

ALIGNMENT OF THE IDAHO STATE PETITION THEMES

Some refinements of the Petition for State Specific Rulemaking for Roadless Areas in Idaho, from Governor James E Risch, have been made based on public comment stating that some of the information in the Petition did not reflect the theme allocations on the State maps and information used for the development of the Draft EIS. The following paper summarizes the major refinements made in the State Petition.

Changes - All Roadless Areas

ROADLESS AREA BOUNDARIES

The most current inventory from each National Forest was utilized. New inventories, used during the revision process, were available for the Caribou, Clearwater, Nez Perce, and Sawtooth National Forests. The State did not use these inventories for the development of the Petition.

ROADLESS AREA ACRES

The total roadless area acreage and theme acreage was rounded to the nearest 100.

SPECIAL AREAS

The Petition stated the management direction would not apply to special areas identified in Forest Plans, including areas such as Research Natural Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, etc. These special areas have been removed from all themes (see below). Forest Plan direction would apply to these areas.

Specific Changes by Forest and Roadless Area

BOISE

Needles:

Primary change is the number of acres placed into Wild Land Recreation, Primitive and Backcountry/Restoration themes – see table below. There was no change in the State Petition map; the number of acres associated with each theme in the Petition table was in error.

Needles - Comparison of the Petition and the Update

	Wild Land Recreation	Primitive	Backcountry/ Restoration	General Forest	Existing Special Areas
Petition	4,041	1,925	22,865	56	0
Updated	3,300	5,800	19,500	100	1,200

CARIBOU

All acres changed to match Forest Plan prescription acres and boundaries, and removal of special areas.

Hell Hole

The Petition had 278 acres of management prescription 2.8.3 in Primitive. This prescription is considered a special area where existing plan direction will apply; based on this there are 0 acres of Primitive.

CHALLIS

Boulder White Clouds

Boulder-White Clouds was updated to reflect CEIDRA bill and intent of the Petition. Areas recommended for Wilderness in the bill were placed into the Wild Land Recreation theme; areas recommended for Wilderness in the Forest Plan, but not part of the bill were placed into a Primitive theme. See table below.

Boulder-White Clouds - Comparison of the Petition and the Update

	Wild Land Recreation	Primitive	Backcountry/ Restoration	General Forest	Existing Special Areas
Petition	98,775	0	40,344	0	0
Updated	115,800	0	23,500	0	0

Squaw Creek

Total acres of Squaw Creek roadless area were in error in the Petition (132,521). Correct acres are 99,600 acres. All lands within Squaw Creek are Backcountry/Restoration. No changes were made to the roadless area boundary. The acres on the Petition were in error, but not sure why.

CLEARWATER

Hoodoo

The Petition placed 160 acres into Backcountry/Restoration; however the State Petition map does not show any lands in Backcountry/Restoration. This is consistent

with the proposed Clearwater Forest Plan. Petition data now reflects the map and the States intent; there are 0 acres in Backcountry/Restoration.

IDAHO PANHANDLE

East Fork Elk

East Fork Elk was not in the Petition. East Fork Elk located on the Kootenai National Forest and is primarily in Montana, but 75 acres overlap Idaho, and were placed in the General Forest theme based on the proposed Kootenai/Panhandle forest plan prescriptions. The Kootenai has been added to the list of forests

Grandmother Mountain

The Petition had 120 acres shown as General Forest. These areas are in special areas; therefore there are now 0 acres of General Forest. There was also one piece of Grandmother Mountain missing from the Petition coverage. This area was added (about 2,000 acres) to Wild Land Recreation. Special areas were also removed from Backcountry/Restoration theme - see table below

Grandmother Mountain - Comparison of the Petition and the Update

	Wild Land Recreation	Primitive	Backcountry/ Restoration	General Forest	Existing Special Areas
Petition	5,110	0	16,730	120	0
Updated	6,800	0	14,000	0	3,600

Katka Peak

The Petition did not show any General Forest; but the State Petition map indicates an area of General Forest (about 2,500 acres). This is consistent with the proposed Idaho Panhandle Forest Plan. The information has been corrected to add 2,500 acres of General Forest to the Petition.

Mallard Larkins

The Petition indicates that 33,530 acres are in the Special Areas of Tribal and Historic Significance (SATHS). Several other special areas, such as Research Natural Areas and Wild and Scenic River Corridors over lap this area; therefore the Petition direction would not apply and these acres have been removed from this theme. Total with the SATHS theme is 22,100 acres - see Table below

Mallard Larkins - Comparison of the Petition and the Update

	Wild Land Recreation	Primitive	Backcountry/ Restoration	General Forest	SAHTS	Existing Special Areas
Petition	49,480	0	46,240	80	33,530	0
Updated	49,500	0	46,200	100	22,100	11,500

Saddle Mountain

The Petition shows all of Saddle Mountain as General Forest (7,770 acres); but this area should have been in Backcountry/Restoration (consistent with State Petition map). The change has been made to reflect this.

Roberts

Roberts is located on the Kootenai National Forest, so the information is now shown for the Kootenai. Acres and theme allocations remained the same.

West Fork Elk

Petition indicates only 40 acres of this roadless area is in Idaho, but actually there are 3,700 acres in Idaho. West Fork Elk is located on the Kootenai, so the data now reflects this. All 3,700 acres are in Backcountry/Restoration. (Note, 2001 Roadless Rule data only shows 40 acres in Idaho - which is in error).

Mt. Willard-Lake Estelle

Portions of the Mt. Willard-Lake Estelle roadless area are on both the Idaho Panhandle and Kootenai. The Petition did not reflect the 23,300 acres on the Kootenai likely due to the 2001 Roadless Rule data which did not show any of Kootenai portion in Idaho. All 23,300 acres are in Backcountry/Restoration.

NEZ PERCE

The Nez Perce updated their inventory during Forest Plan revision. Based on this there have been modifications to the roadless areas, including dropping one roadless area, splitting one, and adding two.

Adjacent to Gospel Hump

This 2,400 acre area is adjacent to Gospel Hump and the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness. The Petition reflects these acres in the Gospel Hump roadless area.

Little Slate Creek

The Little Slate Creek roadless area (20,500 acres) was split into two parts. One is called Little Slate Creek (12,200 acres) and the other Little Slate Creek North (5,900 acres). All acres, except those in special areas, were placed into Backcountry/Restoration, consistent with the Petitions intent.

Middle Fork Face

Middle Fork Face (10,400 acres) was not included in the updated inventory because the area has been developed. Petition showed 10,400 acres in Backcountry/Restoration. The update does not reflect this area.

West Fork Crooked River

West Fork Crooked River (9,500 acres) was added to the inventory during the Forest Plan revision process; therefore this area has been added to the Petition. The entire area is Backcountry/Restoration.

Selway/Bitterroot

The Selway/Bitterroot (600 acres) was added to the inventory during the Forest Plan revision process; therefore this area has been added to the Petition. This area is adjacent to the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness. All 600 acres were placed in the Primitive theme.

PAYETTE

Needles:

Primary change is the number of acres placed into Primitive and Backcountry/Restoration themes – see table below. There was no change in the State Petition map; the number of acres associated with each theme was in error.

Needles - Comparison of the Petition and the Update

	Wild Land Recreation	Primitive	Backcountry/ Restoration	General Forest	Existing Special Areas
Petition	91,054	10,994	29,117	0	0
Updated	90,200	7,100	31,500	0	2,500

SALMON

All acres changed to match Forest Plan prescription acres and boundaries, and removal of special areas.

SAWTOOTH

Boulder White Clouds

Updated to reflect CEIDRA bill and intent of the Petition. Areas recommended for Wilderness in the bill were placed into the Wild Land Recreation theme; areas recommended for Wilderness in the Forest Plan, but not part of the bill were placed into a Primitive theme. Remaining acres reflect Forest Plan prescriptions. In addition, about 25,500 acres of Wild and Scenic River corridors were removed from the Wild Land Recreation theme.

Boulder-White Clouds - Comparison of the Petition and the Update

	Wild Land Recreation	Primitive	Backcountry/ Restoration	General Forest	Existing Special Areas
Petition	164,800	70,750	86,274	712	0
Updated	115,500	87,300	84,500	700	34,700

Fifth Fork Rock Creek, Liberal Mountain, Lone Cedar, Mahogany Butte, Mount Harrison, Pioneer Mountain, Third Fork Rock Creek

The Petition placed areas with a management prescription 6.1 (Restoration and Maintenance Emphasis within Shrubland and Grassland Landscapes) into Backcountry/Restoration, with the intent of reflecting the existing plan. However, the management direction in 6.1 better reflects General Forest, Rangeland and Grassland; therefore the following areas changed from Backcountry/Restoration to General Forest.

Fifth Fork Rock Creek: 7,900 acres

Liberal Mountain: 1,900 acres

Lone Cedar: 6,800 acres

Mahogany Butte: 21,000 acres

Mount Harrison: 22,000 acres

Pioneer Mountains: 21,000 acres

Third Fork Rock Creek: 6,300 acres

Smoky Mountains:

The Petition shows 94 acres in General Forest. All these lands are in special areas; therefore there are now 0 acres in General Forest.

The Petition shows 199,428 acres in Primitive, including 5,700 acres in management prescription 4.2. This prescription is roaded recreation in the Sawtooth Forest Plan. Intent was to reflect the Forest Plan; therefore the 5,700 acres in management area 4.2 have been changed to Backcountry Restoration - see Table below.

Smoky Mountains - Comparison of the Petition and the Update

	Wild Land Recreation	Primitive	Backcountry/ Restoration	General Forest	Existing Special Areas
Petition	0	199,428	104,045	94	0
Updated	0	191,900	102,600	0	9,600

Cache Peak

The Petition indicated that 7,083 acres of management prescription 6.1 was Backcountry Restoration and 19,422 acres of 6.1 were General Forest. However, Cache Peak includes three management prescriptions, 4.2, 5.1 and 6.1. Management prescription 6.1 was changed to General Forest – see discussion above. Prescription 4.2 was placed into Backcountry/Restoration – consistent with the discussion for Smoky Mountains, and prescription 5.1 was placed into General Forest. This update did not change the acreages shown in the Petition.

Cache Peak – Comparison of the Petition and the Update

	Wild Land Recreation	Primitive	Backcountry/ Restoration	General Forest	Existing Special Areas
Petition	0	0	7,083	19,442	0
Updated	0	0	7,100	19,400	0

Special Areas

The management direction in the Petition would not apply to the following areas. These areas would be managed according to Existing Plan direction. The following special areas overlap Idaho Roadless Areas

Forest	Management Prescription	Description	Associated Acres
Boise	2.2	Research Natural Area	6,100
	2.1	Congressionally Designated Wild and Scenic River	0
	Forest-wide Wild and Scenic River direction	Overlay of eligible, suitable and designated Wild and Scenic River corridors	38,500
Caribou	2.2	Research Natural Area	5,200
	2.5	Wild and Scenic Rivers	1,500
	2.1.1	Bloomington Lake Special Emphasis area (Geologic and botanical)	200

Forest	Management Prescription	Description	Associated Acres
	2.1.4	Caribou Mountain Special Emphasis area (Cultural and historic)	15,500
	2.1.5	Lander Trail Special Emphasis area (Cultural and historic)	1,600
	2.1.2	Visual corridor along existing paved or gravel surfaced roads	6,500
	4.2	Special use authorization sites	900
	8.1u	Transmission line corridors	500
	2.8.3	Riparian areas - Overlay - not taken out of the themes but the existing plan direction applies	0
Challis	Forest-wide direction for Research Natural Areas	Overlay of Research Natural Areas	12,400
	24	Corridor and road access route, bounded on both sides by the Frank Church Wilderness	10
Clearwater	M1	Research Natural Areas or Special Interest Areas	4,000
	A7	Wild and Scenic Rivers	16,800
Idaho Panhandle	14 (Existing Plan) 4a (Proposed Plan)	Research Natural Areas	7,500
	12 (Existing Plan) 2a and 2b	Wild and Scenic Rivers	23,700

Forest	Management Prescription	Description	Associated Acres
	(Proposed Plan)		
	13 (Existing Plan)	Special Interest Areas	27,100
	3 (Proposed Plan)		
Kootenai	3 (Proposed Plan)	Research Natural Area or Special Interest Areas	200
Nez Perce	6, 11 (overlay)	Research Natural Areas	9,300
	8.1, 8.2, 8.3	Wild and Scenic Rivers	9,100
Payette	2.2	Research Natural Area	9,600
	2.1	Congressionally Designated Wild and Scenic River	4,100
	Forest-wide Wild and Scenic River direction	Overlay of eligible, suitable and designated Wild and Scenic River corridors	30,400
Salmon	Forest Wide	Overlay of Research Natural Area	8,600
	Research Natural Areas		
	6B	Wild and Scenic Rivers	6,300
	1A	Winter Sports Site	400
Sawtooth	2.2	Research Natural Area	1,900
	Forest-wide Wild and Scenic River direction	Overlay of eligible, suitable and designated Wild and Scenic River corridors	61,200

Forest	Management Prescription	Description	Associated Acres
Targhee	2.2	Research Natural Area	9,900
	2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.9.1, 2.9.2	Wild and Scenic Rivers	16,800
	2.1.1	Special Interest Areas	7,100
	2.1.2; 5.2.2	Visual corridors	4,500
	4.1	Developed recreation sites	20
	8.1	Concentrated development sites	320
	2.8.3	Riparian areas - Overlay - not taken out of the themes but the existing plan direction applies	0
Wallowa-Whitman	None		0
	Total		345,000