

TARGHEE REVISED FOREST PLAN

Revised 1997

What is the Forest Plan?

- ▣ Guides all natural resource management activities.
- ▣ Sets management standards for the Targhee National Forest.
- ▣ Was developed with public input.
- ▣ Incorporates direction/regulations from regional and national levels.
- ▣ “Umbrella” for the environmental analysis for proposed projects – all projects will refer to this plan.

Forestwide Standards and Guidelines



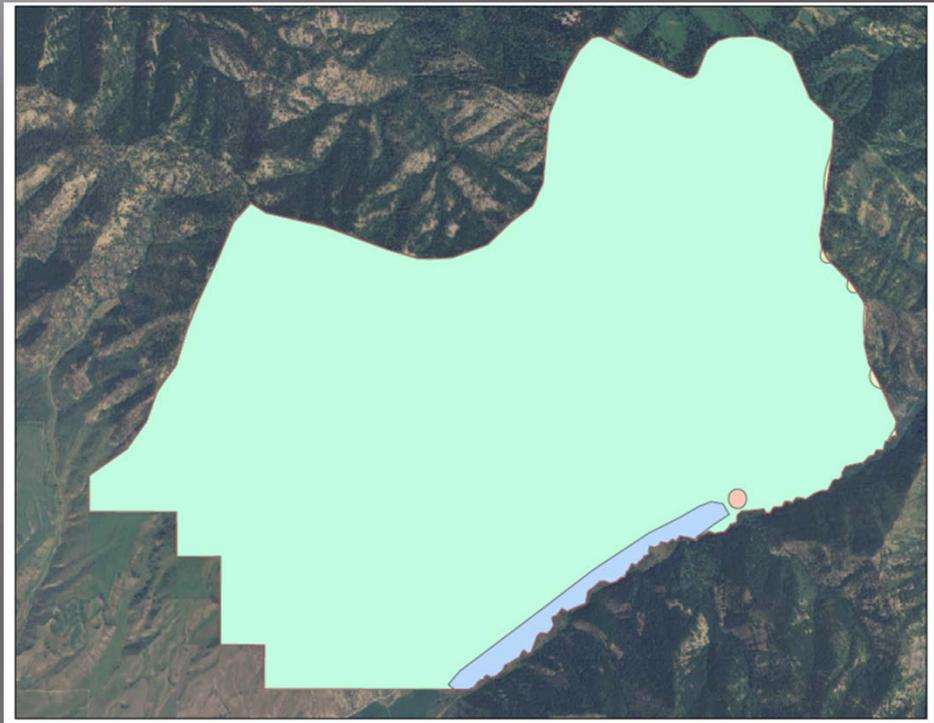
Targhee NF

7 Geographic Units Subsection Direction



45 Management Prescriptions

Different management regimes which have been applied to address specific management needs or public desires.

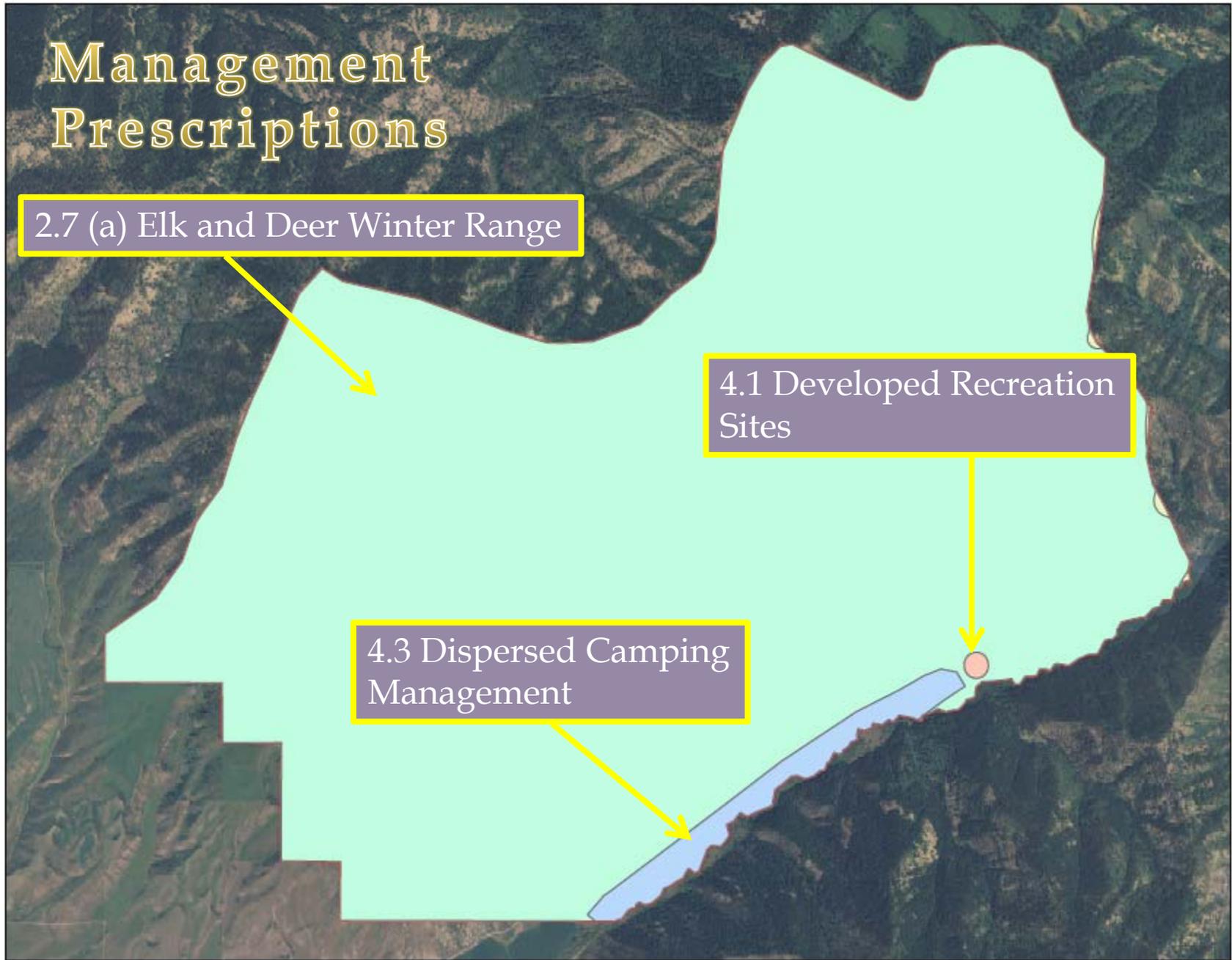


Management Prescriptions

2.7 (a) Elk and Deer Winter Range

4.1 Developed Recreation Sites

4.3 Dispersed Camping Management



2.7 (a) Elk and Deer Winter Range

Goals

- ❑ Provide quality elk and deer winter range.
- ❑ Minimize forage use conflicts between big game and livestock on the winter range.
- ❑ Forested and nonforested vegetation is managed to maintain or improve cover or forage conditions needed for wintering deer and elk.
- ❑ Minimize human disturbance to wintering big game animals.

Standards and Guidelines

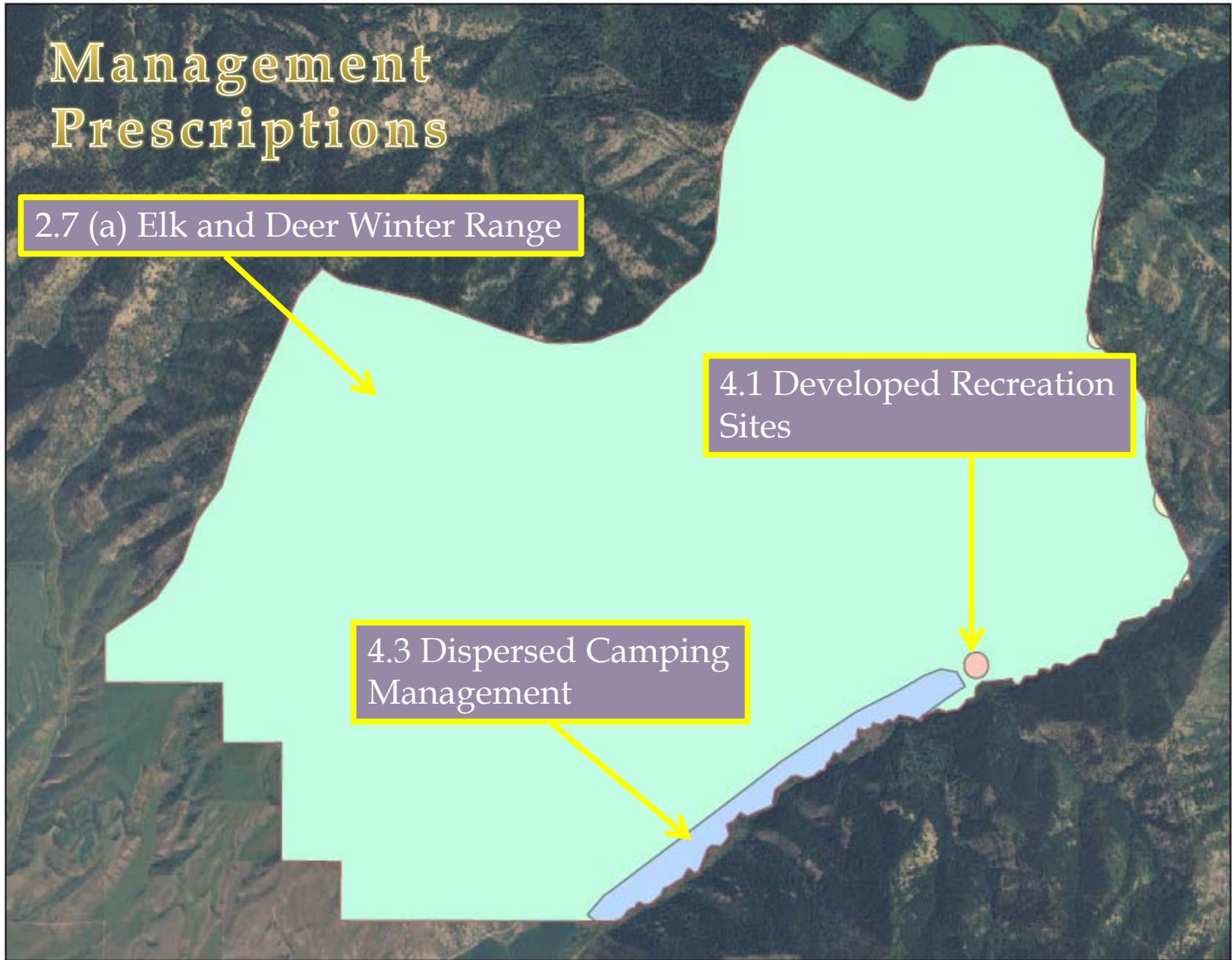
- ❑ Prescribed fire is allowed to maintain or improve winter habitat and enhance ecological conditions.
- ❑ Recreation – manage recreation sites to maintain winter habitat conditions.

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Goals

- ▣ Provide for a variety of concentrated public recreation uses in a roaded-natural setting based on the character of the areas and visitors' needs.
- ▣ Promote wildlife viewing opportunities...
- ▣ Provide short trails to facilities and opportunities for interpretation.

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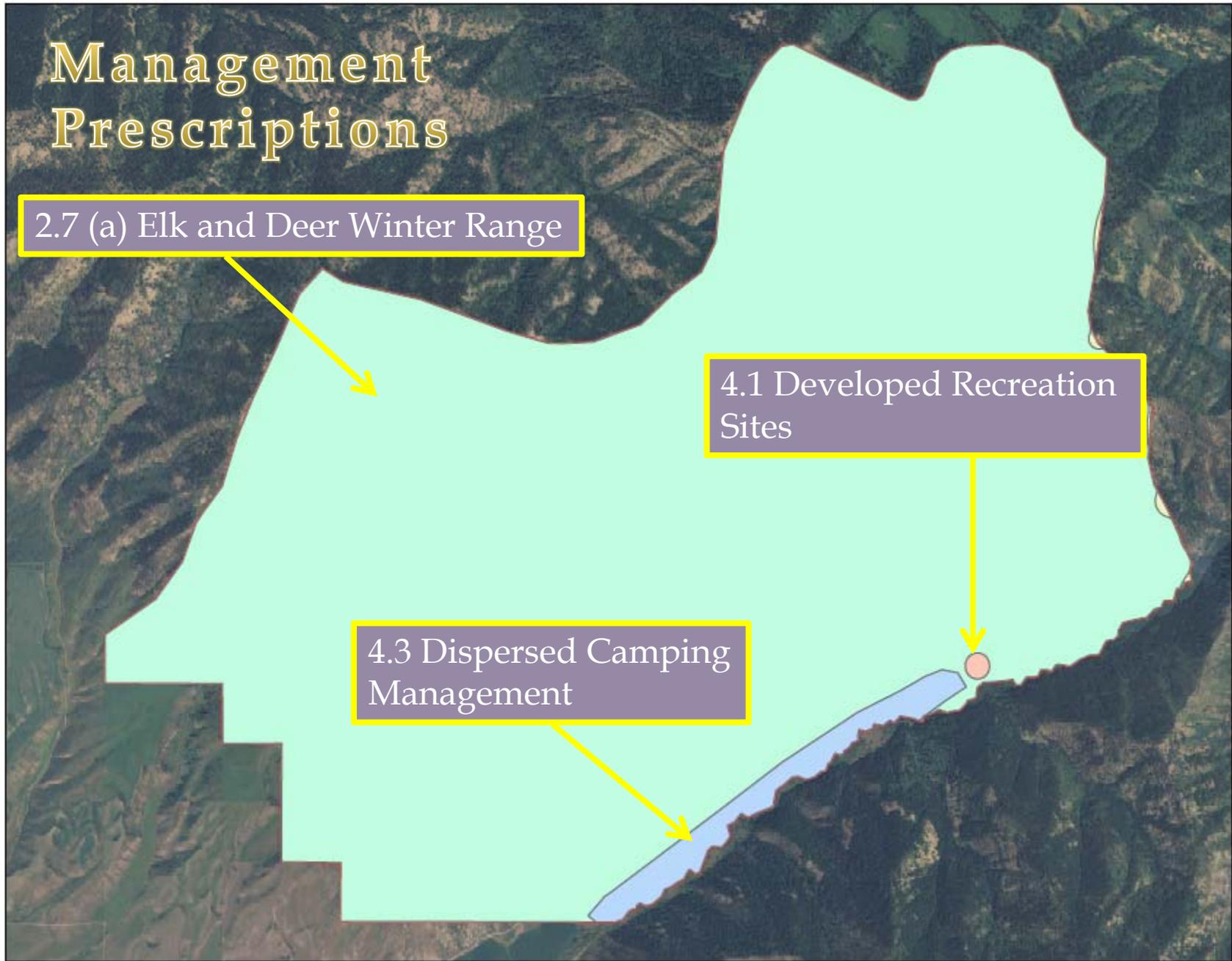
- ▣ Insect and disease control.
- ▣ Fire and Fuels – all wildfires that threaten these areas will be aggressively suppressed.
 - Prescribed fire generally not applied here.
- ▣ Soil and Water – rehabilitation techniques that do not detract from recreation.
 - No new construction on unstable or highly erosive soils.

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4.3 Dispersed Camping Management

Goals

- ▣ Provide a balance between recreation use and other resource needs....
- ▣ Maintain or improve the quality of dispersed camping...
- ▣ Avoid allowing heavy buildup of fuels in these areas to reduce the risk of accidental fire ignition.

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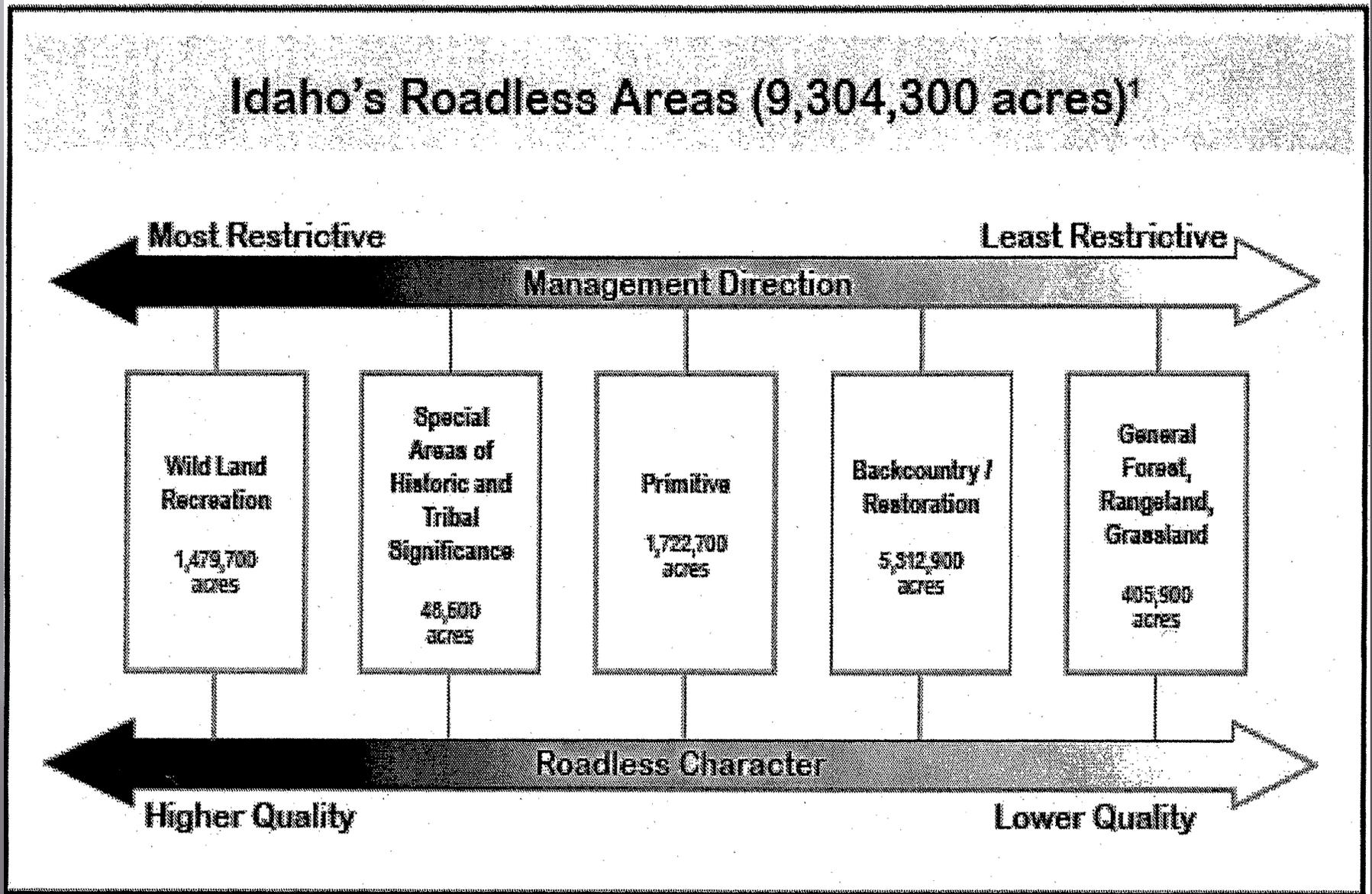
- ▣ Fire and Fuels – Avoid application of chemical retardant...
 - Use minimum impact suppression methods.
- ▣ Roads and Trails – No new roads or trails...

Roadless

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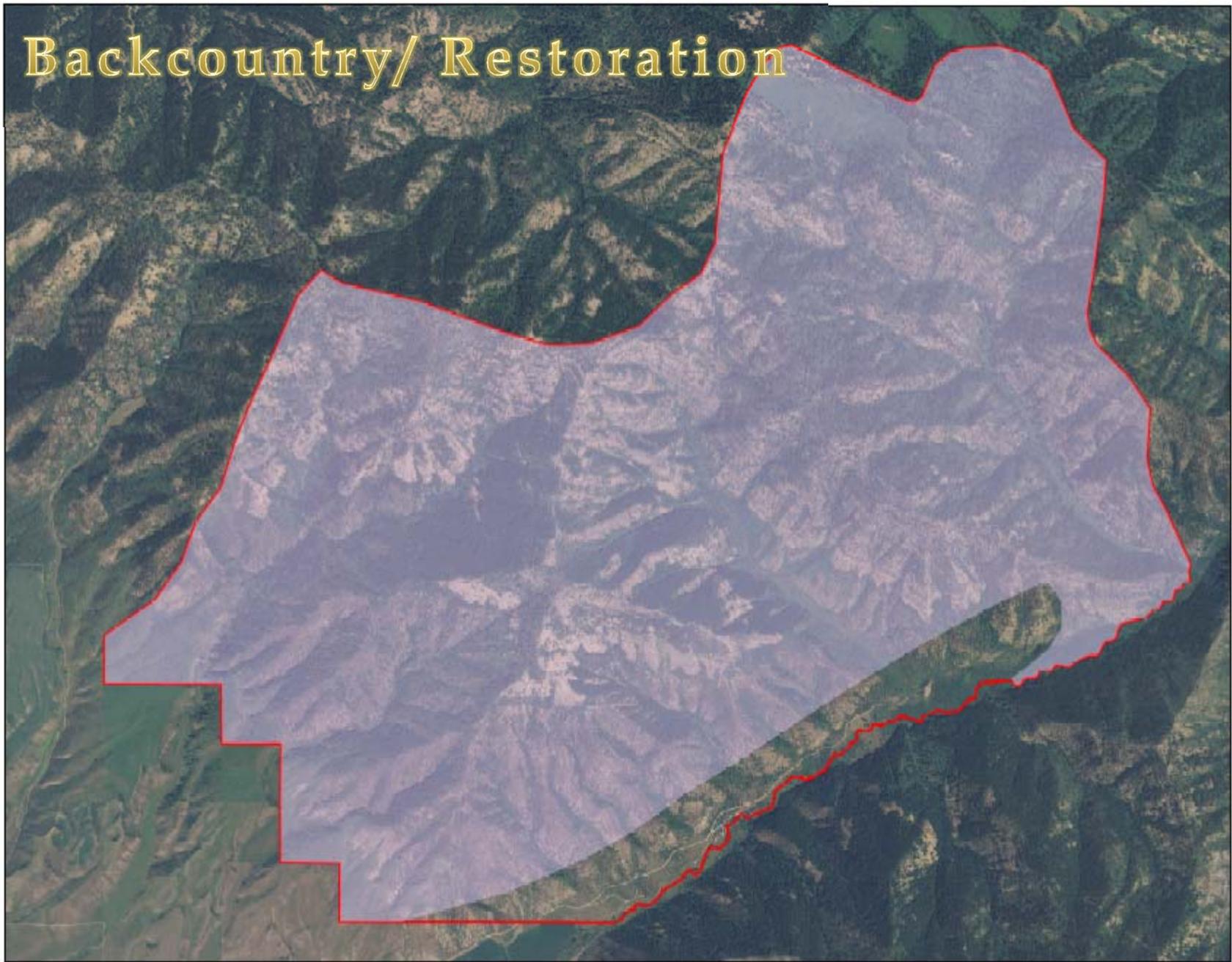
- ▣ 2008 – USDA adopted state specific rule providing management direction for designated roadless areas in ID.
- ▣ 5 management themes that provide prohibitions with exceptions/conditions for construction, timber removal, mineral development.

Figure 1. Roadless Area Conservation Rule for Idaho—Management Themes



¹ 334,500 acres of forest plan special areas will be managed in accordance with applicable current and future forest plans

Backcountry/ Restoration



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The cutting, sale, or removal of timber is permissible in Idaho Roadless Areas designated as Backcountry/Restoration only:

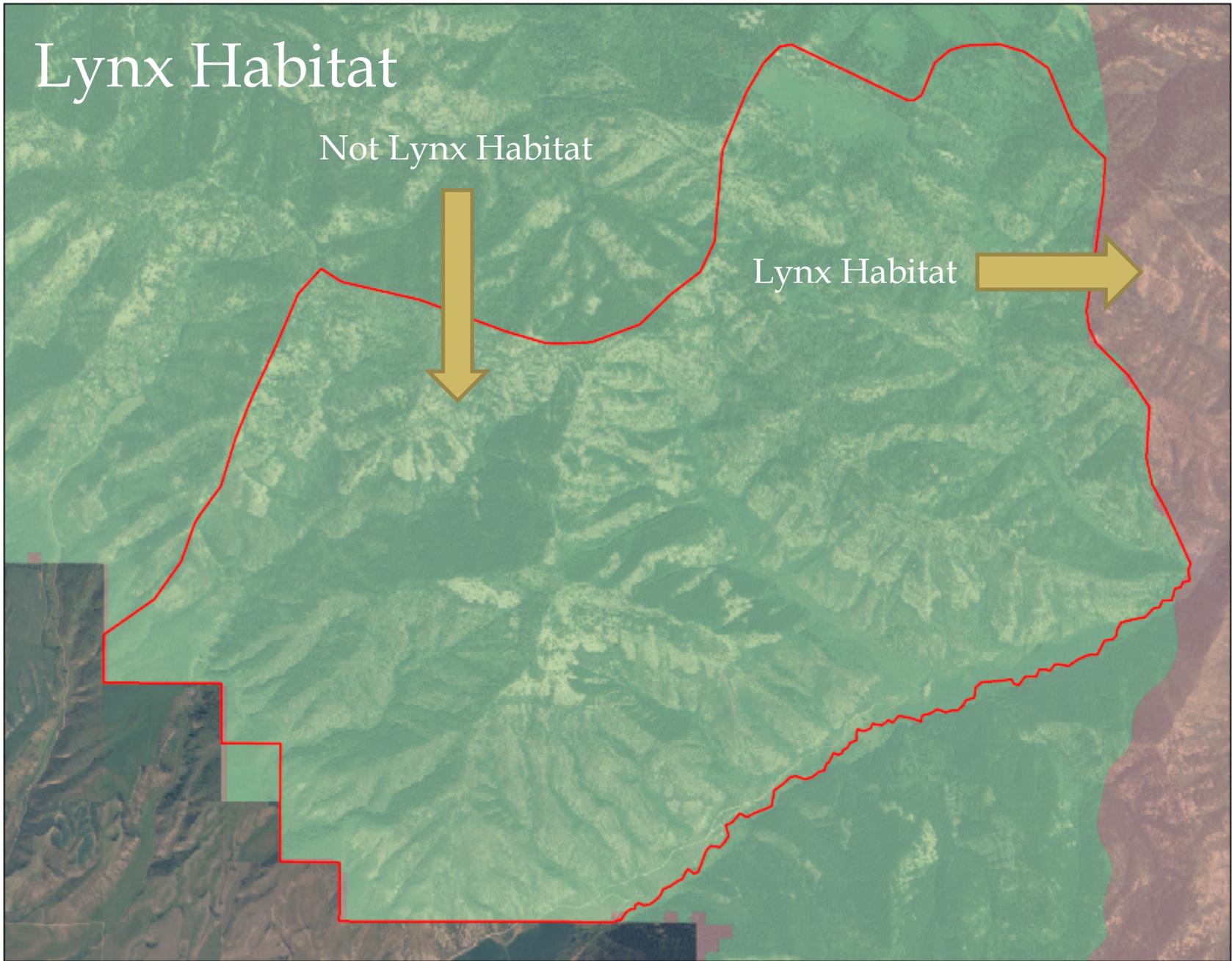
1. To reduce hazardous fuel conditions within the community protection zone....
2. To reduce hazardous fuel conditions outside the community protection zone...
3. To improve threatened, endangered, ...species habitat.
4. To maintain or restore the characteristics of ecosystem composition...processes.
5. To reduce the risk of uncharacteristic wildland fire effects.
6. Etc...

Lynx

Lynx Habitat

Not Lynx Habitat

Lynx Habitat





QUESTIONS??

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Smoke Management



Hill Creek Rx 2010

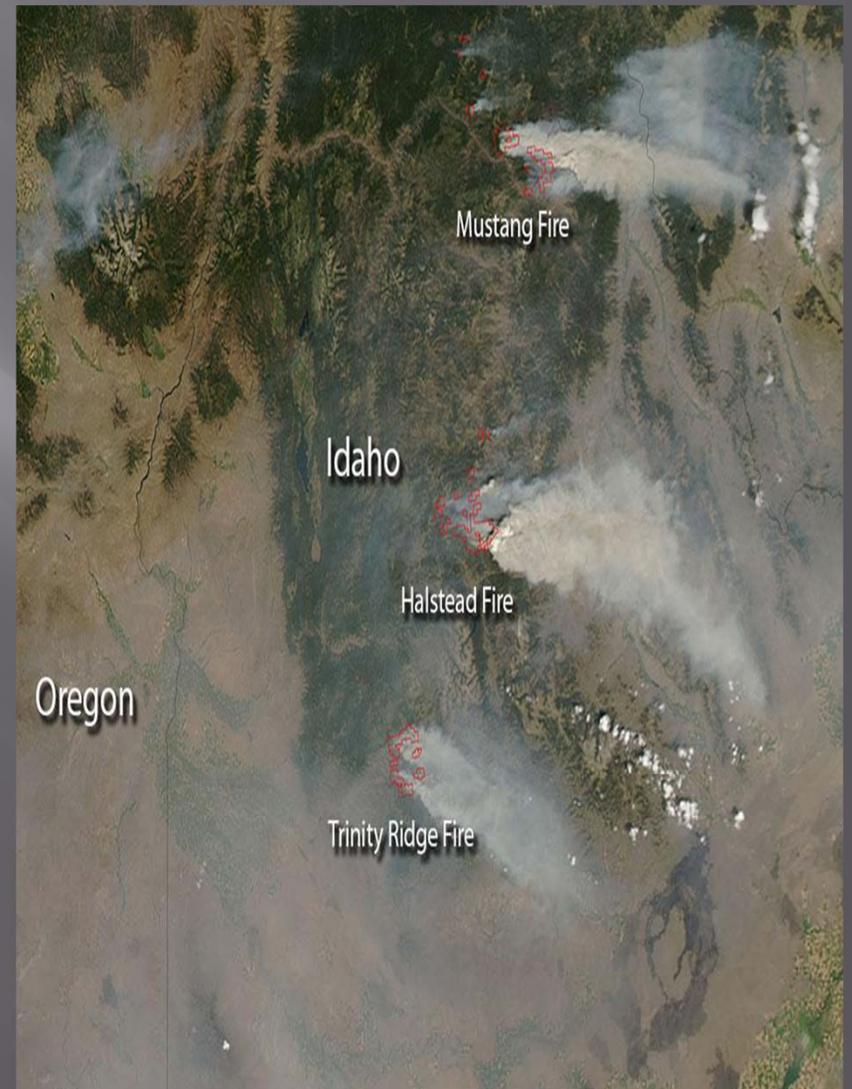
Concerns about Smoke

- ▣ Health & Safety: public and firefighters
- ▣ Visibility
- ▣ Laws and regulations
- ▣ Nuisance
- ▣ Smoke products you can see and those you can't!

Regulations



Smoke Emissions Prescribed vs. Wildland Fire



Prescribed Fire

- ▣ Prescribed Fire Plan
 - Environmental Prescription – wind speed & direction, transport winds, dispersion, distance to population centers
 - Approval for smoke with ID/MT Airshed Group.



Red Creek Unit 2 - 2011

Prescribed Fire

- ▣ Size of burn unit – 500 – 1000 acres
- ▣ Use helicopter ignitions to speed up ignition process



Red Creek Unit 2 - 2011

Wildfire

- ❑ Cannot control wind direction & speed, dispersion.
- ❑ Wildfires do not care about the location of population centers.



Halstead Fire - 2012

Wildfire

Given fire's role and history in the West, one should expect smoke, at various levels, to be part of our lives.



Smoke Dispersion

Smoke can be a socially unacceptable aspect of prescribed and wildland fires. As managers we do our best to predict smoke dispersal and inversions with the help of the National Weather Service but control over weather events and smoke dispersal is not possible.

Red Creek Rx 2011

What is the best way to
notify you about fire?



A scenic landscape photograph of a sunset over a mountain range. The sun is low on the horizon, partially obscured by a line of evergreen trees. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The foreground is filled with dark, silhouetted evergreen trees and grass. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Questions??

Flag Knoll Rx - 2012



Recreation

