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Dear Interested Public;

You are receiving this letter because you have shown interest in recreational related activities on public lands within the Idaho Falls District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The Salmon Field Office (SFO) received an application for a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) from Idaho for Wildlife to conduct a competitive predator hunt derby from January 2 – 4, 2015. This letter is to inform you the SFO is currently considering this request and completing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential impacts that could occur from implementing this event. Information regarding the EA, including a description of the proposed action can be found at https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do.

A 15-day public scoping period is being held from August 4-18, 2014. During the scoping period, the BLM solicits input on the issues, impacts, and potential alternatives that need to be addressed in an EA, as well as, the extent to which those issues and impacts will be analyzed. Currently, the issues identified to analyze in the EA include:

1. How would the proposed event impact economic and social values;
2. How would the proposed project impact existing recreational uses; and
3. How would the proposed action affect wildlife habitat and threatened species in the project area.

If you would like to provide feedback or comments on the issues identified in the EA, please keep in mind the BLM does not manage wildlife or regulate hunting. The BLM is responsible for the multiple use management of public lands, including habitat, and ensuring that we appropriately protect our natural resources. Additionally, issuing an SRP does not give participants the authority to harvest a predator. The SRP gives the event promoter the authority to use public lands for a competitive event. Idaho Department of Fish and Game has authority over all hunting regulations regardless of land jurisdiction and all competitors must comply with all Idaho Fish and Game regulations.

After the scoping period and development of the EA, 15-day comment period will be held in September and the public will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the EA.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing from you. For more information please contact Liz Townley, Outdoor Recreation Planner by email at blm_id_predatorhuntderby@blm.gov or by phone at (208)756-5425.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joe Kraayenbrink

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District Manager