



# WILDERNESS PLANNING

Newsletter - October 2016

## Hemingway-Boulders Wilderness & White Clouds Wilderness

The internal interdisciplinary team began meeting in June 2016 to develop the wilderness management plan. Visitor use monitoring, dealing with solitude, campsites and trail use began summer 2016. Data obtained during this period will be incorporated into the plan.

### Public Scoping

The two agencies (FS and BLM) anticipate providing the wilderness management plan (the proposed action) for public review in October. During the 30– day scoping period, meetings will be held in Ketchum, Stanley and Challis. Dates to be determined.

### Interactive Project Website

An interactive website is being developed for the HB/WC Wilderness Plan, which will include overview information, project timeline, links to each agency’s project site (i.e. where you can find the plan when released for scoping), interactive maps of the wilderness areas, the proposed zones, and grazing allotments. The site will go live during the official scoping period.

*“Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall collaboratively develop wilderness management plans for the wilderness areas.”*

*- Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act (Public Law 114–46) Aug. 7, 2015*



White Clouds Wilderness

### Next Steps

#### H-B/WC Plan

- Public Scoping
- Public Scoping Meetings

#### JMJP Plan

- Plan Development

# Jim McClure-Jerry Peak

## Wilderness

An early scoping period took place July 25-August 25, 2016. A press release was issued concurrently with the mailing, and the Idaho Mountain Express included the notification in its July 27<sup>th</sup> issue. Letters to the Nez Perce Tribe and Shoshone-Bannock Tribes were sent August 5, 2016.

During the early scoping period 32 letters were received. Comments generally fell into eight categories:

- Most Valued Features of the Wilderness
- Wilderness Management
- Recreation Management
- Outfitters and Guides
- Livestock Grazing
- Fire Management
- Wildlife Management

- Weed Management

A few miscellaneous topics included law enforcement, search and rescue, visual resources and rehabilitation of human disturbances.

### IDT Meetings

The internal interdisciplinary team (IDT) met for an initial kick-off and orientation meeting in June. A second meeting occurred September 8 to review the early scoping period comments and begin discussion on Plan formulation.

For more information on the JMJP Wilderness, please visit the BLM's website: <http://on.doi.gov/1UViHOs>

## Project Websites

### Hemingway-Boulders Planning Site

USFS Site:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49647>

BLM Site:

<http://bit.ly/29YkoKS>

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### Jim McClure-Jerry Peak Planning Site

BLM Site:

<http://bit.ly/2ahAsg2>

USFS Site:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50223>

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*"In order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the United States and its possessions, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition..."*

*- The Wilderness Act*



Jim McClure-Jerry Peak Wilderness