

BLM STUDY REVIEW of HELLS CANYON COMPLEX STUDIES

Vegetation of the Snake River Corridor in Hells Canyon-
Weiser Idaho to the Salmon River

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1. INTRODUCTION

The objectives of this study were to 1) identify and map the existing vegetation, natural features, and land use cover types; 2) quantify the extent and distribution of cover types; 3) describe the botanical edaphic and other site characteristics of the vegetation cover types; 4) describe the plant communities affiliated with each vegetation cover type and their extent and distribution; 5) describe general patterns of vegetation occurring in the study area; and 6) describe the possible mechanisms that determine observed patterns in the vegetation.

2. CONCLUSION

No conclusions were made, "but many man caused disturbances have resulted in bare ground where weeds have become established." Twenty six vegetation cover types were described.

3. STUDY ADEQUACY

The study is fairly complete, but I would have liked to have seen the cover types in acres.

4. BLM CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

CONCLUSIONS

This report presents a good picture of vegetation condition at a given point in time. For future monitoring for vegetation changes, especially weed control efforts, this document could be a valuable tool for baseline data.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Install a vegetation monitor program that re-measures vegetation every 5 years.