

BLM Study Review of Hells Canyon Complex Studies

Hells Canyon Resource Management Plan

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1.INTRODUCTION

This report was written by Idaho Power Company personnel to identify a logical framework to build a resource management plan (RMP) to develop protection, mitigation and enhancement measures (PMEs). The RMP was designed to accomplish three elements, they are: 1) explain the balancing or integrating of resources; 2) state IPC policies on land use and resource management; and 3) to assist in coordination with agencies, tribes and other interested parties. The RMP becomes a guide or roadmap to help IPC coordinate, consult and communicate with other stakeholders.

2.CONCLUSION

The RMP did create a framework or plan. Goals and objectives were identified for the resources. General PMEs were introduced and discussed. Tables, figures and an extensive glossary rounded out the study.

3.STUDY ADEQUACY

The report is a good introduction to the integration of resources while making resource management decisions. It is a good vehicle for IPC to share their goals and objectives on resource integration.

4.BLM CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CONCLUSIONS:

The report was written for application of the RMP on IPC lands. It encourages other land managers to follow its lead. Parts of the RMP are very similar to agency goals and objectives so this RMP report should help agencies RMPs and IPC plans to blend together.

This reviewer noted that the plan was a general plan and that the Cultural Resource Management Plan (CRMP also known as the Historic Properties Plan) would be more detailed and would take precedence for cultural resource matters.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Idaho Power Company should continue to use their RMP as a background document and as a vehicle to share IPC's goals and objectives. The RMP will also act as a roadmap to guide future IPC land managers in their resource integration decisions.

