

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

Date: 12/17/15

District/ Field Office: Shoshone FO

Resource Area:

1. Evaluators (*names*)

John Kurtz,

SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING UNITS (1)	(2)Type of User	(3)Amount of Use	(4)Public Interests	(5)Adjacent Land Uses	(6)Special Areas	(7)Other Factors	(8)Overall Rating	EXPLANATION (9)
Hwy 46	H	H	H	M			H	When combined with Scenic Quality Rating and Distance zone, determined to be Foreground/Middle Ground, and other Bennett Hills Timmerman Hills MFP Decisions (Lands and Realty) the interim VRM management class is III.
Hwy 20 (South)	H	H	H	M			H	When combined with Scenic Quality Rating and Distance zone, determined to be Foreground/Middle Ground and Background, and other Bennett Hills Timmerman Hills MFP Decisions (Lands and Realty) the interim VRM management class is III.
Hwy 26	M	H	L	L			M	When combined with Scenic Quality Rating and Distance zone, determined to be Foreground/Middle Ground and Background, and other Bennett Hills Timmerman Hills MFP Decisions (Lands and Realty) the interim VRM management class is IV.

(Instructions on reverse)

INSTRUCTIONS

Steps in the Sensitivity Level Analysis

1. Divide the inventory area into logical sensitivity rating units.
2. Analyze the factors which indicate visual sensitivity.
3. For each rating, rate each factor as high, moderate, or low using the following outline as a general guide:
 - a. *Type of Users.* Maintenance of visual quality is
 - a major concern for most users.....High
 - a moderate concern for most users.....Moderate
 - a low concern for most users.....Low
 - b. *Amount of use.* Maintenance of visual quality becomes more important as the level of use increases (see table below):
 - high level of use.....High
 - moderate level of use.....Moderate
 - low level of use.....Low
 - c. *Public Interest.* Maintenance of visual quality is:
 - a major public issue.....High
 - a moderate public issue.....Moderate
 - a minor public issue.....Low
 - d. *Adjacent Land Uses.* Maintenance of visual quality to sustain adjacent land use objectives is:
 - very important.....High
 - moderately important.....Moderate
 - slightly important.....Low
 - e. *Special Area.* Maintenance of visual quality to sustain Special Area management objectives is:
 - very important.....High
 - moderately important.....Moderate
 - slightly important.....Low
4. Determine the over-all sensitivity level for each rating unit. This is a judgmental process which requires a careful analysis of all the above factors. Review the ratings given to each factor and analyze the relationship between factors. A high rating in any one factor does not necessarily mean that the over-all sensitivity level rating should be high. For example, the rating for “type of users” might be high but the “amount of use” might be low. Consequently, the over-all rating could be low or moderate. Management should be involved in this process.
5. Record the ratings and explanation on the sensitivity level rating sheet.

TABLE FOR CLASSIFYING AMOUNT OF USE			
TYPE	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW
Roads & Highways	Greater than 45,000 visits/ yr.	5,000-45,000 visits/ yr.	Lesser than 5,000 visits/ yr.
Rivers & Trails	Greater than 20,000 visits/ yr.	2,000-20,000 visits/ yr.	Lesser than 2,000 visits/ yr.
Recreation Sites	Greater than 10,000 visitor days/ yr.	2,000-10,000 visitor days/ yr.	Lesser than 2,000 visitor days/ yr.

Comments from item 2.



Figure 1: KOP 1 looking North

The structures present a strong degree of contrast in form, moderate in line and texture and weak in color. The structures do attract attention for the 3-5 minutes they are in view however they do not dominate the view.



Figure 2: KOP 1 looking North, Alt. 2 Power line removal



Figure 3: KOP 1 looking South

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Figure 4: KOP 1 looking South, Alt. 2 Power line removal

Including the following mitigation measures will help minimize and not increase the visual impacts:

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 - Non-specular conductors,
 - Polymer insulators, and
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VISUAL CONTRAST RATING WORKSHEET

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Activity (program):

SECTION A. PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Project Name: King to Wood River	4. Location Township <u>3 S</u>	5. Location Sketch See King to Ketchum VRM KOP Map
2. Key Observation Point: 2	Range <u>15 E</u>	
3. VRM Class: Interim VRM Class III	Section <u>27</u>	

SECTION B. CHARACTERISTIC LANDSCAPE DESCRIPTION

	1. LAND/WATER	2. VEGETATION	3. STRUCTURES
FORM	Flattened, linear, parallel,	Flattened, linear and parallel	Narrow, linear and vertical
LINE	Broken, convergence	Broken	Straight and simple
COLOR	Yellow, dark brown and black	yellow, dark brown , grey	Brown
TEX-TURE	Rough	Smooth	Striped

SECTION C. PROPOSED ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

	1. LAND/WATER	2. VEGETATION	3. STRUCTURES
FORM	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above
LINE	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above
COLOR	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above
TEX-TURE	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above

SECTION D. CONTRAST RATING SHORT TERM x LONG TERM

1. DEGREE OF CONTRAST		FEATURES												2. Does project design meet visual resource management objectives? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Explain on reverses side) 3. Additional mitigating measures recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Explain on reverses side)			
		LAND/WATER BODY (1)				VEGETATION (2)				STRUCTURES (3)							
		STRONG	MODERATE	WEAK	NONE	STRONG	MODERATE	WEAK	NONE	STRONG	MODERATE	WEAK	NONE				
ELEMENTS	FORM				x							x	x				
	LINE				x							x					
	COLOR				x							x			x		
	TEXTURE				x							x					

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Figure 1: KOP 2 looking North



Figure 2: KOP 2 looking North, Alt. 2 Power line removal



Figure 3: 1 Mile North of KOP 2 looking South



Figure 4: 1 Mile North of KOP 2 looking South, Alt. 2 Power line removal

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1. Project Name: King to Wood River	4. Location Township <u>1 S</u>	5. Location Sketch See King to Ketchum VRM KOP Map
2. Key Observation Point: 3	Range <u>17 E</u>	
3. VRM Class: North of Hwy 20 VRM IV.	Section <u>16</u>	

SECTION B. CHARACTERISTIC LANDSCAPE DESCRIPTION

	1. LAND/WATER	2. VEGETATION	3. STRUCTURES
FORM	North: flat and rounded to rolling and complex South: flat	North: simple (sagebrush and grass) South: simple	North and South: straight and simple
LINE	North: mostly horizontal, some curvilinear and irregular South: horizontal, simple	North: flowing and soft South: simple and soft	North and South: straight and vertical
COLOR	North and South: dark brown where visible	North and South: green and brown	North and South: brown
TEX-TURE	North: Smooth and curvilinear with some jagged South: simple and smooth	North and South: uniform and continuous	North and South: striped

SECTION C. PROPOSED ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

	1. LAND/WATER	2. VEGETATION	3. STRUCTURES
FORM	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.
LINE	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.
COLOR	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.
TEX-TURE	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.

SECTION D. CONTRAST RATING SHORT TERM LONG TERM

1. DEGREE OF CONTRAST		FEATURES												2. Does project design meet visual resource management objectives? <u> </u> X <u> </u> Yes <u> </u> No (Explain on reverses side)						
		LAND/WATER BODY (1)				VEGETATION (2)				STRUCTURES (3)										
		STRONG	MODERATE	WEAK	NONE	STRONG	MODERATE	WEAK	NONE	STRONG	MODERATE	WEAK	NONE							
ELEMENTS	FORM				X								x					x	3. Additional mitigating measures recommended <u> </u> X <u> </u> Yes <u> </u> No (Explain on reverses side)	
	LINE				X								x					x		
	COLOR				X								x					x		
	TEXTURE				x								x					x		
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Figure 1: KOP 3 looking North (Image is from Google Earth)

It is approximately 1.0 miles to the BLM from this KOP in which it recedes into the background therefore the degree of contrast is weak and do not dominate the view.



Figure 2: KOP 3 looking North, Alt. 2 Power line removal



Figure 3: KOP 3 looking South (Image is from Google Earth)

It is approximately 1.4 miles to BLM from this KOP. The power line is not visible from the Moonstone Landing Recreation Site. Once the power line enters BLM is barely visible from KOP 3 and is not visible while traveling along Highway 20 as it recedes into the background. Therefore the degree of contrast is weak and do not dominate the view.



Figure 4: KOP 3 looking South, Alt. 2 Power line removal

Additional Mitigating Measures (See item 3)

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SECTION A. PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Project Name: King to Wood River	4. Location Township <u>2 N</u>	5. Location Sketch See King to Ketchum VRM KOP Map
2. Key Observation Point: 4	Range <u>17 E</u>	
3. VRM Class: VRM IV.	Section <u>36</u>	

SECTION B. CHARACTERISTIC LANDSCAPE DESCRIPTION

	1. LAND/WATER	2. VEGETATION	3. STRUCTURES
FORM	Bold and rounded	simple (sagebrush and grass)	straight and simple
LINE	Concave, convex convergence, and bold	flowing and soft	straight and vertical
COLOR	dark brown where visible	green and brown	brown
TEX- TURE	Rough and continuous	uniform and continuous	striped

SECTION C. PROPOSED ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

	1. LAND/WATER	2. VEGETATION	3. STRUCTURES
FORM	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.
LINE	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.
COLOR	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.
TEX- TURE	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.

SECTION D. CONTRAST RATING __SHORT TERM _x_LONG TERM

1. DEGREE OF CONTRAST		FEATURES												2. Does project design meet visual resource management objectives? _X_Yes ___No (Explain on reverses side)				
		LAND/WATER BODY (1)				VEGETATION (2)				STRUCTURES (3)								
		STRONG	MODERATE	WEAK	NONE	STRONG	MODERATE	WEAK	NONE	STRONG	MODERATE	WEAK	NONE					
ELEMENTS	FORM				x									x				3. Additional mitigating measures recommended _X_Yes ___No (Explain on reverses side)
	LINE				x											x		
	COLOR				x											x		
	TEXTURE				x									x				
Evaluator's Names																		



Figure 2: KOP 4 looking South, Alt. 2 Power line removal

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SECTION A. PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Project Name: King to Wood River	4. Location Township <u>1 N</u>	5. Location Sketch See King to Ketchum VRM KOP Map
2. Key Observation Point: 5 (Rock Creek Road)	Range <u>17 E</u>	
3. VRM Class: VRM IV.	Section <u>1</u>	

SECTION B. CHARACTERISTIC LANDSCAPE DESCRIPTION

	1. LAND/WATER	2. VEGETATION	3. STRUCTURES
FORM	Bold and rounded	simple (sagebrush and grass)	straight and simple
LINE	Angular, broken, convergence	Undulating and simple	straight and vertical
COLOR	dark brown where visible	green and brown	brown
TEX- TURE	Rough and directional	uniform and continuous	striped

SECTION C. PROPOSED ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

	1. LAND/WATER	2. VEGETATION	3. STRUCTURES
FORM	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.
LINE	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.
COLOR	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.
TEX- TURE	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.

SECTION D. CONTRAST RATING SHORT TERM x LONG TERM

1.	DEGREE OF CONTRAST	FEATURES												2. Does project design meet visual resource management objectives? <u> X </u> Yes <u> </u> No (Explain on reverses side) 3. Additional mitigating measures recommended <u> X </u> Yes <u> </u> No (Explain on reverses side)
		LAND/WATER BODY (1)				VEGETATION (2)				STRUCTURES (3)				
		STRONG	MODERATE	WEAK	NONE	STRONG	MODERATE	WEAK	NONE	STRONG	MODERATE	WEAK	NONE	
		FORM			X				x		x			
		LINE			X				x		x			
COLOR			X				x			x				
TEXTURE			x				x		x					
ELEMENTS												Evaluator's Names John Kurtz 10/3/15	Date	

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Figure 1: KOP 5 looking North

The structures present a moderate degree of contrast in form, line and texture and weak in color however they do not dominate the view.



Figure 2: KOP 5, Alt. 2 Power line Removal

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SECTION A. PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Project Name: King to Wood River	4. Location Township <u>3 N</u>	5. Location Sketch See King to Ketchum VRM KOP Map
2. Key Observation Point: 6 (Hwy 75 & Ohio Gulch)	Range <u>18 E</u>	
3. VRM Class: VRM III.	Section <u>20</u>	

SECTION B. CHARACTERISTIC LANDSCAPE DESCRIPTION

	1. LAND/WATER	2. VEGETATION	3. STRUCTURES
FORM	Bold with Vertical asymmetrical folds	simple (sagebrush and grass)	straight and simple
LINE	Converging, flowing and continuous	Undulating and simple	straight and vertical (power poles)
COLOR	dark brown where visible	green and brown	Brown (power poles)
TEX-TURE	Rough and directional	uniform and continuous	striped (power poles)

SECTION C. PROPOSED ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

	1. LAND/WATER	2. VEGETATION	3. STRUCTURES
FORM	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.
LINE	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.
COLOR	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.
TEX-TURE	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.

SECTION D. CONTRAST RATING SHORT TERM x LONG TERM

1.	DEGREE OF CONTRAST	FEATURES												2. Does project design meet visual resource management objectives? <u> X </u> Yes <u> </u> No (Explain on reverses side) 3. Additional mitigating measures recommended <u> X </u> Yes <u> </u> No (Explain on reverses side)
		LAND/WATER BODY (1)				VEGETATION (2)				STRUCTURES (3)				
		STRONG	MODERATE	WEAK	NONE	STRONG	MODERATE	WEAK	NONE	STRONG	MODERATE	WEAK	NONE	
		FORM			X				x		x			
		LINE			X				x		x			
COLOR			X				x			x				
TEXTURE			x				x		x					
ELEMENTS													Evaluator's Names John Kurtz 12/16/15	Date

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Figure 1: KOP 6 (Power line is circled)

The structures present a moderate degree of contrast in form, line and texture and weak in color however they do not dominate the view.



Figure 2: KOP 6, Alt. 2 Power line Removal

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Activity (program):

SECTION A. PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Project Name: King to Wood River	4. Location Township <u>6 S</u>	5. Location Sketch See King to Ketchum VRM KOP Map
2. Key Observation Point: 7 (Approximately 6 miles west of Gooding, ID. on Hwy 26)	Range <u>14 E</u>	
3. VRM Class: Interim VRM Class IV.	Section <u>6</u>	

SECTION B. CHARACTERISTIC LANDSCAPE DESCRIPTION

	1. LAND/WATER	2. VEGETATION	3. STRUCTURES
FORM	Flat	simple (grass)	straight and simple
LINE	Straight	Weak and simple	straight and vertical (power poles)
COLOR	dark brown where visible	Yellow and green hues, monotone	Brown (power poles)
TEX-TURE	smooth	uniform and continuous	striped (power poles)

SECTION C. PROPOSED ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

	1. LAND/WATER	2. VEGETATION	3. STRUCTURES
FORM	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.
LINE	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.
COLOR	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.
TEX-TURE	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.

SECTION D. CONTRAST RATING SHORT TERM x LONG TERM

1.	DEGREE OF CONTRAST	FEATURES												2. Does project design meet visual resource management objectives? <u> X </u> Yes <u> </u> No (Explain on reverses side) 3. Additional mitigating measures recommended <u> X </u> Yes <u> </u> No (Explain on reverses side)
		LAND/WATER BODY (1)				VEGETATION (2)				STRUCTURES (3)				
		STRONG	MODERATE	WEAK	NONE	STRONG	MODERATE	WEAK	NONE	STRONG	MODERATE	WEAK	NONE	
ELEMENTS	FORM				X					x	x			
	LINE				X					x	x			
	COLOR				X					x	x			
	TEXTURE				x					x	x			
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Figure 1: KOP 7 (Google Earth Image)

The structures present a strong degree of contrast in form, line and texture and moderate in color. They do attract attention for the 1-2 minutes they are visible from Hwy 26 however the mitigation minimizes their dominance.

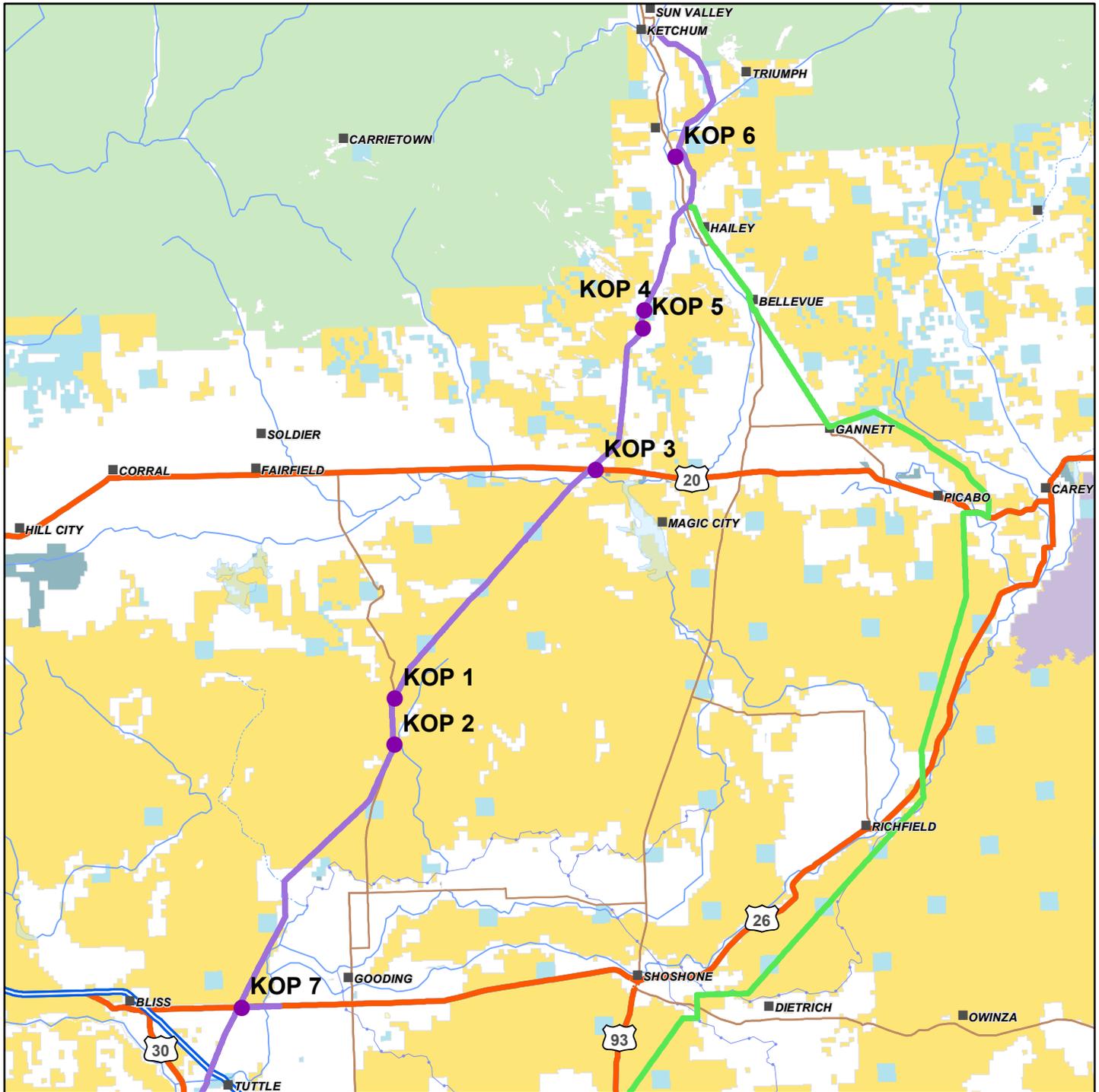


Figure 2: KOP 7, Alt. 2 Power line Removal

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King to Ketchum Visual Resource Management (VRM) Key Observation Points (KOP)



- King to Ketchum
- Midpoint to Hailey
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Forest Service
- National Park Service
- Private; other
- State
- State Fish and Game

Key Observation Points (KOP)

- KOP 1
- KOP 2
- KOP 3
- KOP 4
- KOP 5
- KOP 6
- KOP 7



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