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Dear Interested Public:

You recently received a letter seeking input on a proposal to conduct vegetation treatments in selected sagebrush habitat in the Salmon and Challis Field Offices. After further consideration, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has decided to postpone the scoping process and meetings scheduled for March 30 and 31, 2015. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

At this juncture, we feel it prudent to wait until the Greater Sage-grouse Resource Management Plan (RMP) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)/ Record of Decisions (ROD) are released later this summer before continuing with the scoping process. This will ensure that any project-specific proposals the BLM and the public identify will be consistent with the Idaho/SW Montana RMP Amendment EIS and ROD.

The BLM is committed to the Greater Sage-Grouse National Planning Strategy and to conserving and restoring areas identified as having the highest value to maintain the species and its habitat.

For further information, please contact the following individuals: for questions in the Challis area please contact Peggy Redick at predick@blm.gov or (208) 879-6201, for questions in the Salmon area, please contact Bill Baer at wbaer@blm.gov or (208) 756-5419.

Sincerely,

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