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Dear Interested Party:

The Pocatello Field Office (PFO) began its travel management planning effort for the *Curlew/Deep Creek* area in May 2012. You are receiving this letter because you either attended one of seven public scoping meetings held between May and August 2012, you represent an interest group, and/or submitted written comments on the travel plan. At this point in the planning process, the PFO has developed a draft/preliminary travel management plan (TMP) and environmental assessment (EA). This TMP/EA was developed based upon scoping open houses and numerous comments received during that time.

The TMP team reviewed these comments and identified issues and concerns to be addressed in the TMP/EA. These issues and concerns resulted in the team developing five alternatives, each having a different emphasis and analyzed in the resulting EA. Each alternative constitutes a different approach for travel management on the public lands administered by the PFO within the *Curlew/Deep Creek* TMP area. The Idaho Falls District Resource Advisory Council – *Curlew/Deep Creek* TMP subcommittee represents diverse user groups within the travel planning area and participated in the planning by identifying user groups issues/concerns within the travel plan. Their participation was very useful in the development of the travel plan.

Included with this letter, you will find a hardcopy of my *Proposed Decision Record (DR) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)*, route maps for Alternatives A through E, and a DVD containing electronic versions (i.e., pdf) of the proposed DR/FONSI and EA entitled, *Curlew/Deep Creek Travel Management Plan (CDCTMP)*, dated May 2013.

We are providing you with this information in hopes that you will take time to review the *proposed* DR/FONSI and EA and provide the TMP team with your comments and or concerns. Your comments and concerns will assist the TMP team in revising/editing and finalizing the EA so that I can issue a final DR/FONSI regarding TMP for the public lands administered by the PFO within the *Curlew/Deep Creek* area.

If you choose to submit comments, please provide them to the Bureau of Land Management, Pocatello Field Office, Attention Chuck Patterson, 4350 Cliffs Drive, Pocatello, Idaho 83204, **no later than July 26, 2013**. Please provide legible, written comments on the maps (Alternatives A -E) by marking on them to illustrate your concern or clearly identifying in a letter the page/paragraph your comment(s) pertain to in either the DR/FONSI or EA.

Please be sure to include your full name, address, and organization you represent (if any) on your comments. Before including your address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Thank you again for your interest in the *Curlew/Deep Creek* travel management planning effort.

Sincerely,

/s/ David A. Pacioretty
David A. Pacioretty
Field Manager

Enclosure(s):

Decision Record and Finding of No Significant Impact - 12 pgs.

Route maps, Alternatives A through E - 5 pgs.

1 DVD with seven pdf files, RD/FONSI, EA, Route Maps (Alternatives A-E)