



# WILDERNESS PLANNING

Newsletter - August 2018

## Hemingway-Boulders Wilderness & Cecil D. Andrus-White Clouds Wilderness

### Objection Resolution

Ten parties filed objections during the 45-day objection filing period, which concluded June 22. The 45-day objection resolution period was scheduled to conclude August 6th, but has been extended two weeks through August 20. (Click [here](#) to review the letters; then “Analysis” and “Objections Received.”)

Summary of objection points:

- Objection to pack goat exclusion area, and science used in analysis.
- Definition of developments is overly narrow.
- Failure to provide direction regarding temporary outfitter camp facilities.
- Failure to address pre-positioning feed at outfitter camps.

- Minimum Requirements Analysis is not required by statute.
- Concerns with NEPA process.
- Group sizes: too large, or no exceptions for outfitted groups.
- Definition of wilderness character.

The objection reviewing officer (in this case, the Deputy Regional Forester) will respond in writing to all objections. All concerns and instructions identified by the Reviewing Officer in the objection response must be address before the final decision can be made.

### Decision

The two agencies will sign their respective decision documents in early August. Following the decision, the BLM will provide a 30-day appeal period in accordance with 43 CFR Part 4.

*“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*



Cecil D. Andrus-White Clouds Wilderness

### Next Steps

#### Hemingway-Boulders & Cecil D. Andrus-White Clouds Plan, and Jim McClure-Jerry Peak Plan

- FS Objection Resolution Period concludes
- Decision (FS and BLM)
- BLM Appeal Period

# Jim McClure-Jerry Peak Wilderness

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## Objection Resolution

Four parties submitted objections during the objection filing period: WildLands Defense, Mr. Reynolds, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and Idaho Conservation League/Wilderness Society.

The initial 45-day objection resolution period concluded on July 19. The Deputy Regional Forester, David Rosenkrance extended the resolution period through August 6 in order to address issues raised during the objection review process (in accordance with 36 CFR 218.26 (b)).

Meetings were held (or offered) with the four objectors, jointly or individually, based on the issues raised.

Summary of issues raised:

- Pack goat measures are

insufficient to protect bighorn sheep.

- Group size numbers are too large.
- NEPA procedures were not adequately followed.
- Definition of “Developments” in the Glossary is too narrow.
- Minimum Requirements Analysis is not required by statute.

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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*

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**Herd Lake, Jim McClure-Jerry Peak Wilderness**