

## **Scoping Information**

### **Proposal for the American Falls Resource Management Plan in Bannock, Bingham, and Power Counties, Idaho**

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) analyzing proposed changes to the existing resource management plan (RMP) for American Falls Dam and Reservoir. This RMP will supersede the previous American Falls RMP, which was approved in 1995. To share information and seek public input on the proposed management actions, Reclamation is sending this information package summarizing the RMP proposal to potentially interested and/or affected parties.

The revised RMP will provide guidance for management of Reclamation lands associated with American Falls Dam and Reservoir, including the lands downstream. It will provide management direction and policy guidelines for the conservation, protection, enhancement, use, and development of Reclamation lands and associated natural and cultural resources. It is intended to provide a 10-year framework for resource management. During this period, it may be necessary to review, reevaluate, revise, and amend the RMP, in cooperation with involved agencies, Tribes, and the public, to reflect changing conditions and management objectives.

#### **Why Am I Receiving This Scoping Notice?**

Actions undertaken or funded by federal agencies must be analyzed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other relevant federal and state laws and regulations to determine potential environmental consequences. Scoping is one step of the NEPA process. During scoping, agencies seek input from those who may have an interest in or be directly affected by a proposed project. You can help us identify important issues and concerns regarding this proposed project by providing your written comments during this scoping period, which will run through January 30, 2026. Substantive comments on the proposed management actions are especially helpful.

#### **What Is the Proposed Action?**

The proposed action is detailed in Appendix 1, which contains a table comparing management in the 1995 RMP with management in the proposed RMP in the draft EA. This table will help identify the similarities and differences between management actions. Many of the proposed actions are the same as in the 1995 RMP or, while being presented in a slightly different manner, have the same overall intent as the existing management actions in the 1995 RMP. However, some 1995 RMP actions have been removed and other actions have been newly proposed. If you would like to review the draft RMP in its entirety, it can be viewed at:

<https://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/afrmp/index.html>.

#### **When and How Would This Project Occur?**

Once the environmental compliance report has been completed for the draft RMP, any changes from scoping would be incorporated into the draft before it is finalized. The RMP is expected to be finalized and operational at the beginning of 2027.

## **Are Any Other Alternatives Being Considered?**

Reclamation will develop an EA, which will include consideration of the proposed action alternative and a no action alternative. Additional alternatives could be developed in response to issues identified throughout the NEPA process.

## **I Have a Comment – How Do I Provide It?**

Written comments can be submitted electronically by emailing them to [sra-nepa-comments@usbr.gov](mailto:sra-nepa-comments@usbr.gov). They can also be mailed or hand-delivered to:

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Public involvement is encouraged throughout the NEPA process; however, your comments can best be used if they are provided before January 30, 2026.

## Appendix 1

### Draft Environmental Assessment Alternatives

#### General Management Actions

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
Protect habitat and avoid significant impact to listed, proposed for listing, and candidate threatened species and other species of special concern. Reclamation will comply with legal responsibilities for recovery and maintenance of federally-listed, threatened, and endangered species and protection of cultural resources.	Comply with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to protect federal-protected species and critical habitat. Reclamation will comply with legal responsibilities for recovery and maintenance of federally-listed species.
Protect and enhance wetlands in accordance with existing Federal regulations.	Same as Alternative A.
Maintain a 300 cfs minimum flow at American Falls Dam.	Continue to target and maintain a minimum 300 cfs baseline winter flow at American Falls Dam to meet ESA and other regulation requirements.
Completed cultural resource management actions in accordance with requirements in 36 CFR 800, AIRFA, and other appropriate laws and regulations.	Complete cultural resource management actions in accordance with requirements in National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA; 36 CFR 800), AIRFA, NAGPRA, and other appropriate laws and regulations.
Include appropriate NEPA compliance/consultation in implementation actions.	Same as Alternative A.
Obtain necessary water quality permits prior to construction.	Same as Alternative A.
Coordinate with USFWS to ensure that any conditions or commitments made as the result of Section 7 consultation activities (ESA) are integrated into construction specifications, contracts, and operational agreements as appropriate to avoid violating provisions of the ESA or jeopardizing the continued existence of a species.	No similar objectives.
Implement most actions depending on the availability of funds and identifying cost- share partners as required by current laws and regulations. Maintain basic facilities at designated recreation areas in accordance with current cost-share agreements and protect specific resources.	Same as Alternative A.
Areas around the American Falls Reservoir, including the exposed lakebed, that are currently open to motorized access will, with some exceptions, remain open to that activity in the future.	Reclamation lands are closed to off-road vehicle use unless otherwise stated open (43 CFR 420).
Litter receptacles, including dumpsters, will not be provided at dispersed recreation areas. Recreationists will be expected to follow a "pack it in--pack it out" policy of carrying out all garbage and litter resulting from their activities. Policy statements on litter and garbage removal will be included in visitor information materials and programs on land management.	No Similar Management.

<b>Existing Management</b> <b>(Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP</b> <b>(Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p>Encroachment and trespass on Reclamation lands will not be allowed. Yearly inspections will be conducted on an informal basis and a formal review will be conducted every 5 years. Agricultural and grazing use of Reclamation lands will be allowed only if authorized and if wildlife and cultural values are met. Equipment, pipes, haystacks, etc. will not be allowed on Reclamation lands. Any dumping problems will be followed up with local law enforcement officials if necessary. Boundary identification will be improved where feasible with installation of signs, monuments, and fences.</p> <p>The management philosophy for the area downstream from American Falls Dam focuses on protection of natural and cultural resources. Reclamation lands will generally remain closed to OHV's.</p> <p>Reclamation will continue to pursue efforts to have Reclamation owned lands downstream of the dam placed on the National Register of Historic Places as a National Historic District.</p>	<p>Encroachment and trespass on Reclamation lands will not be allowed. Yearly inspections will be conducted on an informal basis and a formal review will be conducted every 5 years. Agricultural and grazing use of Reclamation lands will be allowed only if authorized and if wildlife and cultural values are met. Equipment, pipes, haystacks, etc. will not be allowed on Reclamation lands. Follow up any illegal dumping on public lands, which is a violation of federal and local regulations, with local law enforcement officials, if necessary. Improve boundary identification, where feasible, with installation of signs, monuments, and fences.</p> <p>Because the management philosophy for the area downstream from American Falls Dam focuses on protection of natural and cultural resources, Reclamation lands will generally remain closed to OHVs.</p> <p>No similar management.</p>

## Air Quality and Climate

<b>Existing Management</b> <b>(Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP</b> <b>(Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Goal:</b> No goal identified.	<b>Goal:</b> Preserve, protect, and maintain air quality and air resource-related values consistent with public health.
<b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.	<b>Objective:</b> Within the scope of Reclamation's authority, maintain concentrations of criteria pollutants in compliance with applicable state and federal ambient air quality standards.
<b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.	<b>Objective:</b> Manage public land activities consistent with the Clean Air Act, as amended, and at least the federal Class II area standards and visibility (regional haze) criteria, and no less than any local governments' air quality criteria.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Incorporate air quality protection consistent with the Clean Air Act, as amended, into all surface-disturbing activities on Reclamation lands.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> To ensure compliance with the Clean Air Act Prevention of Significant Deterioration program, consider requiring further analysis of air resources before authorizing activities.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Reduce air quality impacts from activities on public land through mitigation measures developed on a case-by-case basis through NEPA or other statutory or regulatory processes. Evaluate each impact to see if it is allowable and acceptable.

# Hydrology and Water Resources

Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)	Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)
<p><b>Goal:</b> Promote optimal use of water resources and protect water rights</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Ensure that management decisions for conservation, use, and enhancement of land resources do not conflict with established water rights, storage contracts, or irrigation operational needs.</p>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Manage water resources to protect water rights and storage capacity within the reservoir.</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> If feasible, operate the system to help meet instream flow quantity and quality needs consistent with other project purposes and contractual requirements in the Snake River below the reservoir. Reclamation will determine (in cooperation with IPC, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, the EPA, spaceholders, and other agencies and interest groups) instream flow needs, identify flexibility in reservoir operations to help meet needs, and modify operations where feasible.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Ensure water resources' management and uses do not conflict with established water rights, storage contracts, or irrigation.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> If feasible, implement with the consent of the spaceholders, reservoir operational adjustments which contribute to achieving fishery, endangered species, wildlife, and recreational objectives while protecting water rights, reservoir storage rights, and irrigation operational needs.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> If feasible, implement with the consent of the spaceholders (advisory committee<sup>1</sup>), reservoir operational adjustments which contribute to achieving fishery, endangered species, wildlife, and recreational objectives while protecting water rights, reservoir storage rights, and irrigation operational needs.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Encourage measurement of all water diversions to ensure that all measuring devices are functioning accurately.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Goal:</b> Protect and improve water quality</p>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Protect and improve water quality through management of potential contaminants on Reclamation lands and coordination with partners and local stakeholders.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Ensure that any planned or proposed reservoir sub-impoundments or tributary impoundments are designed to avoid concentration of trace elements and will not cause other adverse water quality effects.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Collaborate with partners, adjacent landowners, and local stakeholders to monitor and protect water quality and address potential water quality issues.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Encourage the local Soil Conservation Districts to continue to work with area farmers to (1) reduce amounts of applied fertilizer, herbicides, and pesticides and (2) prevent overspray on Reclamation lands.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Advisory committee: the elected representatives of the spaceholders (currently the Committee of Nine).

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Action:</b> Encourage the local Soil Conservation Districts to continue to work with area farmers to (1) reduce amounts of applied fertilizer, herbicides, and pesticides and (2) prevent overspray on Reclamation lands. Encourage farmers to voluntarily reduce application rates of chemical fertilizer and herbicides and include usage guidelines in lease agreements.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Discourage use of chemical fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides on Reclamation lands. Encourage farmers to reduce their rates of application and include usage guidelines in lease agreements.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Continue to encourage farmers to reduce their rates of chemical applications of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides on Reclamation lands and include usage guidelines in lease agreements to continue positive trends in water quality as demonstrated from water sampling.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Discourage use of chemical fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides on Reclamation lands.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Continue to encourage the appropriate use of chemical fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides on Reclamation lands.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Ensure that water quality monitoring programs target runoff/drainage inflow points where studies have indicated potential for water contaminants.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Continue to monitor water quality programs targeting point source and nonpoint source pollution and drainage inflow points where studies have indicated a potential for water contaminants, as funding allows.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Cooperate and assist in coordinating and integrating regional ongoing and planned water quality monitoring programs. Based on the results of water quality monitoring, evaluate and act on any defined need to establish a local/regional cooperative effort to address water quality concerns. Institute new programs only if concerns are identified which cannot be covered by existing efforts.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Continue to participate in regional, ongoing and planned water quality monitoring programs and work with partners to address water quality deficiencies based on the results of water quality monitoring.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Cooperate and assist in coordinating and integrating regional ongoing and planned water quality monitoring programs to ensure that programs target runoff/drainage inflow points where studies have indicated potential for water contaminants. Institute new programs only if concerns are identified which cannot be covered by existing efforts.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Projects designed to accomplish identified goals of restoration and enhancement will include water quality monitoring in consultation with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ).</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Where water quality monitoring of restoration and enhancement projects is needed, conduct water quality monitoring in consultation with IDEQ.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Based on the results of water quality monitoring, evaluate and act on any defined need to establish a local/regional cooperative effort to address water quality concerns.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Develop partnerships to identify point source pollutants and coordinate on emerging water quality concerns to ensure compliance with the Clean Water Act.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Maintain and expand partnerships with the US Geological Survey, IDEQ, and IPC for the development of a general water quality monitoring plan, which would identify monitoring objectives; water quality parameters</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
	of interest; the location and frequency of sampling; sampling protocols, where applicable; and data management protocols.
<p><b>Action:</b> Where feasible and appropriate, provide adequate sanitation and waste management facilities at existing developed recreation sites.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Provide sanitation and waste management services through continued partnerships and agreements with nonfederal entities to reduce potential water quality issues, where feasible and appropriate.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Continue to administer grant opportunities (such as the WaterSMART program) to benefit water quality in tributaries to American Falls Reservoir and downstream.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Cooperate, within budget constraints, with other Federal agencies to investigate the quality and quantity of surface and subsurface return flows and the potential effects on human health, fish, and wildlife.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>

## Soils and Erosion Control

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Goal:</b> Control erosion and siltation</p>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Maintain the shoreline and reduce erosion and sedimentation.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Reduce the rate of erosion on Reclamation lands.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Continue the erosion control program to reduce the rate of erosion on Reclamation lands.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Implement the sediment control plan (see <b>Appendix C</b>). Consider a range of erosion control strategies, incorporating mechanical and biological approaches, where appropriate.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Implement and monitor engineered erosion mitigation and control features, such as willow planting and riprap placement, where such features appear effective and are less costly than land acquisition, and planting of vegetation on the shoreline and tributary riparian areas. Modify plans to slope the upper portion of cliffs to minimize erosion and establish upland wildlife habitat in areas where significant colonies of bank swallows reside. Determine the method of accomplishing control work. Use funds provided by Reclamation and the space holders.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Protect and establish riparian vegetation to help control erosion.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Reduce the rate of shoreline erosion and release of sediment downstream.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Do not pursue actions that increase net sedimentation and loss of storage capacity over the life of the dam unless mitigation measures are identified to limit sedimentation.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Explore means of reducing sediment contributions from the reservoir by adjustments to reservoir operations.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Continue the ongoing shoreline erosion control program around the reservoir, including coordination with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes regarding priorities</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Coordinate with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes regarding shoreline erosion control priorities within the Fort Hall Indian Reservation.</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p>within the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. The program will include engineered erosion mitigation and control features, such as willow planting and riprap placement, where such features appear effective and are less costly than land acquisition, and planting of vegetation on the shoreline and tributary riparian areas. Plans to slope the upper portion of cliffs to minimize erosion and establish upland wildlife habitat will be modified in areas where significant colonies of bank swallows reside. The method of accomplishing control work will be determined by Reclamation. Funds will be provided by Reclamation and the spaceholders.</p>	
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Install deterrents, like riprap and vegetation, to minimize unauthorized uses such as off-road OHV use.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Continue to acquire sufficient lands to construct, operate, and maintain Federal project works, including a freeboard around the reservoir. Property will be acquired in accordance with current law at a width sufficient to accommodate up to 50 years of erosion or to prevent encroachment until the erosion control program has been fully implemented. Landowners will be fully compensated for lands taken for these purposes.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Continue to acquire sufficient lands necessary for the construction, operations, and maintenance of federal project works, including an appropriate freeboard around the reservoir. Acquire land in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, at a width adequate to prevent encroachment, and ensure long-term project integrity. Ensure landowners receive just compensation as provided by law for any property interests acquired.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Develop a soil stabilization program to identify and prioritize eroded features and areas, unstable landforms, and areas susceptible to soil erosion and compaction. Reclamation will also identify corrective and mitigative measures, prioritize areas to be rehabilitated, and develop a monitoring program to assess results of the program.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Control erosion in all construction projects under Reclamation's jurisdiction.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Control erosion in all construction projects under Reclamation's jurisdiction.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Reclamation will include erosion control measures (e.g., straw mulches, sediment traps, and filter fabric) in the design and construction specifications for any proposed development. Contract specifications will contain the best management practice designed to prevent erosion and sediment-laden runoff from leaving project sites during construction. All exposed areas will be immediately revegetated and stabilized.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Include erosion control measures, such as straw mulches, sediment traps, and filter fabric, in the design and construction specifications for any proposed development. Ensure contract specifications contain the best management practices designed to prevent erosion and sediment-laden runoff from leaving project sites during construction. Immediately revegetate and stabilize all exposed areas.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Monitor locations of high use, such as recreation areas and agricultural and grazing easements and authorizations, for erosion.</p>

# Vegetation

Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)	Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)
<p><b>Goal:</b> Protect and enhance important vegetation, fish, and wildlife habitat values</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Protect and enhance important vegetation and associated values</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Protect, enhance, and restore vegetation, including native vegetation, where feasible.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Rehabilitate vegetation in degraded areas. Consider closures where needed to provide for rehabilitation activities and establishment of vegetation. Prioritize the use of native vegetation when rehabilitating these areas.</p>
<p><b>Action</b> (Vegetation and Wildlife): As part of the AMP, identify methods to restore upland vegetation/habitat damaged by vehicular access, focusing on areas where access has been terminated. Restoration will depend on the ability to provide irrigation if necessary, to protect new plant growth, and Reclamation's ability to fund or cost share the project.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Identify methods to restore upland vegetation/habitat damaged by vehicular access, focusing on areas where access has been terminated. Restoration will depend on the ability to provide irrigation, if necessary to protect new plant growth, and Reclamation's ability to fund or cost share the project.</p>
<p><b>Objective</b> (Vegetation and Wildlife): Protect existing trees and promote the establishment of cottonwood forest and shelter belt growth.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Protect existing trees and promote the establishment of cottonwood forest and shelter belt growth, where feasible.</p>
<p><b>Objective</b> (Vegetation and Wildlife): Restore riparian vegetation along tributary streams wherever feasible.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Restore riparian vegetation on Reclamation lands, to include tributaries and springs, where feasible.</p>
<p><b>Action</b> (Vegetation and Wildlife): Continue to prohibit the burning of stubble, shrub, and other vegetative cover on Reclamation lands as a means of retaining and protecting wildlife values.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Consider the use of various vegetation treatments, such as mechanical, chemical, and biological treatments and prescribed fire, to maintain and improve vegetation and habitats.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Continue the prescribed burning program.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Continue partnerships or agreements with other agencies to implement prescribed burning on Reclamation lands.</p>
<p><b>Action</b> (Vegetation and Wildlife): Replant the graded slopes created at the tops of the cliffs as weather and hydrologic conditions permit; cooperative efforts with adjacent landowners may also be valuable tools in such efforts.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action</b> (Vegetation and Wildlife): Develop viable vegetation management programs for small and narrow Reclamation ownerships adjacent to private farmland. Focus on cooperative efforts to achieve optimum wildlife habitat value on these lands while minimizing adverse effects on farming operations.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Develop viable vegetation management programs for Reclamation lands. Focus on cooperative efforts to achieve optimum wildlife habitat value on these lands while minimizing adverse effects on farming operations. A</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Action</b> (Vegetation and Wildlife): Support an USFWS recommended program to plant vegetation shelter belts along the exposed shoreline areas of the reservoir on public and private lands. The program will encourage farmers to plant and maintain conifers, deciduous trees, and shrubs for habitat enhancement.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>

## Wildlife and Fish

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Goal:</b> Protect and enhance important vegetation, fish, and wildlife habitat values.</p> <p><b>Objective</b> (Vegetation and Wildlife): In all decisions for trade, purchase, and lease of Reclamation lands, promote implementation of a balanced habitat conservation and enhancement program.</p> <p><b>Action</b> (Vegetation and Wildlife): A WMP will be prepared (see "Management Plans"); however, all of the general activities in this section will benefit wildlife.</p> <p><b>Action</b> (Vegetation and Wildlife): Develop a WMP to prioritize and coordinate wildlife management actions (see under "Wildlife Management Plan").</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Develop and implement a balanced vegetation/wildlife habitat management and enhancement program that equally considers and responds to all key habitat and wildlife values including wetland, riparian, mudflat, and upland habitats.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Assure that vegetation/wildlife habitat management and enhancement equally considers and responds to all key habitat and wildlife values including wetland, riparian, mudflat, and upland habitats. Prioritize and coordinate wildlife management actions.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Explore the potential for cooperative agreements, lease arrangements, or other relationships with private landowners to achieve (1) mutually beneficial vegetation/habitat management on Reclamation land bordering private cropland and (2) retention and enhancement of wildlife habitat values within private agricultural lands. Implement if feasible.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Identify actions needed to protect habitats on Reclamation land from unauthorized uses (e.g., grazing, agriculture, occupancy trespass, and fire).</p>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Protect and enhance important wildlife and fisheries species, habitats, and associated values.</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Promote the timely implementation of a habitat conservation and enhancement program</p> <p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Assure that habitat management and enhancement consider key habitat and wildlife values, including wetland, riparian mudflat, and upland habitats. Prioritize and coordinate wildlife habitat management actions.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Explore the potential for cooperative agreements, land-use authorizations, or other relationships with private landowners to achieve (1) mutually beneficial vegetation and habitat management on Reclamation land bordering private cropland and (2) retention and enhancement of habitat values within private agricultural lands. Implement these agreements and authorizations, if feasible.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Identify actions needed to protect habitats on Reclamation land from unauthorized uses, such as grazing, agriculture, trespass, and fire.</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> Construct impoundments and sub impoundments at various tributaries/inflow sources around the reservoir and in the drawdown zone to improve wildlife habitat, enhance fisheries, promote wetlands and/or open water areas, increase biological diversity, and improve water quality in the reservoir area. Prepare site plans that address each project to determine topography, soil conditions, hydrology, and target species.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action</b> (Vegetation and Wildlife): Explore and, if feasible, implement reservoir operational adjustments which will enhance wildlife habitat values. Examples include reduction of water level fluctuations and a more constant rate of drawdown during the waterfowl and shorebird nesting season.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action</b> (Vegetation and Wildlife): Continue updating the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) inventory for all the mammalian and avian attributes that were digitized and mapped in 1992, including such categories as waterfowl, shorebirds, candidate, threatened, and endangered species. Focus on the land status GIS attributes and develop refinements to the important wetland category, particularly as it relates to private lands and any new areas following development of subimpoundments.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Construct observation blinds for bird and other wildlife viewing kiosks or blinds with complementary road access and interpretive signs.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Identify and establish specific food and winter habitat plots for pheasant and other wildlife on agricultural leases of Reclamation lands.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Identify, protect, and rehabilitate specific riparian and upland areas to improve habitat for pheasants, wintering big game, and other wildlife.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Restore riparian vegetation/habitat, including areas adjacent to wetland development sites, presently degraded riparian areas, and locations where riparian vegetation was historically found, where feasible.	<b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.
<b>Action:</b> Reclamation will evaluate any impoundments considered for reservoir tributaries and any sub impoundments planned for the drawdown area before implementation for their effects on the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve. The evaluation will determine the appropriate impoundment size to enhance use by shorebirds that use the area on a seasonal basis.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Explore the potential for using sediment cleared from boat ramps or dredged from the reservoir to benefit wetland re-creation and restoration efforts.	<b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Action:</b> Beginning in fiscal year 1997, secure partnerships to cost share the actions listed and to achieve the goals and objectives of the AFRMP.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Consider the potential for erecting 15-20 rock islands in the tailwaters of the drawdown area for waterfowl and other water-dependent birds as resting and nesting sites.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Consider implementing sediment control structures that may also benefit wildlife and other purposes.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Maintain sage-shrub habitats, pursue upland seeding of native shrubs, forbs, and grasses in the weedy herbaceous areas, and plant shelterbelt vegetation along exposed shoreline areas.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Manage for conservation of sage-steppe habitats and consider upland seeding of native and native-like shrubs, forbs, and grasses in areas, as needed.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> When possible avoid minimum pool water levels for American Falls Reservoir. Water management should include an analysis of strategies to maintain and enhance colonial and shore bird foraging habitat.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Restore riparian vegetation along the Snake River, wherever feasible.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> In the case of wildlife disturbance or habitat degradation, or both, restrict public access, as needed, to affected areas.</p>
<p><b>Objective (Fishery):</b> Encourage IPC to consider additional research on fish passage options and improve fish survival rates.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Continue to coordinate with the Services, Tribes, the IDFG, and other working parties regarding the management of wildlife habitat within the planning area.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Coordinate with the IDFG on appropriate priorities in the IDFG fisheries management plan, as applicable to American Falls Reservoir, within Reclamation authorities.</p>
<p><b>Objective (Fishery):</b> Encourage IDFG to research which species and stocks of fish can better survive fluctuating conditions in the reservoir and the river downstream from the dam.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Coordinate with and support the IDFG's fish stocking activities in American Falls Reservoir and river downstream of the dam, when feasible.</p>
<p><b>Objective (Fishery):</b> Encourage IDFG to research which species and strains of fish can better survive fluctuating conditions in the river down stream from the dam.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective – redundant.</p>
<p><b>Objective (Fishery):</b> Encourage coordination of the IDFG stocking and other fishery management efforts with involved agencies, organizations, and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Encourage coordination of IDFG stocking and other fishery management efforts with involved agencies, organizations, and Tribes.</p>
<p><b>Action (Fish):</b> Participate with other regional managing agencies and the State to explore potentials for storing more water in the American Falls Reservoir (particularly at the end of irrigation season, to provide over-winter fish habitat). Opportunities may include IDFG purchasing water from the upper Snake River reservoirs.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Action</b> (Birds): Conduct a survey, in consultation with wildlife specialists at Idaho State University, to determine existing and potential swallow habitat focusing on the bluffs on the west and east sides.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action</b> (Birds): In cooperation with USFWS, IDFG, the Tribes, and Idaho State University, participate in a 5-year assessment of passerine and colonial nesting at the reservoir as part of the Neotropical Migratory Bird Program.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Explore the potential for cooperative agreements with private interest groups, the Tribes, and involved Federal, State, and local agencies to achieve rapid response to objectives of habitat conservation and enhancement; recreation; and other areas of mutual use. Agreements will focus on planning, funding, and implementing specific habitat programs consistent with AFRMP objectives.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Explore the potential for cooperative agreements with private interest groups, the Tribes, and involved Federal, State, and local agencies to achieve rapid response to objectives of habitat conservation and enhancement; recreation; and other areas of mutual use. Agreements should focus on planning, funding, and implementing specific habitat programs consistent with AFRMP objectives.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Explore the potential for cooperative agreements with Tribes and other partners to meet objectives of habitat conservation and enhancement, recreation, and other areas of mutual use. Focus the agreements on planning, funding, and implementing specific habitat programs consistent with RMP objectives.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Cooperate with interested private organizations in developing and implementing vegetation and wildlife management programs including exploration of joint funding programs.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action – redundant. Incorporated into below.</p>
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<p><b>Action:</b> Coordinate with USFWS, IDFG, other public agencies, and the Tribes in developing and implementing vegetation and wildlife management programs including exploration of joint funding programs.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Coordinate with the USFWS, the IDFG, Tribes, and other public agencies and interested parties in developing and implementing vegetation and wildlife habitat management programs, including exploration of joint funding programs.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Coordinate with the Tribes, USFWS, IDFG, BLM, and other public agencies in developing and implementing vegetation and wildlife management programs including exploration of joint funding programs.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action – redundant.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Protect habitat for federally protected species.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Continue to monitor operational effects on federally protected species and coordinate with the Services on those effects, as applicable.</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Action</b> (ESA Species): Protect bald eagle perch trees used during the day, especially those located where there tends to be a concentration of eagles, by prohibiting cutting of trees and signing areas accordingly. Identify and protect any bald eagle nest sites and potential nesting areas. If bald eagles begin nesting in the area, develop nest site management plans to establish protective dates and buffer zones that are consistent with those that have been developed for the upper Snake River.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Action</b> (ESA Species): Every 3 years, in cooperation with the USFWS and in conjunction with the annual winter bald eagle census, conduct a comprehensive study to document the location of night roost sites, frequency of use, and density of bald eagles using the roosts throughout the winter.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> As applicable, cooperate with the USFWS for impacts on bald eagles from Reclamation activities.</p>
<p><b>Action</b> (ESA Species): Comply with legal responsibilities for recovery and maintenance of federally-listed threatened or endangered species. This will include protecting bald eagle perch trees used during the day, especially those located where there tends to be a concentration of eagles.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action</b> (ESA Species): Subject to available funds and partners, conduct annual winter bald eagle surveys during the months of January through April, and every 5 years use the onboard geoposition system or its equivalent to accumulate data into the GIS data system. Key use sites including perch trees will be noted and correlated with winter conditions such as ice flows in the Snake River, percentage of ice formation on the reservoir, temperature, waterfowl numbers, and other variables.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Comply with existing biological opinions or other consultations with the Services for species present on Reclamation lands.</p>
<p><b>Action</b> (ESA Species): Prior to constructing any improvements near a spring discharge area, conduct a survey in coordination with the USFWS for the presence of federally-listed snails.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action</b> (ESA Species): In consultation with USFWS, Reclamation will conduct surveys for the presence of federally-listed snails before constructing any improvements within spring discharge areas.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> In consultation with the Services, conduct surveys for the presence of federally-listed species before constructing any improvements within spring discharge areas.</p>
<p><b>Action</b> (ESA Species): In consultation with USFWS, consider opportunities to introduce peregrine falcons in the Snake River plain. Recommendations are for two 40-foot nesting towers on the west side of the reservoir. Additional structures will be considered through cooperative agreements with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Consider opportunities to introduce native species to the area based on coordination with the Services, Tribes, and other management partners.

## Invasive Species

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Goal:</b> No similar goal.	<b>Goal:</b> Maintain healthy native vegetation and wildlife communities by reducing, preventing the expansion of, or eliminating the occurrence of invasive, nonnative species or noxious weeds.
<b>Objective</b> (Vegetation and Wildlife): Continue program to control noxious weeds and promote the growth of native species.	<b>Objective:</b> Prevent the establishment of and control the spread of noxious weeds and invasive, nonnative species, including invasive aquatic species (for example, quagga mussels), through integrated pest management practices.
<b>Objective</b> (Vegetation and Wildlife): Develop a program to control noxious weeds and promote the growth of native species.	<b>Objective:</b> No similar objective - redundant.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Work with partners to consider appropriate actions for the control of invasive species (terrestrial and aquatic) and to improve habitat affected by invasive species within this RMP's jurisdiction.
<b>Action</b> (Weeds): Work cooperatively with Federal, State, and local entities to identify and prioritize areas where control of noxious weeds is necessary. Incorporate Integrated Pest Management concepts and practices into Reclamation programs. Where possible, these actions will be coordinated with the wetland/riparian development and shoreline erosion control programs.	<b>Action:</b> Work cooperatively with Tribes and federal, State, and local entities to identify and prioritize areas where control of noxious weeds is necessary. Incorporate integrated pest management concepts and practices into Reclamation programs. Where possible, coordinate these actions with the wetland and riparian development and shoreline erosion control programs.
<b>Action</b> (Weeds): Work cooperatively with Federal, State, and local entities to identify and prioritize areas where control of noxious weeds is necessary. Any program on Reclamation lands, waters, and facilities will incorporate Integrated Pest Management concepts and practices. Where possible, these actions will be coordinated with the wetland/riparian development and shoreline erosion control programs.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action - redundant.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action	<b>Action:</b> Employ targeted vegetation treatments that use a combination of prescribed fire and mechanical, manual, and biological methods to control noxious weeds.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Control aquatic and terrestrial invasive species and enhance habitat quality and functionality on Reclamation lands and the inundation zone managed by Reclamation. Ensure active management involves developing and implementing habitat improvement projects to compensate for the ecosystem services lost due to the development and operation of American Falls Reservoir.

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action</b> (Vegetation and Wildlife): Conduct a detailed vegetative cover inventory around the reservoir to (1) catalog native plant species and (2) identify locations where State-listed noxious weeds, invasive exotics, and other plants are a problem requiring action. Priorities will be to inventory Reclamation lands first and easements second.	<b>Action:</b> Conduct a detailed vegetation cover inventory around the reservoir to catalog native plant species and identify locations where State-listed noxious weeds, invasive exotics, and other plants are a problem requiring action. Prioritize the inventorying of Reclamation lands first and easements second.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Prioritize the identification and treatment of noxious weeds and invasive species following an early detection, rapid-response process, in coordination with State agencies, where applicable.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Coordinate monitoring and response to detection of aquatic invasive species with the Idaho Department of Agriculture and Tribes, as needed.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Promote wash stations and public education for the identification and prevention of aquatic invasive species.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Improve information for the public on how to reduce the spread of noxious weeds and invasive species through a variety of mediums with a focus on signage at access points.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Coordinate with adjacent landowners to control the spread of noxious weed populations that are identified and span the Reclamation boundary.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Identify priority vegetation treatment areas in limited access upland and wetland environments and pursue collaborative approaches for implementing treatment.

## Visual Resources

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Goal:</b> Protect and enhance visual resources/scenic quality.	<b>Goal:</b> Protect and enhance existing scenic quality and visual resources.
<b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.	<b>Objective:</b> Manage to retain the existing scenic quality of the landscape.
<b>Objective:</b> Avoid damage to the landscape (caused by motor vehicles or other uses) in areas which are highly visible from scenic viewpoints or from recreational travel routes (including the interstate highway).	<b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Manage Reclamation lands to retain the existing character of the landscape. Allow existing features and activities, such as American Falls Dam and the pump stations, to continue as they are. Encourage voluntary consideration for opportunities to reduce visual contrast.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> When proposing new activities, ensure that while they may be seen, they should not attract the attention of the casual observer. Ensure the level of change to the characteristic landscape would be low.

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> Include visual quality as a concern in all management and development decisions.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Objective:</b> Rehabilitate those areas with existing damage.	<b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.
<b>Action:</b> Consider restoration of existing degraded areas which are visible from key vantage points.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Objective:</b> Ensure that the siting and design of all new facilities on Reclamation lands blends into the rural landscape.	<b>Objective:</b> Same as Alternative A.
<b>Action:</b> Develop siting, building design, and screening guidelines and criteria for the improved appearance of structures and preservation of the rural landscape. Apply to the planning, design, and construction of all new facilities and maintenance or modification of existing facilities.	<b>Action:</b> Develop siting, building design, and screening guidelines and criteria for the improved appearance of structures and the preservation of the rural landscape. Apply these guidelines and criteria to the planning, design, and construction of all new facilities and maintenance or modification of existing facilities.
<b>Objective:</b> Emphasize enjoyment of the scenic resources in planning land/water uses.	<b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.
<b>Action:</b> Continue to remove trash and waste dumps and explore means of assuring litter removal and trash collection through lease terms, cooperative agreements etc. Explore means to avoid trash and waste in highly visible areas around the reservoir.	<b>Action:</b> Continue to remove trash and waste dumps. Explore means of assuring litter removal and trash collection through contracts, agreements, partnerships, and/or signage. Explore means to avoid trash and waste in highly visible areas around the reservoir.
<b>Action:</b> Continue to remove trash and waste dumps and avoid future repetition in highly visible areas along the river.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action - redundant.
<b>Action:</b> Explore means of assuring litter removal and trash collection through lease terms, cooperative agreements, etc.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action – redundant.
<b>Action:</b> Implement the litter control policy of "pack it in--pack it out" and programs governing all Reclamation lands and include policy statements in all visitor information materials. Do not provide litter receptacles and dumpsters at dispersed recreation sites unless monitoring indicates a need.	<b>Action:</b> Implement the litter control policy of "pack it in, pack it out" and other litter control programs governing all Reclamation lands, and include policy statements in all visitor information materials. Provide litter receptacles and dumpsters at dispersed recreation sites only if monitoring indicates a need.
<b>Action:</b> Implement the "pack it in—pack it out" policy and programs governing all Reclamation lands and include policy statements in all visitor information materials.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action – redundant.

## Cultural Resources

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Goal:</b> Protect cultural resources and provide educational/interpretive opportunities	<b>Goal:</b> Manage cultural resources to ensure their protection and preservation for the benefit of future generations and descendant communities.
<b>Objective:</b> Ensure protection of sensitive cultural and paleontological resources in accordance with existing Federal regulations and through consultation with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Cultural Committee.	<b>Objective:</b> Ensure protection of sensitive cultural resources in accordance with existing federal regulations and through consultation with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes cultural committee.

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Action:</b> Complete a cultural resource management plan (CRMP) for these lands which outlines actions and methods to protect the cultural resources. This will include definitions of the consultation processes and parties; enforcement strategies; resource protection actions, including vehicle access management, monitoring, site stabilization, and public education; and data recovery actions in the case of adverse effects to sites from agency actions or uncontrollable natural conditions. The CRMP will also identify procedures to address NAGPRA issues of burial protection and repatriation of cultural materials. The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes will provide input to and participate in CRMP preparation and implementation.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Complete a historic properties management plan (HPMP) within 5 years of the RMP's implementation, if funding is available. In the HPMP, include protocols for inventorying, collection, monitoring, research, education, and interpretation. In the HPMP, include a NAGPRA plan of action. Invite Tribes to provide input into and participate in the preparation and implementation of the HPMP.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Complete a CRMP which outlines actions and methods to protect the cultural resources and defines the consultation processes and parties; enforcement strategies; resource Protection actions, including access management, monitoring, site stabilization, and public education; data recovery actions in the case of adverse effects to sites; and procedures to address NAGPRA issues of burial protection and repatriation of cultural materials. The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes will provide input to and participate in CRMP preparation and implementation. Contingent upon funding by the Congress, the CRMP will be completed within 2 years of signature of the Programmatic memorandum of agreement.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action - redundant.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Identify, record, and evaluate cultural resources and maintain a database of surveys and resources. Prioritize areas prone to impacts stemming from recreational use for cultural resource inventory.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Obtain location-specific cultural resource clearances when the agency acts to enhance recreation or wetlands. Avoid adverse effects to cultural resource sites by relocating or redesigning any proposed development.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Obtain location-specific cultural resource clearances when Reclamation acts to enhance recreation or wetlands. Avoid adverse effects on cultural resource sites by relocating or redesigning any proposed development.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Manage and monitor significant archaeological sites that are prone to natural and anthropogenic impacts. Reduce, mitigate, and prevent impacts on sites that would result in the loss of integrity.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Coordinate with Tribes to monitor cultural resources, prioritizing those identified as culturally significant or of particular Tribal interest and importance.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Cultural resources personnel, or other land management personnel sensitized to cultural resource management concerns, will participate in the annual monitoring of Reclamation lands to determine if operations, natural erosion, or land use is damaging</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Monitor cultural resources on Reclamation lands to determine whether operations, natural erosion, or land use are damaging cultural resources. If damage is identified, implement the following actions to be considered, in order of priority: (1) relocate the</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p>cultural resources. Management actions to be considered in order of priority are: (1) relocate the damaging activity, (2) prohibit the damaging activity in part or in total, (3) protect the site by stabilization, revegetation, or other action, and (4) mitigate damage through excavation.</p> <p>Location-specific cultural resource clearances will be obtained for agency actions.</p> <p>In accordance with 36 CFR 800, conduct consultations to determine site eligibility, project effect, and appropriate treatment of adversely affected sites.</p>	<p>damaging activity; (2) prohibit the damaging activity in part or in total; (3) protect the site by stabilization, revegetation, or other action; and (4) mitigate damage through excavation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain location-specific cultural resource clearances for agency actions.</li> <li>• In accordance with 36 CFR 800, conduct consultations to determine site eligibility for the NRHP, project effect, and appropriate treatment of adversely affected sites.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Action:</b> Stabilize or protect cultural sites when avoidance is not possible such as for reservoir bank stabilization projects. Test excavations will be conducted as necessary to determine if the sites are eligible for the National Register. Consultations, per 36 CFR 800, will also be conducted to determine site eligibility, project effect, and appropriate treatment of adversely affected Register-eligible sites.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Stabilize or protect cultural sites when avoidance is not possible, such as for reservoir bank stabilization projects. Conduct consultations, per 36 CFR 800, to determine site eligibility, project effect, and appropriate treatment of adversely affected NRHP-eligible sites.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Cultural resources personnel, or other land management personnel sensitized to cultural resource management concerns, will participate in the annual monitoring of Reclamation lands to determine if operations, natural erosion, or land use is damaging cultural resources. If significant sites are being damaged, management actions will be implemented. If the site cannot be protected, mitigation may be considered.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action - redundant.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Determine if cultural resource sites are present on lands leased for agriculture, grazing, or recreation and if issuance or renewal of leases is under consideration. If National Register eligible or unevaluated sites are present, Reclamation will determine if the lessee's use will affect those sites. If damage could occur or is occurring, Reclamation will consider altering the lease to exclude use of the site area or include conditions that will avoid or reduce damage.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Using relevant archaeological and environmental data, determine whether areas that are under land-use authorizations or managed by partners have been surveyed for cultural resources and whether any cultural resource sites are present within those areas. If NRHP-eligible or unevaluated sites are present, determine whether the use will affect those sites. If damage could occur or is occurring, consider altering the land-use authorization or agreement to exclude use of the site area or include conditions that would avoid or reduce damage.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> If archeological sites are present on lands leased for agriculture, recreation, or other actions, Reclamation will determine if lessee use could further damage those sites. If additional damage could occur, Reclamation will consider altering the lease to exclude use of the site area or include conditions that will avoid or reduce additional damage.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action - redundant.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Reclamation will close selected areas to all access or grazing to protect archeological sites from ongoing or accelerating damage as determined necessary on a site by site basis.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Close areas where Reclamation determines closure is necessary to protect cultural resources from ongoing or accelerated damage. Ensure closures to protect natural and cultural resources would not restrict access or uses of Tribal cultural practices, lands, or</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Action:</b> Require recreation equestrian users to stay on existing trails to avoid churning soils.</p>	<p>resources, or access to traditional areas of cultural or religious importance on Reclamation lands.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Install signs at key access points to indicate damage of cultural resources is punishable by law, citing ARPA and appropriate State codes.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Require all visitors and recreationists to stay on authorized roads and trails to avoid ground disturbance that could affect cultural and natural resources.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Install signs at principal points of access points of public lands and water that state that damage of cultural resources is punishable by law; cite the Archaeological Resource Protection Act and appropriate State codes.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Continue to install, update and replace signage at key access points and high use areas to indicate that damage of cultural resources is punishable by law, citing the Archaeological Resources Protection Act and appropriate State codes.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Clearly mark Reclamation boundaries on existing roads and trails and seek funding and assistance to enforce vehicle closure.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Using verified geographic information system (GIS) data, clearly mark Reclamation boundaries on authorized roads and trails and seek funding and assistance to enforce vehicle closure.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Curate archeological collections, mostly at the Southeastern Idaho Regional Archaeological Center. Exceptions are human burials, grave goods associated with a burial, and items that are sacred to or of cultural patrimony to American Indian tribes. Recovered NAGPRA items will be returned to the appropriate tribe.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Curate archaeological collection, in most cases, at the Earl H. Swanson Archaeological Repository at the Idaho Museum of Natural History or an approved repository. Make exceptions for human burials, grave goods associated with a burial, and items that are sacred to or of cultural patrimony to Tribes (NAGPRA items). When NAGPRA items are recovered, ensure they are returned to the appropriate tribe.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Prepare a programmatic memorandum of agreement with the Idaho SHPO and the Advisory Council, outlining actions to manage resources within the downstream historic district. Formulate in accordance with requirements of 36 CFR 800 and in consultation with the agreement entities and with input from the Tribes.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Prepare a programmatic memorandum of agreement with Tribes, the BLM, the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, outlining actions to manage resources within the downstream historic district. Formulate the programmatic memorandum of agreement in accordance with requirements of 36 CFR 800, in consultation with the agreement entities and with input from Tribes and the BLM.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Forward to the Keeper of the National Register a nomination to list Reclamation lands below American Falls Dam as an Historic District or Historic Multiple Resource Area on the National Register of Historic Places.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Reclamation will conduct periodic, systematic collection of surface artifacts from selected sites in areas most commonly used by recreationists. Reclamation will excavate small, intact features that are exposed and vulnerable to user damage if the sites are likely to contain datable charcoal or uncontaminated plant samples.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Ensure confidentiality of information about sensitive cultural resources, consistent with Section 304 of the NHPA, and Section 9 of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act.
<b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.	<b>Objective:</b> Enhance public understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of cultural resources, including proper site etiquette, and the importance of protecting cultural resources, including Tribal sites, TCPs, and traditional use areas.
<b>Action:</b> No similar objective.	<b>Action:</b> Facilitate cultural resources research opportunities that contribute to the understanding of the ways humans have used and influenced natural systems and processes. Incorporate Indigenous knowledge into cultural resource interpretation and investigations.
<b>Action:</b> To promote resource protection, implement public education programs that include interpretive facilities, signs, and programs about cultural resources on Reclamation lands and the value of the resources as appropriate and depending on funding.	<b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Build and sustain diverse communities of partners and volunteers dedicated to conserving, protecting, restoring, and interpreting cultural histories and resources.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Seek to collaborate with Tribes and other partners to develop educational and interpretive materials and programs about cultural resources and site etiquette for the public.
<b>Goal:</b> No similar goal	<b>Goal:</b> Protect cultural resources important to Tribes to allow for the continuation of cultural uses and provide access, as necessary, for such traditional resource uses.
<b>Objective:</b> Management will focus on protecting and preserving resources of traditional value to the Native Americans. Management actions should respect the concept that the lands are sacred.	<b>Objective:</b> Focus management on protecting and preserving resources of traditional value to Native Americans. Ensure management actions respect the concept that the lands are sacred.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Conduct consultation with Tribes to identify and document, as feasible, TCPs, sacred sites, and other traditional use areas on Reclamation lands and ensure that they are adequately protected and managed.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Develop monitoring systems as part of the HPMP and with Tribes to evaluate the HPMP's effectiveness. Include the following measures to be employed in monitoring site disturbance: subjective evaluations of the site condition (through surveillance by rangers, archaeologists, paleontologists, other staff members, the concerned public, and Tribes) and more objective measures of the number, condition, size, types, etc. of artifacts, features, and remains.

<b>Existing Management</b> <b>(Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP</b> <b>(Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> Initiate actions to protect or remove human burials as soon as possible if they are reported to be exposed or endangered by reservoir operation, natural erosion, or land use. Unless the burials are clearly non-Indian, the Tribes will be informed prior to action and involved in selecting and implementing the management option.	<b>Action:</b> Initiate actions to protect or remove human burials as soon as possible, if they are reported to be exposed or endangered by reservoir operation, natural erosion, or land use. Unless the burials are clearly non-Indian, inform the Tribes prior to action and ensure they are involved in selecting and implementing the management option.
<b>Action:</b> Initiate actions to protect or remove human burials as soon as possible if they are reported to be exposed or endangered by reservoir operation, natural erosion, or land use. Unless the burials are clearly non-Indian, the Tribes will be informed prior to action and be involved in selecting and implementing the management option.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Identify culturally important viewsheds through consultation with Tribes and develop management specific to the protection of those viewsheds.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Consult with Tribes to ensure the protection of Indigenous sacred sites and cultural sites on Reclamation lands and to accommodate access to and ceremonial use of the sites by members of Tribes for traditional cultural and customary uses.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Ensure federal actions that may affect resources important to Tribes are properly reviewed and considered consistent with the requirements of Section 106 of the NHPA, Executive Order 13007, and the American Indian Religious Freedom Act.

## Paleontological Resources

<b>Existing Management</b> <b>(Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP</b> <b>(Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Goal:</b> No similar goal.	<b>Goal:</b> Identify, study, interpret, and protect unique and important paleontological resources and values, while allowing for scientific research.
<b>Objective:</b> Ensure protection of sensitive cultural and paleontological resources in accordance with existing Federal regulations and through consultation with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Cultural Committee.	<b>Objective:</b> Protect and manage paleontological resources on Reclamation land.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Plan to develop a comprehensive paleontological resources management plan within 5 years of implementing the RMP. Ensure the plan includes a paleontological locality database as well as protocols for inventorying, collection, monitoring, research, education, and interpretation.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Identify locations where paleontological resources could be present and install signage related to the Paleontological Resources Protection Act around the reservoir.

<b>Existing Management</b> <b>(Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP</b> <b>(Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Action:</b> Seek funds for systematic monitoring and scientific collection of paleontological materials eroded from the reservoir shore. The monitoring and collection will be conducted by paleontologists, and the collected materials will be curated at Idaho State University.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Plan to develop a comprehensive paleontological resources management plan within 5 years of implementing the RMP. Ensure the plan includes a paleontological locality database as well as protocols for inventorying, collection, monitoring, research, education, and interpretation.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Continue to identify paleontological specimens exposed by erosion and collect for curation where archeological surveys are being completed or will be done by the archeological surveyor. The permit will continue to be issued for shoreline fossil collection by paleontologists from the Idaho Museum of Natural History.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Require that anyone engaging in research or salvage collection of paleontological resources must have a permit issued by Reclamation. Ensure collection would be done as per professional research standards, and all collected items would be stored in qualified repositories and made available for research and education.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Establish a long-term permit with Idaho State University, Idaho Museum of Natural History for collection of specimens exposed by erosion or other processes.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Increase public education and appreciation of paleontological resources through interpretation and dissemination of research.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Develop educational and interpretive materials emphasizing the protection of paleontological resources.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Work with Tribes and partners to develop educational and interpretive products and opportunities and to foster preservation of resources.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> A paleontologist will periodically review the paleontological localities in the downstream area to collect exposed diagnostic fossils and assess conditions.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Work cooperatively with museums and universities (such as Idaho State University) to collect and curate important materials to the standards outlined in DOI Manual 411.</p>

## Public Access and Recreational Use

<b>Existing Management</b> <b>(Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP</b> <b>(Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Goal:</b> Provide adequate safe and suitable road access to designated recreation areas.</p>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Increase public accessibility where appropriate and consistent with resource management goals.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Management emphasis is to protect natural and cultural resources.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Coordinate with adjacent landowners to minimize land use conflicts, when accommodating the access needs of recreationists and other users of Reclamation land.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Consider land ownership changes or cooperative agreements as potential tools for consolidating and/or managing access or to increase public accessibility.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Action:</b> Cooperate with involved counties, agencies, and landowners to achieve needed access, including improvements and maintenance, to designated recreation sites, sportsmen access points, etc. on Reclamation lands.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Cooperate with involved counties, agencies, and landowners to achieve needed access, including improvements and maintenance, to designated recreation sites, angler access points, and other locations, as determined necessary, on Reclamation lands.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> If necessary, acquire access easements or rights-of-way into important, designated Reclamation public use areas which are currently inaccessible by public road.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> An AMP will be developed to address hiking, climbing, bicycling, equestrian, and motor vehicle use (see "Management Plans").</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Revise the AMP as needed to address hiking, climbing, bicycling, equestrian, and motor vehicle use.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Develop an AMP to address hiking, climbing, bicycling, and equestrian uses. The AMP will be developed after the CRMP is completed.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar objective - redundant.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Provide adequate access management and parking within designated public use sites.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Ensure compliance with existing Federal legislation and regulations regarding access for the physically challenged to designated, developed sites and facilities.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Manage motorized uses on Reclamation lands to protect natural and cultural resources while providing for recreational opportunities.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Monitor the effects of motorized access on Reclamation lands on an annual basis. On the basis of the information gathered, Reclamation will amend or rescind designated areas, roads, or trails, or take other actions necessary to further Reclamation policies, goals, and objectives.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Monitor the effects of motorized access on Reclamation lands on an annual basis. Based on the information gathered, amend or rescind authorized areas, roads, or trails, or take other actions necessary to further Reclamation policies, goals, and objectives.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> As part of monitoring and review of effects, Reclamation will inspect designated areas, roads, and trails for motorized use to determine conditions resulting from vehicular access and use. If substantial damage or disturbance of Reclamation lands, water wildlife, vegetative resources, or archeological and historic resources is found, areas, roads, and trails will be closed per 43 CFR 420 or appropriate controls established to prevent further deterioration of the environment.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> As part of monitoring and review of effects, Reclamation will continue to inspect designated areas, roads, and trails for motorized use to determine conditions resulting from vehicular access and use. If substantial damage or disturbance of Reclamation lands, water wildlife, vegetative resources, or archeological and historic resources is found, areas, roads, and trails will be closed per 43 CFR 420 or appropriate controls established to prevent further deterioration of the environment.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Accommodate OHV, four-wheel drive, and general vehicular access in areas which are not subject to conflicts in use or particularly sensitive to environmental, cultural, or visual damage.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Improve and maintain roads on Reclamation lands which lead to developed recreation sites and areas designated for public use in the AFRMP.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Improve and maintain authorized roads and trails on Reclamation lands that lead to developed recreation sites and areas designated for public use in the RMP.</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Action:</b> Continue closure of all areas on both sides of the river to vehicular access and use except for purposes defined in 43 CFR 420 (primarily official and emergency uses) and as authorized under rights granted by the AIRFA. Closure to vehicles will be clarified on signs at existing access points and illustrated in a public information brochure. Physical barriers will be used.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Continue closure of Reclamation lands to off-road OHV access and use except for the purposes defined in 43 CFR 420 (primarily official and emergency uses) and 43 CFR 423 and as authorized under rights granted by the American Indian Religious Freedom Act. Clarify closure to vehicles on signs at existing access points and illustrate closure in a public information brochure.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Prohibit vehicular access along the southeast shoreline bluff where public roads do not exist and there is potential for conflict with adjacent private landowners and Reclamation agricultural leaseholders.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Restrict and actively manage vehicular access in areas where: there are potential conflicts with other existing land uses; soils, vegetation, and cultural resources are particularly sensitive to damage; water quality may be adversely affected; wildlife sensitive to human disturbance are concentrated; and the visual impacts can be readily seen.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Restrict motorized access to the shoreline where such use impacts natural or cultural resources or to provide for public health and safety.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> To the extent authorized by law, Reclamation will prescribe appropriate penalties for violation of motorized access regulations and will establish procedures for the enforcement of these regulations. Reclamation will work with and enter into cooperative agreements with Federal, State, county, and/or local law enforcement officials to enforce the regulations relating to vehicle access and motorized vehicle use. Self-regulation and voluntary compliance among motorized vehicle users will be encouraged.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Physical barriers will not be used unless necessary. Active enforcement will be sought as a last measure in those areas where significant resources must be protected and vehicular access continues to occur despite closure.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Reclamation will work with OHV user groups, BLM, IDPR, and others to locate another OHV recreation area in southeastern Idaho.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Publish new OHV closures in the Federal Register.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Develop a signage plan that identifies the location and types of signs, and installation priorities.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Provide clear, consistent directional signs where needed and work with affected counties and Idaho Department of Transportation (IDOT) to make and install signs.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> In coordination with partners, clearly identify access points through signage and other tools, such as website maps.</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Action:</b> Install highly visible signs which describe boater safety regulations, boater etiquette, and hazardous conditions and coordinate with County Waterways and/or the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Provide public information brochures.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Identify water based access points where appropriate and illustrate on public information maps.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Mark areas, roads, and trails with appropriate signs to permit public access (including motorized) on Reclamation lands. Signs will be posted beside county roads at access points to Reclamation lands.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Mark areas, roads, and trails with appropriate signs to permit public access (including motorized) on Reclamation lands. Post signs beside county roads at access points to Reclamation lands.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Develop and disseminate visitor information materials that clearly identify and explain Reclamation lands and facilities available for public use and policies and regulations on motorized access, recreation, and resource management. Explore cooperative efforts with private enterprise or other agencies to publish public information materials. Public informational materials will include:</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Develop and disseminate public information materials, including signage and guide maps, to support public access and recreational use of Reclamation lands and facilities.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overall guide map to facilities and access points, Reclamation boundaries, public access roads, and specification of conservation and wildlife management areas where use is restricted.</li> <li>• Environmental interpretation and education of natural and cultural resources.</li> <li>• Facility and access characteristics, capacities, and limitations.</li> <li>• Facility and access regulations.</li> <li>• Boating etiquette, safety regulations, and waste management.</li> <li>• Dispersed use regulations.</li> </ul>	
<p>Other management regulations and guidelines, as appropriate.</p>	
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Partner with the Tribes to incorporate Tribal input, cooperative management, and interpretation into signage, reports, and other interpretive materials related to resources.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare concise public information materials including:</li> <li>• Clear, consistent signs to guide public access and use of Reclamation lands.</li> <li>• An overall guide map to facilities and access points, Reclamation boundaries, public access roads, and specification of conservation and wildlife management areas where use is restricted.</li> <li>• Environmental interpretation and education discussions.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action - redundant.</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boating etiquette, safety regulations, and waste management.</li> <li>Dispersed use regulations.</li> <li>Other management regulations and guidelines, as appropriate.</li> </ul> <p>Explore cooperative efforts with private enterprise or other agencies to publish public information materials.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Areas where vehicular access is prohibited will be illustrated on public information brochures and indicated by signs.</p>
<p><b>Goal:</b> No similar goal.</p>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Manage for recreational uses consistent with Reclamation policy and in coordination with partners and other stakeholders.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Encourage recreational use and stewardship through collaborative efforts with Tribes, local agencies, schools, and interest groups.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Develop partnerships to maintain and manage designated recreation sites.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> To the extent administratively feasible, ensure coordination and cooperation among Reclamation, BLM, and Idaho Department of Lands to promote compatibility of management on adjacent public lands.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Explore and, if feasible, implement cooperative agreements with other agencies/jurisdictions to provide efficient and coordinated recreation management.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Work with local user groups to promote clean-up efforts.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Accommodate future increases in recreation demand at new sites as appropriate.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Accommodate recreational uses and future increases in recreation demand at existing and new sites where such use does not conflict with other established land uses and resource management goals.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Continue to allow non-motorized recreation activities on all Reclamation lands where such use does not conflict with other established land uses and resource management goals.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Continue to allow dispersed recreation activities in all areas which are not under an agricultural lease or easement and will not damage cultural or natural resources. Allow hunting on all Reclamation lands consistent with existing State and local regulations. Do not actively manage recreation sites unless monitoring indicates a need. Implement a policy of "pack it in/pack it out."</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Continue to allow dispersed recreation activities in all areas which are not under an agricultural or grazing authorization or easement and that will not damage cultural or natural resources.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Continue to allow non-motorized recreation activities on all Reclamation lands where such use does not conflict with other established land uses.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Action:</b> Continue to allow dispersed non-motorized recreation activities in all areas which are not under an agricultural lease or easement and will not damage cultural or natural resources.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action - redundant.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Allow hunting on all Reclamation lands consistent with existing State and local regulations.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Allow hunting on all Reclamation lands consistent with existing State and local regulations.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action – redundant.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Continue the policy of "pack it in/pack it out."</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Provide land-based trail opportunities for hiking, equestrian, and bicycle opportunities where appropriate and considering resource protection needs.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Provide non-motorized land-based trail opportunities where appropriate and considering resource protection needs.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action - redundant.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Develop bird watching facilities consistent with wildlife management goals and objectives.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Consider additional bird watching facilities consistent with wildlife management goals and objectives.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> If feasible and with the cooperation of spaceholders, maintain the water level of the reservoir at elevation 4335 so that developed boat launches are usable at least through the 4th of July holiday.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Actively manage recreation, especially restroom and trash removal services, at sites which are heavily used by recreationists or where heavy use is more desirable and management efforts can be concentrated. Visitor health, safety, and welfare will be a focus.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Actively manage recreation, especially restroom and trash removal services, at sites that are heavily used by recreationists or where heavy use is more desirable and management efforts can be concentrated. Focus on visitor health, safety, and welfare.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Provide adequate buffer zones between important wildlife habitat and high use recreation or other activity areas.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>
<p><b>Goal:</b> Accommodate boating access and provide appropriate recreation site improvements, consistent with demand, available funding, and carrying capacity of the resource base.</p>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Improve boater safety and accessibility.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Promote night-time boater safety and convenience by encouraging and cooperating in maintaining appropriate navigational lights at various boat ramps and bays around the reservoir. Explore potential funding and implementation sources for promoting use of and maintaining navigational lights with County Waterways and/or Coast Guard Auxiliary.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Consider options for additional boat access sites in coordination with management partners and Tribes.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Work with local Counties on proposed ordinances related to safety-related activities.</p>

<b>Existing Management</b> <b>(Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP</b> <b>(Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Promote boater safety in general by developing public information brochures and installing highly visible signs which describe boater safety regulations, boater etiquette, and hazardous conditions. Coordinate with County Waterways and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Promote boater safety in general by developing public information brochures and installing highly visible signs which describe boater safety regulations, boater etiquette, and hazardous conditions. Coordinate with County Waterways, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Massacre Rocks State Park.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>

## Land Use and Realty

<b>Existing Management</b> <b>(Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP</b> <b>(Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Goal:</b> Achieve a consistent framework for eliminating/avoiding encroachments on Reclamation land and managing mining and agricultural lease activities</p>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Achieve a consistent framework to manage encroachments and land uses on Reclamation lands.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Eliminate encroachments and trespass on Reclamation lands.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Address encroachments and trespass on Reclamation lands.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Develop specific procedures to eliminate encroachment in accordance with the policy on encroachment on Reclamation lands.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Identify, negotiate, and resolve encroachment consistent with Reclamation policy.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Continue to evaluate and resolve all existing encroachments on Reclamation land.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Implement the no encroachment policy. Identify specific procedures to follow.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Continue evaluating the numerous encroachments on Reclamation lands. Decisions will be made to allow or remove the encroachments on a case-by-case basis and based on ongoing discussions with affected parties. A majority of encroachments involve cropland but also include portions of roads, irrigation equipment, farm structures, and buildings.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Evaluate encroachments on Reclamation lands and resolve on a case-by-case basis based on ongoing discussions with affected parties. Where encroachments are removed, prioritize vegetation restoration and erosion control on Reclamation lands.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> In the continuing program of removing/resolving encroachments on Reclamation lands, promote wildlife habitat enhancement and control erosion in a consistent manner.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action - redundant.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> In the continuing program of removing/resolving encroachments on Reclamation lands, promote objectives relating to wildlife habitat enhancement and controlling erosion in a consistent manner.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar action - redundant.</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Action:</b> Conduct yearly inspections for encroachment and trespass on an informal basis, with a formal review conducted every 5 years. Unauthorized agricultural and grazing use on Reclamation lands will not be allowed. Equipment, pipes, haystacks, etc. will not be allowed on Reclamation land.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Ensure that all agricultural leases are consistent with the goals and objectives of the AFRMP; if significant conflicts arise, modification or termination of leases may be required.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Ensure all land-use authorizations are consistent with the goals and objectives of the RMP; if significant conflicts arise, modification or termination of authorizations may be required.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Modify, as necessary, agricultural leases to be consistent with other AFRMP goals and objectives.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Modify, as necessary, agricultural leases and allotment terms to be consistent with other AFRMP goals and objectives.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Renew all agricultural leases, but reevaluate fair market values to consider modified agricultural practices for increasing the availability of food and cover for upland game birds, especially pheasant. The new lease terms, to be cooperatively developed with each lessee, will require leaseholders to plant a negotiated percentage of the leased field with forage crops or provide other wildlife benefits. No new agricultural leases will be issued on land not leased at present.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Require and enforce a condition in agricultural leases that land within 75 feet of the edge of the shoreline bluff is not irrigated.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Require and enforce a condition in land-use authorizations that prohibit farming and irrigation on land within 75 feet of the cliff edge. Ensure development adjacent to the reservoir is set back a minimum of 300 feet from the reservoir's high-water mark to ensure adequate space for operation, maintenance, and public safety. Allow the setback distance to be adjusted based on site-specific engineering and environmental considerations.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Emphasize resource conservation and enhancement, avoidance of adverse environmental impact, and achievement of broad public use benefits in all land management decisions; permit single purpose leasing/permitting only when compatible with this philosophy.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Explore and, if feasible, implement cooperative agreements, lease arrangements, or other relationships with private landowners, organizations, and the Tribes to achieve (1) mutually beneficial vegetation/habitat management on Reclamation land bordering private cropland and (2) retention and enhancement of wildlife habitat values within private agricultural lands.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Objective (Funding):</b> Ensure that all permittees, leaseholders, and others using Reclamation land under special agreements assume their fair share of public service and management costs.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Ensure that public agencies (Federal, State, or local) and Tribes operating under lease or permit for resource use or extraction on Reclamation lands fulfill their responsibility for site rehabilitation and/or reclamation.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Ensure public agencies (federal, State, or local) and Tribes operating under land-use authorizations for resource use or extraction on Reclamation lands fulfill their responsibility for site rehabilitation or reclamation.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Follow up any dumping problems with local law enforcement officials if necessary.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Coordinate with law enforcement officials to resolve illegal activities, as necessary.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Improve boundary identification, where feasible, with signs, monuments of boundary lines, and fences.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> A GMP will be developed (see "Management Plans").</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Manage grazing in accordance with the grazing management plan.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Determine where fencing may be needed to prevent cattle trespass and who will be responsible for installing and maintaining the fencing.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No mineral leasing will be permitted elsewhere around the reservoir.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Continue to prohibit mining claims on all lands around the reservoir, consistent with Federal law.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Continue to prohibit mining, consistent with Federal law, on both sides of the river.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Goal:</b> Clarify and more actively/efficiently manage Reclamation/private land boundaries including Tribal lands</p>	<p><b>Goal:</b> No similar goal.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Provide adequate buffer zones between public use areas and adjacent private land uses (including adequate signs and fencing as appropriate) to reduce/eliminate trespass and encroachment concerns.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Explore means to clarify and simplify Reclamation ownerships and management boundaries around the reservoir; achieve a more understandable boundary from a public use standpoint and a more efficient boundary from a resource management standpoint; and consider land tenure changes (relocations, disposal, purchase) as means to accomplish this objective.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Explore means to clarify and simplify Reclamation ownerships and management boundaries. Achieve a more understandable boundary from a public use standpoint and a more efficient boundary from a resource management standpoint.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>

## Tribal Interests

Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)	Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)
<p><b>Goal:</b> No similar goal.</p>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Engage in consultation with Tribes to ensure their interests and access to the land are recognized, preserved, and protected.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Ensure that Shoshone-Bannock priority treaty rights on Reclamation land outside of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation are not significantly affected by AFRMP actions.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Ensure Tribal treaty rights on Reclamation lands are not significantly affected by the RMP actions.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Ensure that Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' priority treaty rights on Reclamation land outside of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation are not significantly affected by AFRMP actions.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action – redundant.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Consult with Tribes to protect their traditional use areas, sacred sites, and other areas of Tribal significance.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Maintain coordination and cooperative planning liaison with involved agencies and the Tribes, and to the extent possible, make all regulations and guidelines related to Reclamation lands consistent with those of other, adjacent, or involved jurisdictions. Where needed regulations and/or guidelines are not now in place, coordinate development of these management tools.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Consider Tribal values and concerns about places of religious and cultural importance to Tribes in land use planning and management decisions, consistent with statutes, regulation, and policy.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Ensure that Tribes have access to their traditional use areas, sacred sites, and other areas of Tribal significance.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Ensure Reclamation's discretionary actions seek to avoid or minimize inadvertent impacts to resources that are of traditional, cultural and religious importance to Tribes, in consultation with Tribes. In cases when discretionary actions cannot avoid impacts on resources that are of traditional, cultural, or religious importance to Tribes, consult with Tribes to determine ways to mitigate impacts.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Develop a strategy that outlines opportunities for Tribal engagement and incorporation of Indigenous knowledge and Traditional ecological knowledge into resource management. Identify funding opportunities that bolster stakeholder engagement in resource management and research.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> In accordance with federal regulations and Reclamation policy, ensure confidentiality of information about sensitive and confidential Tribal information, resources, and uses.</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Provide and encourage educational outreach and stewardship programs that involve the public and Tribes through partnerships and other means, as determined in consultation with Tribes for locations of religious and cultural importance.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> During consultation with Tribes, coordinate on opportunities to educate the public about Tribes in the planning area.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> In consultation with Tribes, consider opportunities to incorporate Tribal history and Indigenous information into public education, interpretive materials, and signage.

## Public Health and Safety

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Goal:</b> No similar goal.	<b>Goal:</b> Manage public use of Reclamation lands to protect public health and safety.
<b>Objective</b> (Enforcement): Ensure that Reclamation enforcement/management needs associated with AFRMP implementation are met by appropriate cooperative agreements or contracts with other agencies including local, State, and other Federal law enforcement assistance.	<b>Objective:</b> Ensure Reclamation enforcement and management needs associated with the RMP's implementation are met by appropriate cooperative agreements or contracts with other agencies, including local, State, and other federal law enforcement assistance.
<b>Objective</b> (Enforcement): Ensure that Reclamation enforcement/management needs associated with AFRMP implementation are met by appropriate cooperative agreements or contracts with local, State, other Federal agency law enforcement assistance.	<b>Objective:</b> No similar objective - redundant.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Seek more opportunities to partner with other agencies, local governments and Tribes to provide law enforcement coverage and reduce general crime.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Where feasible and appropriate, consider opportunities to use campsite hosts to help manage public health and safety issues.
<b>Action:</b> Continue to pursue Reclamation law enforcement authority.	<b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.
<b>Action:</b> Continue to pursue Reclamation law enforcement authority through Congress.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action - redundant.
<b>Action:</b> To the extent authorized by law, prescribe appropriate penalties for violation of regulations pertaining to areas closed to motorized access and establish procedures for the enforcement of these regulations. Reclamation will work with and enter into cooperative agreements with Federal, State, and/or county law enforcement officials to enforce these regulations. Self-regulation and voluntary compliance among recreational users will be encouraged.	<b>Action:</b> To the extent authorized by law, prescribe appropriate penalties for violation of regulations pertaining to areas closed to motorized access and establish procedures for the enforcement of these regulations. Work with and enter into cooperative agreements with federal, State, or county law enforcement officials to enforce these regulations. Encourage self-regulation and voluntary compliance among recreational users.

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.	<b>Objective:</b> Continue to provide safe boating opportunities to include appropriate boat launches, signage, and explore opportunities to provide a safe harbor.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> In coordination with Bingham County, Idaho Fish and Game, and Tribes, consider locations to establish a new boat ramp(s) in the main stem of the Snake River to address public safety.
<b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.	<b>Objective:</b> Manage recreational facilities and public use sites for public and environmental health and safety.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Where feasible, develop a plan and guidance for Reclamation staff and partners to provide trash services and monitoring of illegal dumping.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Sign and safeguard trails, sidewalks, recreational facilities and public use sites to communicate hazards for particular issues with each unique site.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Communicate environmental hazards to the public through signage and media platforms.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Provide clean, user-friendly recreational access points that offer potable water and restrooms, where feasible and appropriate.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Continue to coordinate with the IDEQ and Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to monitor and issue health advisories for cyanobacteria harmful algal blooms.

## Management and Implementation

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Goal:</b> Achieve effective implementation of the AFRMP through appropriate planning for funding, enforcement, and public information programs	<b>Goal:</b> Achieve effective implementation of the AFRMP through appropriate planning for funding and enforcement.
<b>Objective (Funding):</b> To the extent possible, safeguard priority existing and currently funded programs to avoid jeopardy from diversion of funds to other programs.	<b>Objective:</b> Same as Alternative A.
<b>Objective (Funding):</b> Ensure that priority existing and currently funded programs (i.e., erosion control) are not jeopardized by diversion of funds to other programs.	<b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.
<b>Action:</b> Continue to explore existing and potential sources to adequately fund AFRMP programs. Direct funding by Reclamation and cooperative funding with other Federal, State, and local agencies and private interests will be explored.	<b>Action:</b> Continue to explore existing and potential sources to adequately fund the RMP's programs. Explore direct funding by Reclamation and cooperative funding with other federal, State, and local agencies and private interests.
<b>Action:</b> Seek funding for full-time resource managers to implement the resource management program and enforce management and trespass policies.	<b>Action:</b> Continue to seek funding for resource management and resource management staff.

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> Seek funding for full-time resource managers to implement the resource management program and enforce management and trespass guidelines.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Explore cooperative management of a National Historic District with the BLM.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> If necessary, seek funds for programmatic cultural resource site management which includes test excavation of sites being damaged by ongoing land use or operations, and stabilization or other protection of sites suffering from erosion or other threatening disturbances.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Seek funds for systematic monitoring and scientific collection of paleontological materials eroded from the reservoir shore. The monitoring and collection will be conducted by paleontologists, and the collected materials will be curated at Idaho State University.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.

## Coordination, Public Outreach, and Education

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Goal:</b> Promote cooperative management and program implementation efforts with other agencies, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, and the private sector	<b>Goal:</b> Promote cooperative management and program implementation efforts with other agencies, Tribes, and the private sector.
<b>Goal:</b> Promote cooperative management and program implementation efforts with other agencies, the private sector, and the Tribes	<b>Goal:</b> no similar goal – redundant.
<b>Objective:</b> Ensure that local, State, and other Federal agencies are aware of management activities and have an opportunity to participate in developing and implementing specific actions and general management plans directed toward wildlife management and grazing management.	<b>Objective:</b> Same as Alternative A.
<b>Objective:</b> Ensure that private interest groups, Tribes, State and local agencies, and other federal agencies are aware of management actions and are offered an opportunity to participate through cooperative and cost-share agreements.	<b>Objective:</b> Same as Alternative A.
<b>Action:</b> Continue public education programs to reduce accidental damage to or vandalism of natural and cultural resources, and promote resource protection by the public.	<b>Action:</b> Same as Alternative A.
<b>Action:</b> Maintain coordination and cooperative planning liaison with involved agencies throughout implementation of the AFRMP. To the extent possible, make all regulations and guidelines related to Reclamation lands consistent with those of other, adjacent or involved jurisdictions. Where needed	<b>Action:</b> Maintain coordination and cooperative planning liaisons with involved agencies throughout the RMP's implementation. To the extent possible, make all regulations and guidelines related to Reclamation lands consistent with those of other adjacent or involved jurisdictions. Where needed regulations or guidelines are

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
regulations and/or guidelines are not now in place, coordinate development of these management tools.	not now in place, coordinate development of these management tools.
<b>Objective</b> (Public Information/Education): Ensure dissemination of public information through (1) availability of materials and displays at the Visitors Center and other locations and (2) cooperative efforts with surrounding jurisdictions, school districts, businesses, and interest groups.	<b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.
<b>Objective</b> (Public Information/Education): Ensure dissemination of public information through (1) availability of materials and displays at the Reclamation Visitors Center, Massacre Rocks State Park, and Interstate rest area and (2) cooperative efforts with surrounding jurisdictions, school districts, businesses, and interest groups.	<b>Objective:</b> No similar objective.
<b>Action:</b> Publish a map illustrating existing and planned Reclamation ownership and communicate management and use policies for all lands as part of AFRMP documentation and visitor information materials.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.

## Management Direction for Management Unit Requirements and Policies

### MU 1: Dam Site

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> Implement a regular sediment removal program. Evaluate the feasibility of realigning the ramp so less sediment is deposited; constructing a breakwater to minimize sediment deposition; or implementing a combination of measures to improve boat accessibility at the ramp.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Provide facilities such as additional picnic tables and barbecue grills.	<b>Action:</b> To enhance recreational uses, develop or update facilities, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repave the road and parking areas on top of the dam and install vault toilets.</li> <li>• Identify and develop additional recreational access points as needed.</li> </ul>
<b>Action:</b> Upgrade the restroom facility.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action, see above.
<b>Action:</b> Pave and stripe the parking lot, entrance road, and boat launch.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action, see above.
<b>Action:</b> Landscape the parking lot and picnic area to reduce wind, provide shade, and minimize the visibility of vehicles from the Visitors Center and Highway 39.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action, see above.
<b>Action:</b> Install and maintain turf and an irrigation system in the picnic area.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> Place topsoil on the embankments on either side of the boat ramp and hydroseed with native plants/wildflowers.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Develop a small gravel parking lot for 10 to 15 vehicles.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Provide a one-unit restroom facility.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action, see above.
<b>Action:</b> Landscape the parking lot to visually screen it from the Visitors Center and Highway 39.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Landscape the picnic area to provide more shade and wind protection.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> In coordination with partners, maintain and improve recreational opportunities below the dam, to include identification of additional access points.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Install additional signage at major access points, as needed, and to include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signs that relate to Archaeological Resources Protection Act and paleontological resources at popular use areas.</li> <li>• Signs indicating water level fluctuations to promote public health and safety.</li> </ul>
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Consider a partner for management of recreational activities and facilities within the Dam Site MU.
<b>Action:</b> No similar objective.	<b>Action:</b> Continue to pursue partnerships for greater public engagement related to dam operations and emergencies.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Where feasible, maintain buoys or other barriers and signage at the dam to prevent watercraft dangers.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Collaborate with the Idaho Department of Transportation to limit vehicle speed at the dam bridge.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Review and address concerns related to the Idaho Transportation Department's easement within the dam area.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Continue to coordinate with Idaho Power Company for releases to the river for water deliveries and public health and safety issues.

## MU 2: West Boat Ramp

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>MU 2: West Boat Ramp (West Bay in 1995 RMP)</b>	
Action: At the Visitors Center, consider interpretive signs and programs as part of protection of cultural and paleontological resources on Reclamation lands.	Action: No similar action.
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<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
Action: Discourage motorized access on land and continue to allow boating in the southern half of the bay.	Action: Where feasible, deter motorized use in areas with greater erosion potential, particularly on beaches.
Action: Encourage boaters to "pack in/pack out" garbage; monitor use and provide facilities if warranted.	Action: No similar action
Action: Restrict boat access in the northern end of West Bay to minimize the disturbance of birds and to prevent damage to wetlands and riparian areas. Install signs and provide maps.	Action: No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Maintain agricultural leases but include enhanced provisions for wildlife benefits and cultural resource protection.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> A GMP will be developed (see "Grazing Management Plan").	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> In coordination with partners, consider improving and increasing designated parking and camping opportunities.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Consider partnerships and agreements for law enforcement support within the West Boat Ramp MU.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Develop partnerships for monitoring paleontologically sensitive areas to identify and collect specimens following periods of erosion.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Ensure continued coordination with IPC for year-round access to the boat ramp for public health and safety and to ensure timely sediment removal at the boat ramp.

## MU 3: West Bank

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> Discourage motorized access on land and continue to allow boating in the southern half of the bay.	<b>Action:</b> Review existing access and facilities to determine whether additional improvements are needed to manage recreational uses.
<b>Action:</b> Encourage boaters to "pack in/pack out" garbage; monitor use and provide facilities if warranted.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Maintain agricultural leases but include enhanced provisions for wildlife benefits and cultural resource protection.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> A GMP will be developed (see "Grazing Management Plan").	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Consider a partner for management of recreational activities and facilities at Spring Hollow.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Continue to support public access to the American Falls Reservoir. Work with partners to look for opportunities to expand access to the reservoir via foot paths, small non-motorized boat access (kayaks/canoes), and/or new boat ramps from safe access points.

<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Partner with local law enforcement to monitor use and ensure camping time frames are enforced.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Consider identifying possible locations within the West Bank MU for new boat ramps in coordination with the Tribes and others.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Collaborate with Tribes, partners, law enforcement, and adjacent landowners to identify specific locations that may serve as a safe harbor and access points for emergency search and rescue operations during weather events or other emergencies.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Collaborate with land trusts, private landowners, and other partners to safeguard habitats and shorelines from development impacts through conservation easements and other mechanisms, alongside securing dedicated funding for these efforts.

## MU 4: Sterling WMA

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Implement the Sterling Wildlife Management Area Action Plan (see Appendix XX).
<b>Action:</b> No recreation site improvements; however, provide managed pedestrian access and wildlife viewing opportunities in the Sterling Wasteway area. Cost-share partners will be needed.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Designate as a wildlife viewing area on maps.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Allow public use at Sterling Wasteway but discourage motorized access through public information materials and signs.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Maintain agricultural lease but include enhanced provisions for wildlife benefits.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Prepare a WMP to enhance wetlands and restore sagebrush uplands in disturbed areas.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Explore public access (non-vehicle or pedestrian) to Smith Springs.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Evaluate the feasibility of constructing small sub impoundment areas around spring sources to maintain habitat for waterfowl during the drawdown period.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Continue recreation leases with Bingham County for Sportsman's Park (exclude other parts of the lease) and identify dispersed recreation sites. With review and approval, permit the County to make improvements in accordance with its master plans. Plans will be revised as needed to protect significant natural and cultural resources. Establish consistent general lease provisions that reflect all applicable Federal rules, regulations, and policies.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Designate sites which can serve as informal picnic areas for boat-in day use.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Prohibit vehicular access in portions of the land areas surrounding Big Hole.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Consider participation in an initiative for planning, design, and implementation of wetland restorations as outlined in the 2022 Sterling WMA wetland review.

## MU 5: Sportsman's Park

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> Continue recreation leases with Bingham County for Sportsman's Park (exclude other parts of the lease) and identify dispersed recreation sites. With review and approval, permit the County to make improvements in accordance with its master plans. Plans will be revised as needed to protect significant natural and cultural resources. Establish consistent general lease provisions that reflect all applicable Federal rules, regulations, and policies.	<b>Action:</b> Continue recreation leases with Bingham County and other potential partners to provide recreational access at Sportsman's Park.
<b>Action:</b> Designate sites which can serve as informal picnic areas for boat-in day use.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Prohibit vehicular access in portions of the land areas surrounding Big Hole.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Consider addressing lighthouse maintenance in a management agreement with Bingham County.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Consider current partnerships and future grant projects and partnerships with local governments, such as Bingham County, to improve boater access through boat ramp projects at Sportsman's Park.

## MU 6: Springfield

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> No recreation site improvements; however, provide managed pedestrian access and wildlife viewing opportunities in the Sterling Wasteway area. Cost-share partners will be needed.	<b>Action:</b> Continue to manage the Springfield MU primarily for the improvement of fish and wildlife habitat and undeveloped recreational opportunities. Allow small improvement projects that are needed for safety, access, or proper management of the assets.
<b>Action:</b> Designate as a wildlife viewing area on maps.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Allow public use at Sterling Wasteway but discourage motorized access through public information materials and signs.	<b>Action:</b> Consider the appropriate amount of public use at Sterling Wasteway but discourage motorized access through public information activities.
<b>Action:</b> Maintain agricultural lease but include enhanced provisions for wildlife benefits.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Prepare a WMP to enhance wetlands and restore sagebrush uplands in disturbed areas.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Explore public access (non-vehicle or pedestrian) to Smith Springs.	<b>Action:</b> Consider the appropriate amount of public use at Smith Springs but discourage motorized access through public information activities.

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Action:</b> Evaluate the feasibility of constructing small sub impoundment areas around spring sources to maintain habitat for waterfowl during the drawdown period.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
	<p><b>Action:</b> Consider implementing additional safety measures or improved access, or both, to assist in emergency response (such as considering the development of an additional boat ramp).</p>

## MU 7: McTucker Ponds

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<p><b>Action:</b> Restrict public use of the McTucker Island area, except for the pond area, during nesting season.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> To minimize impacts on sensitive resources and reduce unauthorized uses, consider restricting or limiting access to the MU in concert with the original intent of the mitigation agreement for the dam.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Continue to prohibit vehicular access onto McTucker Island.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Explore and, if feasible, implement cooperative agreements with other agencies/jurisdictions to provide efficient and coordinated recreation management.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Identify locations and methods for preventing unauthorized off-road motorized use within the area.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Reclamation will determine if there are any archeological sites in the McTucker Island area that are eligible to the National Register, and if so, whether the sites will be endangered by sand and gravel extraction or intensified recreational. Reclamation will prohibit or relocate activities as appropriate to protect eligible sites.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Oversee archaeological survey of the McTucker Island area as funds are available to identify any sites that are eligible to the NRHP and ensure no historic properties will be affected by sand and gravel extraction or intensified recreational activities.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Focus new recreation development in the McTucker Island area, where no facilities currently exist. The type and scale of development will be consistent with the area's wildlife and cultural protection and enhancement goals. The area will be designated for dispersed/informal camping until need for a developed campground is indicated. Additional facilities will require a cost-share partner.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Consider new recreational developments, as appropriate. Ensure the type and scale of any development would be consistent with the area's wildlife and cultural protection and enhancement goals.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Apply actions identified in the Interagency Snake River Study to determine to the extent of natural regeneration of cottonwood trees in the McTucker Island area and the effects of hydrology, windfall, and harvest of cottonwood forest.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p> <p>Consider actions to maintain the cottonwood trees in the McTucker Island area.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Issue a lease to Bingham County and IDOT to extract sand and gravel in the McTucker Island Ponds area. Prior to issuance of a lease for any further expansion of mining operations or initiation of mining on new sites, an approved extraction and rehabilitation plan including the following will be required:</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Consider allowing sand and gravel extraction opportunities from McTucker Ponds.</p>

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maps and sections illustrating existing conditions and proposed excavations, an EA, and a mitigation/rehabilitation plan.</li> <li>A commitment to funding full implementation of the plan and subsequent monitoring will be a requirement.</li> </ul>	
<p>Take into consideration existing and potential wetland and wildlife concerns, water quality issues, any other known natural and cultural resource conflicts, and recreational opportunities.</p>	
<b>Action:</b> See section on McTucker Island.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> No recreation site improvements: however, there will be wildlife viewing opportunities and designated wildlife viewing marked on maps.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action, see above action.
<b>Action:</b> Provide managed access (non-motorized) to the area through public information materials and signs (part of the Access Management Plan) but prohibit vehicular access into the Danielson Creek/Crystal Wasteway Area consistent with current policy.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> A grazing management plan will be developed (See "Grazing Management Plan").	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Explore the potential for adding 25-30 Canada goose nesting platforms. Longterm funding alternatives to maintain and monitor nest platforms using interested parties in the area (i.e., IDFG's 1990 agreement with the Blackfoot Ducks Unlimited chapter) to monitor and maintain 10 nest platforms around McTucker Island will be evaluated.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Monitor the success of wetland development projects, riparian restoration/creation efforts, and upland rehabilitation along with changes to the cottonwood forest and understory in the McTucker Island area and riparian edge of the northeast end of the reservoir. Objectives include increasing waterfowl, shorebird, and upland game bird habitat, especially for nesting and brooding. Emphasize nesting and brooding waterflow in the management of McTucker Island.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Seasonal restrictions on public use will be applied during the nesting season to the McTucker Island area except for the pond area.	<b>Action:</b> During the nesting season, apply seasonal restrictions on public use to the McTucker Island area except for the pond area.
<b>Action:</b> Prohibit vehicular access in portions of the land areas surrounding Big Hole, Little Hole, and Willow Bay, as well as on McTucker Island and in the Danielson Creek/Crystal Wasteway Area (the latter consistent with current policy).	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Support partnership with IDFG to enhance managed access to the Danielson Creek area, including parking for motorized vehicles, and reservoir access, including a boat ramp.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Identify the routes necessary to maintain access for recreational uses and safety, while closing other user-created routes.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Consider an area specific access management plan to reduce unlawful activity.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Develop partnerships to enforce off-highway vehicle closures.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Where feasible, maintain and develop signage for safety zones established at McTucker Ponds for faster emergency response times.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Install directional and educational signage throughout the management unit.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Work with existing partners to address unauthorized uses and illegal activities.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> As recreational access increases, consider seasonal camp hosts to supplement limited enforcement in the McTucker Island area.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> To address public safety, continue to support efforts to analyze and establish a new boat ramp in the area of the main stem of the Snake River.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Implement the use of prescribed fire for management of riparian vegetation within the MU.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Work with partners, including the IDFG, to implement measures to control invasive plant species, such as removal of tamarisk.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Reduce impacts from trespass feral horses

## MU 8: Seagull Bay

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> Continue recreation leases with the Seagull Bay Yacht Club for the Seagull Bay Recreation Area. With review and approval, permit the lessee to make improvements in accordance with their master plans. Plans will be revised as needed to protect significant natural and cultural resources. Establish consistent general lease provisions that reflect all applicable Federal rules, regulations, and policies.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Allow public use but manage vehicular access through public information materials and signs.	<b>Action:</b> Work with the managing partner to identify access needs and manage vehicle access within the MU.
<b>Action:</b> Through relocation, acquire additional wetland habitat to the east, if feasible.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Obtain and enhance wetland habitats located between Interstate 86 and the existing railroad right-of-way.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> Seek funding to test recorded archeological sites at Seagull Bay recreation area and review plans for facilities improvements for effect on archeological sites. Seek funding to protect or mitigate sites.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> No recreation site improvements.	<b>Action:</b> Continue to work with the managing partner to address recreational needs, deficiencies, and future improvement projects at Seagull Bay.
<b>Action:</b> No vehicular access below the bluff tops.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Allow public use along the bluff tops but discourage vehicle access through public information materials and installation of signs.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Maintain existing agricultural leases but include enhanced provisions for wildlife benefits.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Work with the managing partner to identify and manage vandalism and trespass issues.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Work with the managing partner to develop or update facilities, as needed.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Install signage related to paleontological resources in the MU.

## MU 9: Willow Bay

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> Support efforts, exclusive of funding, of the city of American Falls in studying the feasibility of dredging the channel from the boat launch to the reservoir.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Continue recreation leases to the city of American Falls for Willow Bay Recreation Area. With review and approval, permit the lessees to make improvements in accordance with their master plans. Plans will be revised as needed to protect significant natural and cultural resources. Establish consistent general lease provisions that reflect all applicable Federal rules, regulations, and policies.	<b>Action:</b> Continue recreational leases to the City of American Falls for the Willow Bay Recreation Area. With review and approval, permit the lessee to make improvements in accordance with the City's master plans. Revise plans, as needed, to protect significant natural and cultural resources. Establish consistent general lease provisions that reflect all applicable federal rules, regulations, and policies.
<b>Action:</b> Seek funding to test recorded archeological sites at Willow Bay recreation area and review plans for facilities improvements for effect on archeological sites. Seek funding to protect or mitigate sites.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Declare as surplus two small parcels in Area 6 in the Willow Bay area which are currently being farmed; these are no longer necessary for project operations or maintenance.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Prohibit vehicular access in portions of the land areas surrounding Willow Bay.	<b>Action:</b> Prohibit vehicular access in portions of the land areas surrounding Willow Bay and allow managing partners to institute closures, as needed, for resource protection, health and safety, and law enforcement best management practices.

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Monitor and repair new jetty at Willow Bay, as needed.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Improve facilities, walkways, the campground, etc. through the Federal Lands Transportation Program. Priority projects include, but are not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repave the walking trail.</li> <li>• Update and install new signage.</li> <li>• Improve transportation (roads), boater access, and parking, as needed.</li> </ul>

## MU 10: Old Town Site

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> Provide a gravel parking lot, portable toilets and, signs interpreting the old American Falls town site at the end of the existing access road. Reclamation will support current efforts of the local Historical Society in promoting self-guided tours.	<b>Action:</b> Consider installing interpretive signage regarding the history and cultural resources present in the MU. Consider partnering with a local group in the development of interpretive signage and monitoring of site conditions.
<b>Action:</b> Work with the city and county to construct a bicycle path connecting Willow Bay Recreation Area with the city of American Falls through this area.	<b>Action:</b> Consider working with the City of American Falls and Power County to construct a bicycle path connecting the Willow Bay Recreation Area with the City of American Falls through this area.
<b>Action:</b> Allow public use but manage vehicular access through public information materials and signs.	<b>Action:</b> Install signage and, where appropriate, physical barriers to restrict off-road vehicle use in the drawdown area.
<b>Action:</b> Maintain agricultural lease but include enhanced provisions for wildlife benefits.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.

## MU 11: Neeley

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>MU 11: Neeley</b>	
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Consider transferring the Neeley parcel to BLM.

## MU 12: Coldwater

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>MU 12: Coldwater</b>	
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Identify trespasses and determine whether land-use authorizations, rights-of-way, or other agreements are appropriate.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Where feasible, identify locations within the MU that need improvement for items such as vault toilets, access improvements, or public health and safety items related to heavy recreational use.

## MU 13: Archaeological District

Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)	Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)
<p><b>Action:</b> A designated road will be opened to motorized vehicle use to Monument Sportsman's Access on the southeast side of the river near Eagle Rock. In cooperation with the IDFG, improve and maintain the road. Road improvements and/or fencing may be required. The road that winds around the agricultural lease and extends to the beach at Eagle Rock may remain open dependent on the results of specific cultural surveys.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action</p>
<p><b>Action</b> (Vegetation and Wildlife): Renegotiate the existing IDFG wildlife management lease in Area 6 only (see exhibit 12), with provisions that IDFG assist in improving the road to Monument Sportsman's Access.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Renew the agricultural leases in the Eagle Rock area (Area 8) (see exhibit 12) and on other isolated parcels west of Register Rock day-use area. Reevaluate fair market values to consider modified agricultural practices for increasing the availability of food and cover for upland game birds, especially pheasant. The new lease terms, to be cooperatively developed with each lessee, will require leaseholders to plant a negotiated percentage of the leased field with forage crops or provide other wildlife benefits and minimize damage to cultural resources. No new agricultural leases will be issued for lands not currently leased.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Exclude Reclamation lands from BLM grazing allotments (Areas 3 and 4 on exhibit 12). Reclamation will work with BLM and affected ranchers along the river to examine other methods of obtaining livestock water.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Continue coordinating and management with BLM on federal lands that are within the Archaeological District.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Partner with the Tribes to incorporate Tribal input, cooperative management, and interpretation into signage, reports, and other interpretive materials related to resources in this area.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Coordinate with the BLM and Tribes regarding management of cultural resources within the MU.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> (Re)install signage related to closures for motor vehicle use and rock climbing, where appropriate. Develop educational material related to climbing and motorized closures in this area.</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> No similar action.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Coordinate with Tribes and the BLM to continue cultural resource protection and proper access management on the south side of the Snake River within the MU.</p>

## MU 14: Inundation Zone

<b>Existing Management (Alternative A: No Action Alternative)</b>	<b>Draft RMP (Alternative B: Proposed Action)</b>
<b>Action:</b> No recreation site improvements.	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Allow public use but discourage motorized access through public information materials and signs.	<b>Action:</b> Install signage regarding off-road vehicle use in the inundation zone.
<b>Action:</b> A grazing management plan will be developed (See "Grazing Management Plan").	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> Priority area for sub impoundments and other wildlife enhancement projects will be identified (see "Wildlife Management Plan").	<b>Action:</b> No similar action.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Consider increasing parking opportunities for shoreline anglers and boaters within the MU.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Maintain and consider improving access for shoreline fishing and boating within the MU.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Consider development of a sediment management plan in the reservoir with coordination with partners.
<b>Action:</b> No similar action.	<b>Action:</b> Implement permanent best management practices to reduce or remove sediment from the reservoir during periods of low pool.