined in the plan are consistent with the treatments analyzed in the Boise District Office Normal Fire Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation Plan (NFESRP) and Environmental Assessment (EA, #ID-090-2004-050) and the Noxious and Invasive Weed Treatment EA (#ID100-2005-EA-265) for the Boise District. Other applicable NEPA or related documents are listed in the Determination of Land Use Plan conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DOI-BLM-ID B010-2013-0002-DNA).

The proposed treatments are listed in the DNA and include:

S14 - Warning signs installed at Skinny Dipper Hot Springs and along the Banks-Lowman Highway to warn of new hazards.

S7/R7 - Fence repair of allotment/pasture fence that was damaged or destroyed by the fire.

There are two purposes for this repair: 1st to enforce the pasture rest and 2nd to facilitate grazing after the recovery objectives have been met.

S12 - Closure of burned pastures to rest from livestock grazing until monitoring shows that recovery objectives have been met.

S12 - Closure of the recreation site, Skinny Dipper Hot Springs, during spring precipitation and runoff events to ensure public safety.

S5/R5 - Noxious weed inventory and spot herbicide treatment to prevent the spread of weeds into the burned area.

S13/R13 - Monitoring to evaluate the effectiveness of the treatments and ensure attainment of ES&BAR objectives.

The ESR Plan and associated DNA provide further details about the proposed treatments. The treatments are considered standard and conform with existing plans.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OR APPEAL OPPORTUNITIES

This wildfire management decision is issued under 43 CFR Part 5003.1 (or 43 CFR 4190.1 for rangelands) and is effective immediately. The BLM has made the determination that vegetation, soil, or other resources on the public lands are at substantial risk of wildfire due to drought, fuels buildup, or other reasons, or at immediate risk of erosion or other damage due to wildfire. Thus, notwithstanding the provisions of 43 CFR 4.21(a)(1), filing a notice of appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 does not automatically suspend the effect of the decision. The Interior Board of Land Appeals must decide an appeal of this decision within 60 days after all pleadings have been filed, and within 180 days after the appeal was filed (43 CFR 4.416).

DECISION

It is my decision to implement the Springs Fire ES&BAR plan pending approval of funding. I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with an approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required.

/s/ Terry A. Humphrey

Approving Official; Four Rivers Field Office

11/9/2012

Date