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FOUR RIVERS FIELD OFFICE
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Mann Fire (J169) Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation Treatments

RATIONALE AND PLAN CONFORMANCE

This emergency stabilization and burned area rehabilitation (ES&BAR) plan is consistent with the Cascade Resource Management Plan (1988) and the Record of Decision and Approved Greater Sage-Grouse Resource Management Plan Amendment for Idaho and Southwest Montana. The Cascade RMP states that the public lands and resources affected by wildfires would be rehabilitated and the grazing allotments that have been fully or partially burned would include a statement concerning the amount of rest needed to enable recovery. The Sage-Grouse Amendment states that rehabilitation projects in areas that have potential to improve greater sage-grouse habitat will use a full array of treatment activities as appropriate, including chemical, mechanical, and seeding treatments. The treatments outlined in the plan are consistent with the treatments analyzed in the Boise District Office Normal Fire Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation Plan (NFESRP) and Environmental Assessment (EA, #ID-090-2004-050) and the Noxious and Invasive Weed Treatment EA (#ID100-2005-EA-265) for the Boise District. Other applicable NEPA or related documents are listed in the Determination of Land Use Plan conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DOI-BLM-ID B010-2016-0016-DNA).

The proposed treatments are listed in the DNA and include:

- *Noxious weed inventory and spot herbicide treatment to prevent the spread of weeds into the burned area.
- *Approximately 3 miles of allotment boundary fence repair that was damaged or destroyed by the fire.
- *Closure of burned pastures to rest from livestock grazing until monitoring shows that recovery objectives have been met.
- *Planting of approximately 16,000 sagebrush and 18,000 bitterbrush seedlings over three years post fire within the Rebecca Sand Hill Natural Area and Area of Critical Environmental Concern using shovels, hoe dads, or augers. No motorized equipment for transportation into the area would be utilized.
- *Monitoring to evaluate the effectiveness of the treatments and ensure attainment of ES&BAR objectives.

The ESR Plan and associated DNA provide further details about the proposed treatments. The treatments are considered standard and conform with existing plans.

Decision: It is my decision to implement the Mann Fire ESR Plan pending approval of funding. I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the

proposed project is in conformance with an approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required.

Protest/Appeal Language: 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. Appeal of this decision may be made to the Interior Board of Land Appeals in accordance with 43 CFR 4.410. 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 as contained in 43 CFR 4.416.

/s/ Tate Fischer
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Tate Fischer

1/22/2016
Date