

**DECISION RECORD AND RATIONALE  
BLM/BOISE/OFO  
Sunk Fire (HQR3) DOI-BLM-ID-B030-2013-0024-DNA**

Proposed Action: <b>ESR</b>		Fire #: <b>HU9Z</b>	DNA No.: <b>DOI-BLM-ID-B030-2013-0026-DNA</b>		
State: <b>Idaho</b>	County: <b>Owyhee</b>	District: <b>Boise</b>	Field Office: <b>Owyhee</b>	Authority: <b>FLPMA</b>	
Prepared By: (signature) <b>Lara Hannon</b>		Title: <b>Natural Resource Specialist</b>	Field Exam Date(s): <b>07/18/2013</b>	Report Date: <b>08/02/2013</b>	

**LANDS INVOLVED**

Meridian	Township	Range	Section(s)	Subdivision(s)	Acres
Boise	T 03S T 03S	R 03W R 02W	13, 14,15,23&24 18&19		2,121

**RATIONALE AND PLAN CONFORMANCE**

This emergency stabilization and rehabilitation (ESR) plan is consistent with the Owyhee Resource Management Plan and associated ROD dated December 30, 1999. The treatments outlined in this plan are also consistent with the treatments analyzed in the Boise District Office Normal Fire Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation Plan and Environmental Assessment (NFESRP EA, #ID-090-2004-050) and the Noxious and Invasive Weed Treatment EA (#ID100-2005-EA-265) for the Boise District.

The proposed treatments incorporated the appropriate conservation measures from the 2006 Conservation Plan for the Greater Sage-grouse in Idaho including; assess pre-burn vegetation via mapping, fuels/vegetation surveys or allotment monitoring records to determine plant species composition and diversity (4-19), consider/evaluate fire severity (4-19), ensure that sage-grouse habitat considerations are incorporated into restoration and burned area rehabilitation plans, particularly in or near stronghold, key and isolated habitats (p.4-19), provide for noxious weed control in burned areas (p. 4-20). The proposed treatments in this ESR Plan are also consistent with current Bureau policy (Instruction Memorandum No. 2012-043) for enhancement and restoration of sage-grouse habitat in that the treatments would stabilize soils, reestablish hydrologic function, maintain and enhance biological integrity, and limit expansion or dominance of invasive species.

Our decision will result in the most beneficial, quickest recovery, and least costly stabilization and rehabilitation efforts for the pre-existing vegetation and soil resources of the burned area.

**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 our decision to implement the Sunk Fire ESR plan pending approval of funding. We have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed projects are in conformance with an approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required.

*/s/ Michele McDaniel*

*10/31/2013*

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Approving Official - Owyhee Field Office

Date