

NOTICE OF DECISION
USDA – Forest Service
Intermountain Region
Caribou-Targhee National Forest
Curlew National Grasslands
Oneida County, Idaho

Curlew National Grassland Land and Resource Management Plan

On February 8, 2002, Acting Regional Forester Jack Troyer signed the Record of Decision to amend the 1985 Caribou National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and approve the Curlew National Grassland Plan. This decision was analyzed in the Curlew National Grassland Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement, released in March of 2002. The Grassland Plan establishes livestock grazing utilization standards, directs riparian/wetland area management, recommends maintaining current levels of sagebrush, directs management of areas dominated by nonnative grasses, and contains other direction for managing the Grassland during the next decade.

Implementation of the Grassland Plan will be accomplished and tracked through the objectives detailed in the Plan. According to the regulations at 36 CFR 217.10, implementation of this Plan will begin 7 days after publication of this notice of decision in the Idaho Statesman. All Grassland Plan standards and guidelines will become effective on that date.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to the provisions of 36 CFR 217.3. A written notice of appeal must be filed with the Chief of the Forest Service Dale Bosworth, Washington Office, 14th and Independence SW, 201 14th St., Washington D.C. 20250, within 90 days of the date that this decision appears in the Idaho Statesman. A copy of the appeal must simultaneously be sent to the deciding officer Regional Forester of the Intermountain Region, 324 25th St, Odgen UT 84401. Notice of appeal must include sufficient narrative evidence and argument to show why this decision should be changed or reversed (36 CFR 217.9). Pursuant to 36 CFR 217.10(a), requests to stay approval of the Curlew Grassland Plan will not be granted.

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