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Introduction

The Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan is an interagency document that outlines interagency coordination efforts regarding fire restrictions and closures. An interagency approach for initiating restrictions or closures helps provide consistency amongst the land management partners, while defining the restriction boundaries so they are easily distinguishable to the public. Each restrictions area is encouraged to recruit any affected agency or landowner into restriction conversations whenever possible.

Purpose

A. Restrictions

The purpose of fire restrictions is to reduce the risk of human-caused fires during unusually high fire danger and/or burning conditions. Fire restrictions impose many limitations on the general public and private landowners and should be implemented only as a portion of an ambitious and successful prevention program. Alternative and preliminary measures include, but are not limited to, increasing the number of prevention signs, public contacts and media campaigns. Fire restrictions should be considered only when very high or extreme fire danger is predicted to persist. Fire restrictions should be considered one of the last prevention tools to be used and should not be considered to BE the prevention program.

B. Emergency Closures

Emergency closures have an extreme impact on the public and fire agencies and are discouraged except under the most severe conditions. Closures are not justified by fire danger alone, but should be driven by potential risk to life safety due to extreme fire behavior, high potential for human-caused fires, severe shortages of resources, and numerous large fires.

Authority

Fire restrictions and closures can be implemented on State, Federal, Tribal Trust, and private lands under applicable federal and state laws (Appendix 1). These laws grant the respective agencies the general authority to protect lands entrusted in their care by restricting use or closing areas to entry for protection of life and safety of public. Agencies will consider suspending current burn permits as well as not issuing new burn permits while restrictions are in place. Agency Administrators are responsible for coordinating with other agencies/tribes, issuing appropriate documentation and the enforcement of restrictions and closures for those lands on which they have authority (Appendix 2).

Although agencies are encouraged to coordinate and cooperate as much as possible, if Fire Managers/Agency Administrators/Tribal Chairpersons within an area determine it is necessary to go into restrictions they may do so either as an entire area, or restrict only those areas meeting critical thresholds as defined in Appendix 4. Agencies are responsible for incorporating the geographic guidelines into their appropriate policy and procedures manuals. Restrictions and closure procedures shall be uniform across restriction areas and the State.

Areas

Idaho has been divided into eleven fire restriction areas (Appendix 3), each of which represents a geographic location with similar timing for weather changes and fire behavior potentials. Boundaries for each area generally follow county boundaries, with a few exceptions placed along rivers, highways or jurisdictional boundaries that made more sense and are easily describable. When land managers and agency administrators representing the jurisdictions within an area agree that the conditions warrant a restriction, the entire area will be placed in a restricted status. When land managers and agency administrators agree that the restrictions for that area can be removed, the entire area will rescind restrictions as a whole.

An Area Fire Restriction Coordinator will be designated for each fire restriction area to facilitate discussion between the agencies. As a rule, all agencies should implement and rescind restrictions together, but agencies have latitude to initiate restrictions independently to address special situations or conditions on a case-by-case basis that do not affect the entire area. **This latitude should be used sparingly and only after consultation with the Area Fire Restriction Coordinator.**

Process for Fire Restrictions

Every spring, Area Agency Administrators, law enforcement personnel, fire managers, and public information personnel will review and validate the restriction and closure plan and applicable agency/tribal documents. All press releases, description of stages, and other necessary agency documents should be available in template format before the start of the fire season.

1) Initiation

When the fire danger conditions within an area approach critical levels, Fire Managers within the restriction area should begin planning for the initiation of fire restrictions. Fire danger critical levels should be determined by all wildland agencies/tribes in the area before the onset of fire season. These guidelines will become part of the area's restriction plan, which will be incorporated into the Area Annual Operating Plan. The planning process for restrictions should include a public awareness campaign that will keep the media informed of the possibility of restrictions. The Area Restriction Coordinator, who is chosen by the Agency Administrators within the area, should coordinate all restriction actions (Appendix 2). The Area Restriction Coordinator will initiate discussion with the area fire managers regarding the need to implement restrictions within the area; and once a decision is made to implement restrictions, the Area Coordinator will inform the Idaho Restrictions Coordinator. The Idaho Restrictions Coordinator will communicate the intention of an area to initiate restrictions and coordinate other Areas' restriction intentions. This decision process should be started early enough so all agencies/tribes in the area have time to plan, properly distribute the restriction documents, and notify the public.

When fire managers in the area make a decision that restrictions are needed, they will inform their respective Agency Administrator that the thresholds for implementing fire restrictions have been reached. All agencies and tribes will coordinate the restriction stages, implementation and rescissions, and timing of media releases.

2) Implementation

The Area Restriction Coordinator will coordinate approval of all agency documents. Each Agency Administrator will be responsible for assuring that documents are completed and signed. The documents will be based on the elements listed in Appendix 5.

The Area Restriction Coordinator will also coordinate public notification. Each area's restriction plan will include a media communications process. When implemented, the restriction media release must be clear and concise and understandable to the general public. Each agency/tribe will post signs and notifications, according to their procedures and regulations, to inform the public of the restrictions. The Area Agency Administrators should allow at least 96 hours for agencies to prepare for restrictions before the restriction goes into effect.

Once a restriction is in effect, participating agencies/tribes will not issue exemptions, exceptions, or waivers to the agreed-upon restrictions except through written individual permits. If permits are issued, affected agencies within the fire restriction area will be notified to avoid confusion among law enforcement and fire personnel. All such exemptions, exceptions or waivers shall be forwarded to the Area Coordinator and the Idaho Coordinator.

Each agency will be responsible for informing their employees of the restrictions being enacted. Those responsible for public contact (receptionists, etc.) will be provided with a copy of the restrictions and appropriate map.

3) Rescission

Areas should plan restrictions for the long-term danger and not react solely to short fluctuations in risk, weather, and fire danger/behavior. When Area Agency Administrators agree that the restriction should be removed, the area restriction coordinator will coordinate public information as conditions warrant. Once the Agency Administrators within an Area have agreed to rescind any or all restrictions they may be rescinded at any time and within 48 hours all procedural requirements will be completed.

Process for Closures

When fire danger/fire behavior threatens firefighter and public safety, the Geographic Agency Administrators can implement large-scale closures. These large-scale closures may involve multiple areas and/or multiple jurisdictions. Implementation, rescission, and public notification of closures will occur at the geographic level. The Great Basin Coordination Group and/or the Northern Rockies Coordination Group will coordinate closures. Critical levels for implementation of large-scale closures shall be agreed upon by the Geographic Agency Administrators before the start of fire season.

Small-scale closures will be used for isolated areas where public and firefighter safety is a concern. Area Agency Administrators will coordinate these closures when more than one jurisdiction is involved. When a single jurisdiction is involved, the Agency Administrator will inform the Area Restriction Coordinator, who will then inform the other agencies within the area.

APPENDIX 1: AUTHORITIES

Fire restrictions and closures can be invoked on state, federal, and private lands under federal and state laws. The following are a reference of those authorities:

Forest Service Authorities

For Closures

36 CFR 261.52(e) – Going into or being upon an area

For Restrictions

36, CFR 261.50 – Fire

General that applies to both restrictions and closures

16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571 – Violation/Penalties

36 CFR 261.51 – Posting Requirements

BLM

Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, et seq.),

Sections 302(b) and 301(a) 43, CFR, Part 9210 (Fire Management) 43, CFR, Part 9212 (Wildfire Prevention)

Tribes/BIA

Forest restrictions and closures are issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Agency Superintendent under authority established in 25 CFR 163.3, 25 CFR 163.28

State of Idaho

Using Idaho Code 38-115 as the authority, the State Board of Land Commissioners developed supplemental rules and regulations that the Director of the Department of Lands is responsible to apply. Rule IDAPA 20.04.01.060 covers campfire and other burning permits; IDAPA 20.04.01.070 provides for area closures; IDAPA 20.04.01.090 allows for invoking smoking limitations; and IDAPA 20.04.01.120 permits limiting activities to the least dangerous portion of the day. Any restrictions implemented by Director of the Department of Lands will apply to Forest and Range Lands as defined in Idaho Code 38-101.

APPENDIX 2: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Idaho Restrictions Group

The Idaho Restriction Group is made up of representatives of the Idaho Department of Lands, the Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service. This group oversees Restrictions planning and implementation throughout the state of Idaho and appoints annually from its membership the Idaho Restrictions Coordinator. Generally, the Coordinator role will rotate through the Group on a bi-annual basis, with the USFS representative performing the role in 2008 + 2009, BLM in 2010 + 2011 and IDL in 2012 + 2013. The Idaho Restrictions Group is responsible for the following:

- Ensure that orders are accurate and approved through their legal counsel and law enforcement professionals.
- Jointly, develop an Idaho fire restrictions planning document.
- Ensure that the Idaho Restrictions Coordinator has the tools needed to perform successfully.
- Ensure that their agency follows all measures stated in an order.
- Monitor the success of any enacted restriction.
- Follow and endorse the Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan.
- Coordinate statewide plan development and all future updates with both the Great Basin and Northern Rockies Coordinating Groups.

Idaho Restrictions Coordinator

The Idaho Restrictions Coordinator, who serves a two-year term, is responsible to provide the Area Restrictions Coordinators advice and counsel on the following:

- Need for restrictions across areas
- Impact of restrictions across areas
- Coordination of restrictions between areas
- Coordination and implementation of closures
- Coordination of public notification and media releases at the statewide/geographic level
- Encourage areas to review/adjust criteria in Area Restriction Plan.

Agency Administrator:

(usually Line Officers or Fire Management Officers of the local fire protection jurisdictions)

The Area Agency Administrators are responsible for the following:

- Nominate an Area Restrictions coordinator.
- Jointly, develop an Area Restrictions Plan.
- Participate in restrictions decisions and orders for the Area
- Ensure that their agency follows all measures stated in an order.
- Ensure that the Idaho Restrictions Coordinator has the tools needed to perform successfully.
- Monitor the success of the enacted restriction and provide timely feedback to the Area decision team.
- Follow and endorse the Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan.

Area Restrictions Coordinator:

The Area Restriction Coordinator is responsible for the following:

- Ensure all Agency Administrators (FMOs) in the zone have a copy of the Area Restrictions Plan and review it annually.
- Oversee the restriction implementation and rescission process. Ensure that restrictions decisions are collaborative and align with pre- established criteria.
- Coordinate local public notification.
- Gather all information from each cooperator needed to make informed decisions. Monitor fire restriction criteria for each agency within the restriction area.

- Communicate with neighboring areas on their activity and keep the Idaho Restrictions Coordinator informed of decisions, implementation activities and problems.
- Identify a person for media contacts within the area.
- Monitor and gather information for timely rescinding orders.

APPENDIX 3: AREA BOUNDARIES IN NARRATIVE FORMAT

Big Desert Fire Restrictions Area

All of Butte, Bingham, Jefferson and Madison Counties and portions of Power and Oneida Counties. Excludes those lands in Power and Oneida Counties that are administered by the Sawtooth National Forest.

Caribou Highlands Fire Restrictions Area

All of Bannock, Bear Lake, Caribou, and Franklin Counties

Centennial Fire Restrictions Area

All of Bonneville, Clark, Fremont, and Teton Counties.

Central Idaho Fire Restrictions Area

Those portions of Custer County that are north and east of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and are not federal lands designated as wilderness. That portion of Lemhi County that is not federal land designated as wilderness.

Clearwater Fire Restriction Area

All of Nez Perce, Clearwater, and Lewis Counties. Those portions of Idaho County that are north of the Salmon River (east of Riggins), west of Highway 95 (south of Riggins) and are not federal lands designated as wilderness. That portion of Adams County that lies within the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.

Owyhee Mountains Fire Restrictions Area

All of Owyhee County.

Panhandle Fire Restriction Area

All of the six Idaho Panhandle counties (Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, and Latah).

South Central Fire Restrictions Area

All of Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls Counties. Those portions of Blaine and Camas Counties that lie south of State Highway 20. That portion of Power and Oneida Counties that lies within the Sawtooth National Forest.

Treasure Valley Fire Restrictions Area

All of Ada, Canyon, Gem, Payette and Washington Counties. That portion of Elmore County that lies south of Interstate 84.

West Central Mountains Fire Restriction Area

All of Boise County. All of Adams County except that portion that is contained within the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. Those portions of Idaho County that are south of the Salmon River (east of Riggins), east of Highway 95 (south of Riggins) and are not federal lands designated as wilderness. That portion of Blaine and Camas Counties that lie north of State Highway 20. That portion of Elmore County that lies north of Interstate 84. That portion of southwestern Custer County bound to the north and east by the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. All of Valley County except those federal lands designated as wilderness.

Wilderness Areas Fire Restriction Area

All federal lands in Custer, Lemhi, Valley and Idaho Counties that are designated as wilderness, specifically the Frank Church River of No Return, the Gospel Hump and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Areas. Non-federal land inclusions within the wilderness belong to the restriction area that corresponds to the county in which the inclusion lies. See Wilderness Restriction Area map in Appendix 8 for reference.

APPENDIX 4: GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING RESTRICTIONS

When weather factors, fire behavior, or fire suppression impacts become a concern, the following criteria can be used to determine if a fire restriction is justified. Before the fire season, each area should review these evaluation guidelines and determine threshold levels that substantiate the need for each restriction. These thresholds for restrictions should well exceed the normal fire season conditions.

Examples include:

- 1,000-hour fuel moisture content
- 3-day mean energy release component.
- Live fuel moisture content.
- Fire danger rating adjective class is at very high or extreme.
- Fires are impacting available suppression resources making adequate initial attack difficult.
- Area is receiving a high occurrence of human-caused fires.
- Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue.
- Life safety is jeopardized.

APPENDIX 5: STAGE I AND STAGE II RESTRICTIONS

There will be two fire restriction stages: Stage I and Stage II. Each agency/tribe with a fire restriction area must write its own agency/tribal document that authorizes the restrictions within its jurisdiction. Each agency/tribe is responsible for using its own format and having their Legal Counsel review the document to assure it is correct and enforceable. To reduce confusion and standardize the restrictions, the following criteria will be used in all restriction documents:

STAGE I

The following acts are prohibited until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire except within a designated recreation site or on their own land and only within an owner-provided fire structure (see definition).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, or designated recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

EXEMPTIONS:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels. Such devices, including propane campfires, may be used only in an area cleared of flammable material.
3. Persons using stove fires with a chimney of at least five (5) feet in length and employing a spark arrester with a maximum mesh screen opening of ¼ inch on federal lands designated as the Frank Church River of No Return, Gospel Hump or Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Areas.
4. Persons using metal fire pans* (see definition) within ¼ mile of:
 - a) the Salmon River from the Corn Creek launch site to its mouth at the Snake River,
 - b) the Middle Fork of the Salmon River,
 - c) the Selway River from the Paradise boat launch to Race creek
 - d) the Snake River from Hells Canyon Dam to the City of Lewiston.*** Pack-out of ashes is required.**
5. Private landowners using charcoal (disposed of properly) or propane barbecue on their own lands.

6. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
7. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
8. All land within a city boundary.

An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.

STAGE II

The following acts are prohibited until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a designated recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails in accordance with existing travel management plans.
4. The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. A patrol is required for one hour following cessation of all work as described in **a**, **b** and **c** below.
 - a.** Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, processing, road building and woodcutting during industrial operations or fire wood gathering.
 - b.** Blasting, welding, or other activities that generate flame or flammable material.
 - c.** Using an explosive.

EXEMPTIONS:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire or stove fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels. Such devices, including propane campfires, may be used only in an area cleared of flammable material.
3. Persons using stove fires with a chimney of at least five (5) feet in length and employing a spark arrester with a maximum mesh screen opening of ¼ inch on federal lands designated as the Frank Church River of No Return, Gospel Hump or Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Areas.
4. Persons using metal fire pans* (see definition) within ¼ mile of:
 - a) the Salmon River from the Corn Creek launch site to its mouth at the Snake River,
 - b) the Middle Fork of the Salmon River,
 - c) the Selway River from the Paradise boat launch to Race creek
 - d) the Snake River from Hells Canyon Dam to the City of Lewiston.

*** Pack-out of ashes is required.**
5. Persons using a generator with an approved spark arrester on areas that are cleared of all flammable materials within three feet of the generator.
6. Log loading and hauling only – from landings and existing roads and only on non-federal lands.
7. Private landowners using charcoal (disposed of properly) or propane barbecue on their own lands.
8. Crop lands.
9. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads as per attached conditions in Appendix 10.
10. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
11. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
12. All land within a city boundary.

An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.

APPENDIX 6: DEFINITIONS

The following definitions should be used as part of, or referenced to, in the Special Orders or Laws that initiate and authorize a Stage I or Stage II Restriction:

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: That person vested with the overall responsibility and authority for an agency at an administrative unit. These individuals may include BIA Superintendents, Forest Supervisors, State Lands Area Supervisors, BLM District Managers, Park Managers and other state agency officials. Agency Administrators at the Geographical Area Level would include the Regional Forester, BLM State Director, and the Director of the Idaho Dept. of Lands.

CAMPFIRE: A fire, not within any building, mobile home, or living accommodation mounted on a vehicle, which is used for cooking, branding, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial, or aesthetic purposes. Campfires are open fires (usually built on the ground) using native fuels or charcoal, and include burn barrels, enclosed fireplace stands, and charcoal grills.

APPROVED SPARK ARRESTER: A spark arresting device for internal combustion engines that is properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order meeting either: (1) U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a, or (2) Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a).

CHAINSAW: A saw powered by an internal combustion engine, with cutting teeth linked in an endless chain.

CLOSURE: The closing of an area to entry or use.

DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS: Those roads and trails that are identified on maps regularly provided to the public by Land Management agencies.

DESIGNATED RECREATION SITE: A recreation area that has been improved and designated by sign as a privately-owned commercial campground, tribal, or agency-owned campground, picnic area, or trail head.

METAL FIRE PAN: A metal fire pan with sides at least three inches high with a metal grate on top.

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT: Any equipment or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine.

OWNER-PROVIDED FIRE STRUCTURE: A permanent metal or concrete improvement specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire or cooking fire provided by the agency or land owner with a clearance of 10 feet on all sides that is free of any flammable vegetation. This does not include a metal fire pan as defined above.

PATROL: One or more people who will travel through a work site checking for, suppressing, and reporting fires discovered adjacent to and within the work site.

PERMIT: A written document issued by an authorized agency representative to specifically authorize an otherwise prohibited act.

RESTRICTION: A limitation on an activity or use.

STOVE FIRE: A fire built inside a fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove.

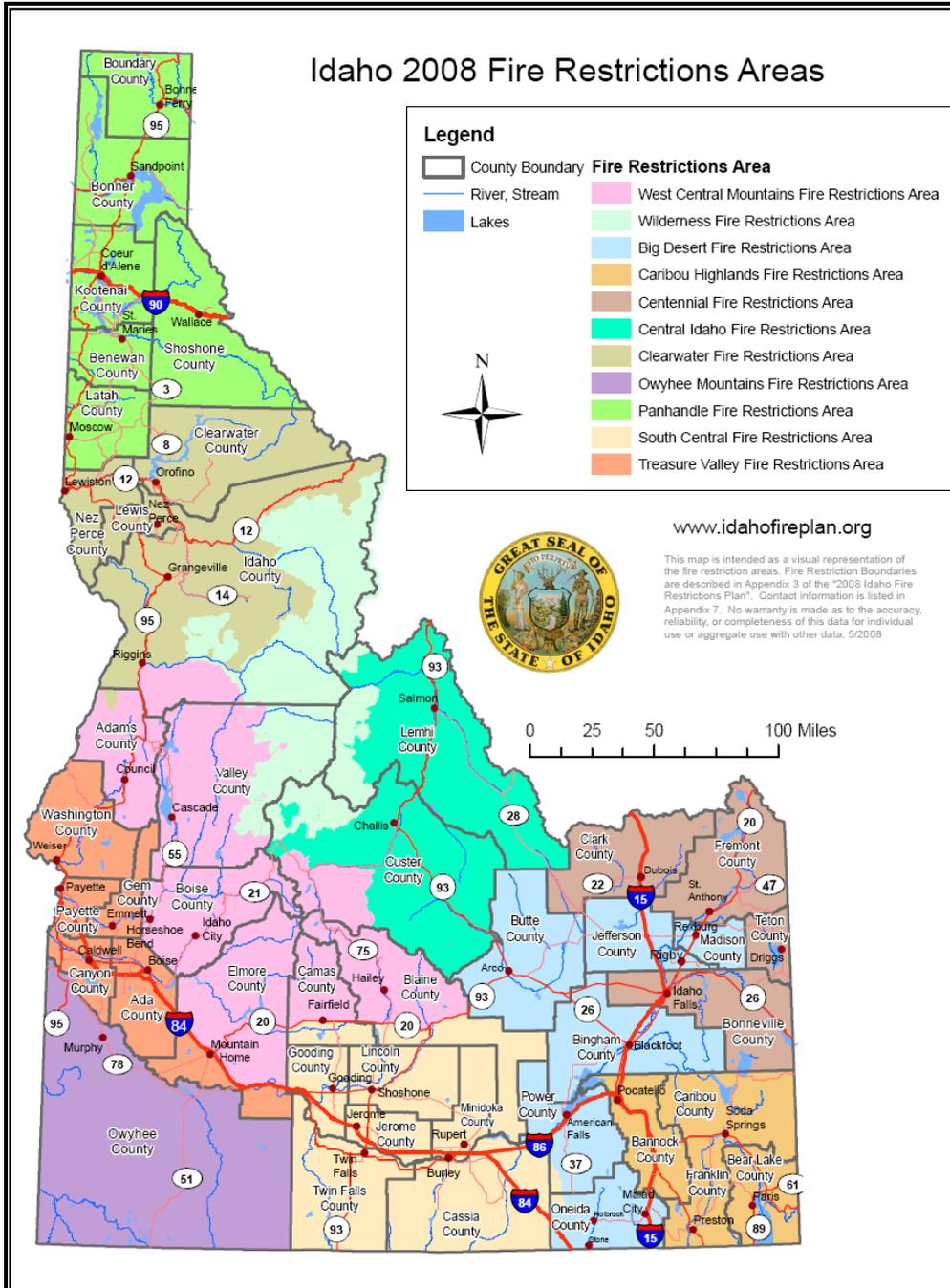
APPENDIX 7: LIST OF AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATORS

<i>Big Desert</i>	Kevin Conran, Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center, 208-524-7602
<i>Caribou Highlands</i>	Kevin Conran, Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center, 208-524-7602
<i>Centennial</i>	Kevin Conran, Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center, 208-524-7602
<i>Central Idaho</i>	Paul Sever, Central Idaho Coordination Center, 208-756-5448
<i>Clearwater</i>	Tom Paulson, Idaho Department of Lands, 208-666-8652
<i>Owyhee Mountains</i>	Stephaney Church, Boise Interagency Logistics Center, 208-384-3380
<i>Panhandle</i>	Tom Paulson, Idaho Department of Lands, 208-666-8652
<i>South Central</i>	Curtis Jensen, South Idaho Interagency Logistics Center, 208-732-7202
<i>Treasure Valley</i>	Stephaney Church, Boise Interagency Logistics Center, 208-384-3380
<i>West Central Mountains</i>	Stephaney Church, Boise Interagency Logistics Center, 208-384-3380
<i>Wilderness Areas</i>	Paul Sever, Central Idaho Coordination Center, 208-756-5448
<i>Idaho Restrictions Coordinator</i>	Diane Rau, Payette National Forest, 208-634-0747

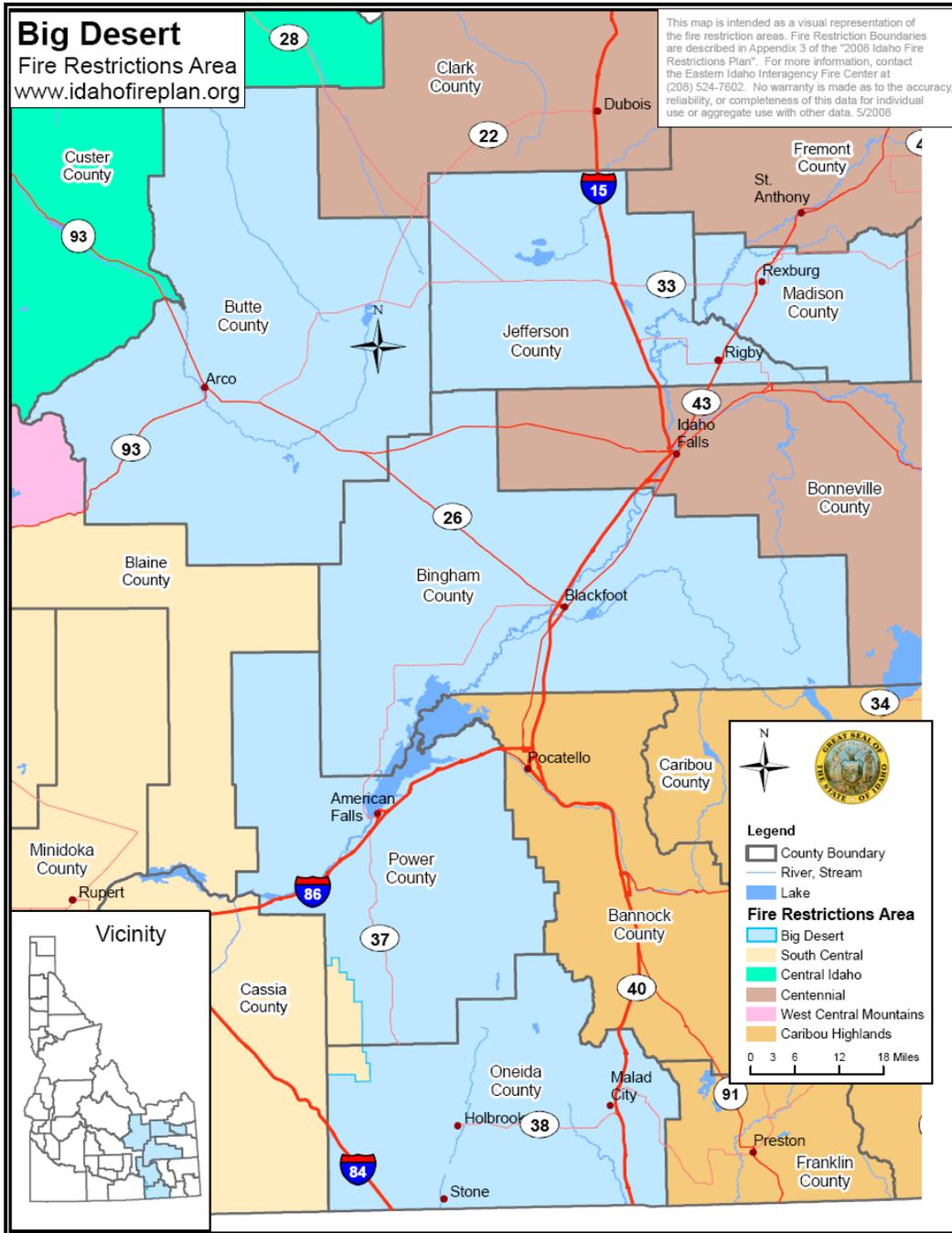
The Idaho Restrictions Coordinator position will rotate between the USFS, IDL, and BLM and will serve a 2 year term. The rotation schedule (which is subject to change) is as follows:

USFS – 2008-2009
BLM – 2010-2011
IDL – 2012-2013

APPENDIX 8: MAP OF IDAHO FIRE RESTRICTION AREAS



APPENDIX 9: FIRE RESTRICTION AREA PLANS (in alphabetical order): BIG DESERT



BIG DESERT Fire Restriction Area

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The Idaho Falls District Fire Prevention and Mitigation Specialist will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in this area. The position will be rotated between the USFS and the BLM every two years.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating or rescinding restrictions. The weather related factors will be taken from RAWs and/or manual weather stations that best represent the conditions in the Big Desert Restriction Area:

- 1,000 hr. Time Lag Fuel Moisture Content is 12% or less.
- 3 day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the 90th percentile or above.
- Live Fuel Moisture Content is 75% or less.
- Fire Danger Rating Adjective Class is at very high or extreme.
- Area is receiving high occurrence of human-caused fire starts or the risk is predicted to increase.
- Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue.

Stage I:

If at least three of the above conditions are met consider a Stage I restriction.

Stage II:

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are met.

AREA LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

The following Public Land Management Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above by the Fire Restriction Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. To avoid confusion to the public, a majority of the Agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they will be initiated for the area. After coming to agreement, each Agency will be responsible for completing the written documentation and initiating the notification procedures required by law to legalize the restrictions within their jurisdiction.

- * Targhee/Caribou National Forest
- * Idaho Falls District - B.L.M.
- * Idaho Department of Lands
- * Fort Hall BIA

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of the impending restrictions and provide maps of the restriction areas, reasoning for going into restrictions, present fire conditions, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to allow them the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

(Fire Departments):

- * Central Fire District
- * West Jefferson FD
- * Hamer FD
- * Roberts FD
- * Ft. Hall FD
- * Blackfoot FD

* Shelley-Firth FD
* Arco FD
* Rockland FD

* Rexburg-Madison FD
* Lost River FD
* Oneida County FD

* INL FD
* American Falls FD
* Chubbuck FD

(Law Enforcement Agencies):

* Madison County S.D.
* Jefferson County S.D.
* Bingham County S.D.
* Oneida County S.D.

* Idaho State Police
* Butte County S.D
* Power County S.D

(State Agencies):

* Idaho Parks and Recreation Dept.
* Bureau of Disaster Services

* Idaho Transportation Dept.
* Idaho Fish and Game Department

(Other Federal Agencies):

* Sawtooth National Forest
* US Fish and Wildlife Service
* Bureau of Reclamation

* Salmon-Challis NF
*Twin Falls District BLM

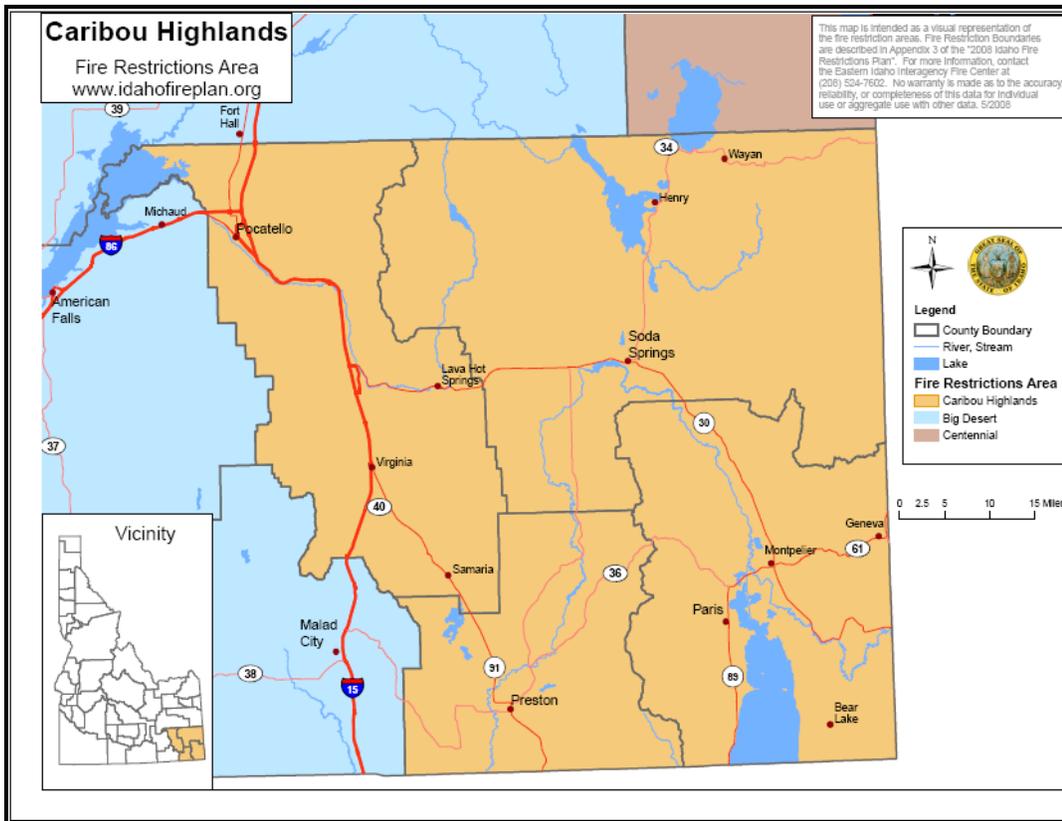
MEDIA PLAN:

The Media Plan for the area will be the responsibility of the Idaho Falls District B.L.M. Public Information Officer. His/her alternate will be the Caribou-Targhee National Forest Public Information Officer. Objectives of the Plan will be to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions, in order to reduce the number of human - caused fire starts and the potential threats to lives and property.

Responsibilities of the Lead Public Affairs Officer:

- Work with the Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention Personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- Assure that all of the personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasoning, etc.
- Keep well informed on present and predicted fire conditions and what their impacts may be.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media (radio, print, t.v., etc.)
- Take all steps possible to assure that the public is informed of the restrictions, boundaries, etc.
- Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact list of the restrictions prior to making the information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction area(s), current and predicted fire conditions, and the exact requirements of the restrictions.
- Weave the fire restrictions into the overall Prevention Program to optimize effectiveness.
- Work to develop new and innovative methods of making the public aware of fire problems as well as steps to reduce fire impacts.

APPENDIX 9: FIRE RESTRICTION AREA PLANS: CARIBOU HIGHLANDS



CARIBOU HIGHLANDS Fire Restriction Area

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The Idaho Falls District Fire Prevention and Mitigation Specialist will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in this area. The position will be rotated between the USFS and the BLM every two years.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating or rescinding restrictions. The weather related factors will be taken from RAWs and/or manual weather stations that best represent the conditions in the Caribou Highlands Restriction Area:

- 1,000 hr. Time Lag Fuel Moisture Content is 12% or less.
- 3 day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the 90th percentile or above.
- Live Fuel Moisture Content is 75% or less.
- Fire Danger Rating Adjective class is at very high or extreme.
- Area is receiving high occurrence of human-cause fire starts or the risk is predicted to increase.
- Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue.

Stage I:

If at least three of the above conditions are met consider a Stage I restriction.

Stage II:

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are met.

AREA LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

The following Public Land Management Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above by the Fire Restriction Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. To avoid confusion to the public, a majority of the Agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they will be initiated for the area. After coming to agreement, each Agency will be responsible for completing the written documentation and initiating the notification procedures required by law to legalize the restrictions within their jurisdiction.

- * Idaho Falls District - B.L.M.
- * Fort Hall Indian Reservation B.I.A.
- * Idaho Department of Lands
- * Caribou-Targhee National Forest

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of impending restrictions and provided maps of restriction areas, reasoning for going into restrictions, present and predicted fire conditions, etc. prior to the information being released publicly. Enough information will be provided to them to allow them the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

(Fire Departments):

- * Pocatello FD
- * Pocatello Valley FD
- * Caribou County FD

- * Inkom FD
- * McCammon FD
- * Lava Hot Springs FD
- * Ft. Hall FD
- * Franklin County FD

- * Arimo FD
- * Downey FD
- * Chubbuck FD
- * Bear Lake County FD

- * Bancroft FD
- * Grace FD
- * Soda Springs FD
- * Montpelier FD

(Law Enforcement Agencies):

- * Idaho State Police
- * Bear Lake County S.D

- * Bannock County S.D.
- *Caribou County S.D

- * Franklin County S.D.

(State Agencies):

- * Idaho Parks and Recreation Dept.
- * Bureau of Disaster Services

- * Idaho Transportation Dept.
- * Idaho Fish and Game Dept.

(Other Federal Agencies):

- * U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- * Bureau of Reclamation

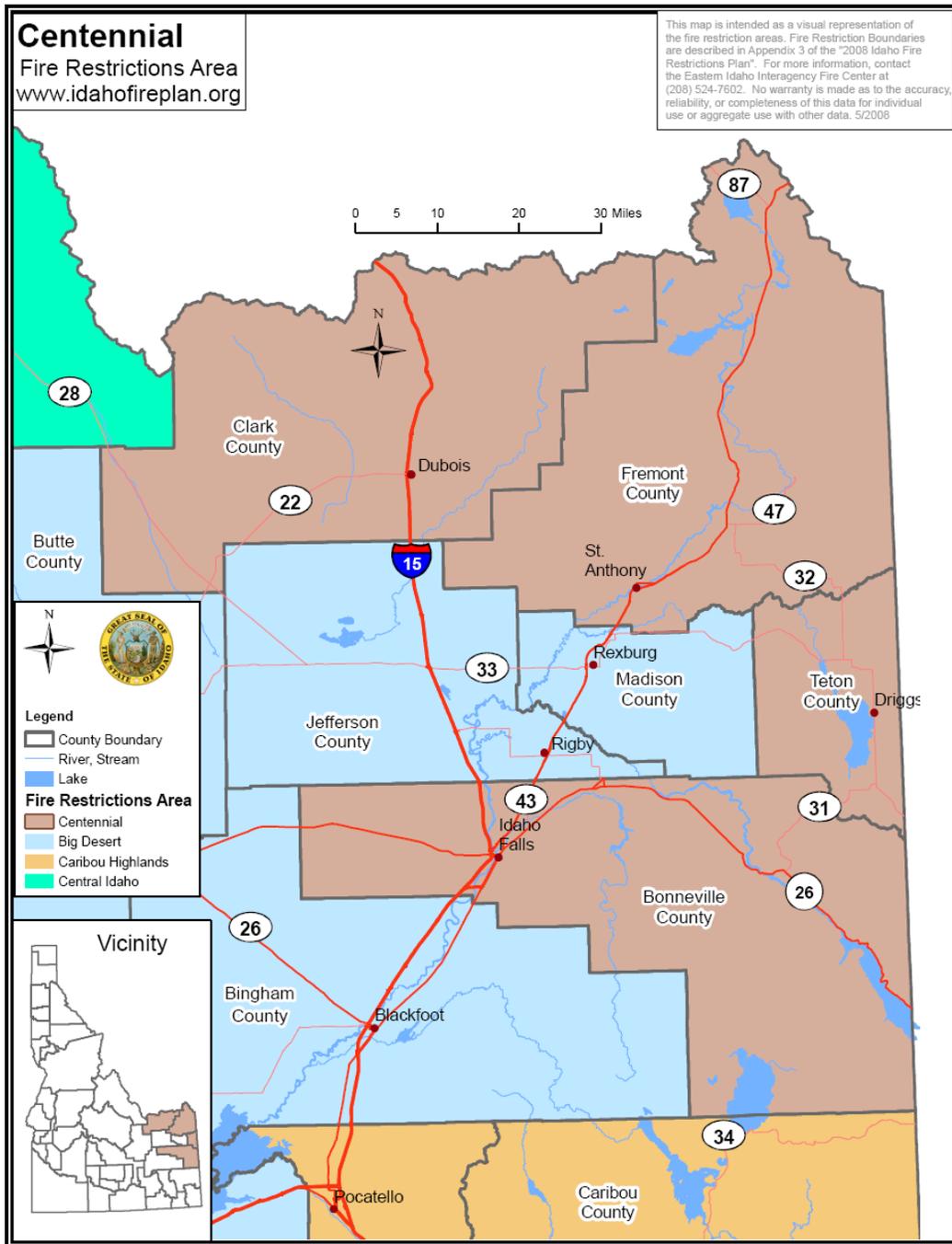
MEDIA PLAN:

The Media Plan for the area will be the responsibility of the Idaho Falls District - B.L.M. Public Information Officer. His/Her alternate will be the Targhee/Caribou National Forest Public Information Officer. Objectives of the plan will be to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions, in order to reduce number of human -caused fire starts and the potential threats to lives and property.

Responsibilities of the Lead Public Affairs Officer:

- Work with the Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- Assure that all of the personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasoning, etc.
- Keep well informed on present and predicted fire conditions and what their impacts may be.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media (radio, print, t.v., etc.)
- Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact List of the restrictions prior to making the information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction area(s), current and predicted fire conditions, and the exact requirements of the restrictions.
- Weave the fire restrictions into the overall Prevention Program to optimize effectiveness.
- Work to develop new and innovative methods of making the public aware of fire problems as well as steps to reduce fire impacts.

APPENDIX 9: FIRE RESTRICTION AREA PLANS AND MAPS: CENTENNIAL



CENTENNIAL Fire Restriction Area

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The Idaho Falls District Fire Prevention and Mitigation Specialist will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in the area. The position will be rotated between the USFS and the BLM every two years.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating restrictions or removing them. The weather related factors will be taken from RAWs and Manual weather stations that best represent conditions in the Centennial Restriction Area.

- 1,000 hr. Time lag Fuel Moisture Content is 12% or less.
- 3 day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the 90th percentile or above.
- Live fuel Moisture Content is 75% or less.
- Fire Danger rating Adjective Class is at very high or extreme.
- Fires are impacting available suppression forces making adequate initial attack difficult.
- Area is receiving high occurrence of human-caused fire starts or the risk is predicted to increase.
- Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue.

Stage I:

If at least three of the above conditions are met consider a Stage I restriction.

Stage II:

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are met.

AREA LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

The following Public Land Management Agency Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above, for the Centennial Area by the Area Restriction Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. A majority of the Agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they are initiated for the area to avoid confusing the public. After coming to agreement, each Agency will complete the written documentation and initiate the notification procedures required by law to legalize the actions within their jurisdiction.

- * Targhee/Caribou National Forest
- * Idaho Falls District - B.L.M.
- * Idaho Department of Lands

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of impending restrictions, dates, maps of restriction areas, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them allow the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

(Fire Departments):

- * Idaho Falls F.D.
- * Swan Valley F.D.
- * Alpine F.D.
- * Dubois City FD
- * Ammon FD
- * Ucon FD

* Island Park FD
* Teton County Fire District

* North Fremont FD

* South Fremont FD

(Law Enforcement Agencies):

* Bonneville County S.D.
* Clark County S.D.

* Teton County S.D.
* Fremont County S.D.

(State Agencies):

* Idaho Parks and Recreation Dept.
* Bureau of Disaster Services

* Idaho Transportation Dept
* Idaho Fish and Game Dept.

(Other Federal Agencies):

* Bureau of Reclamation
* All Districts in Targhee/Caribou N.F.
* Fish and Wildlife Service
* Yellowstone National Park
* Gallatin National Forest

* Bridger-Teton N. F.
* Beaverhead National Forest
* Rock Springs District B.L.M.
* Grand Teton National Park

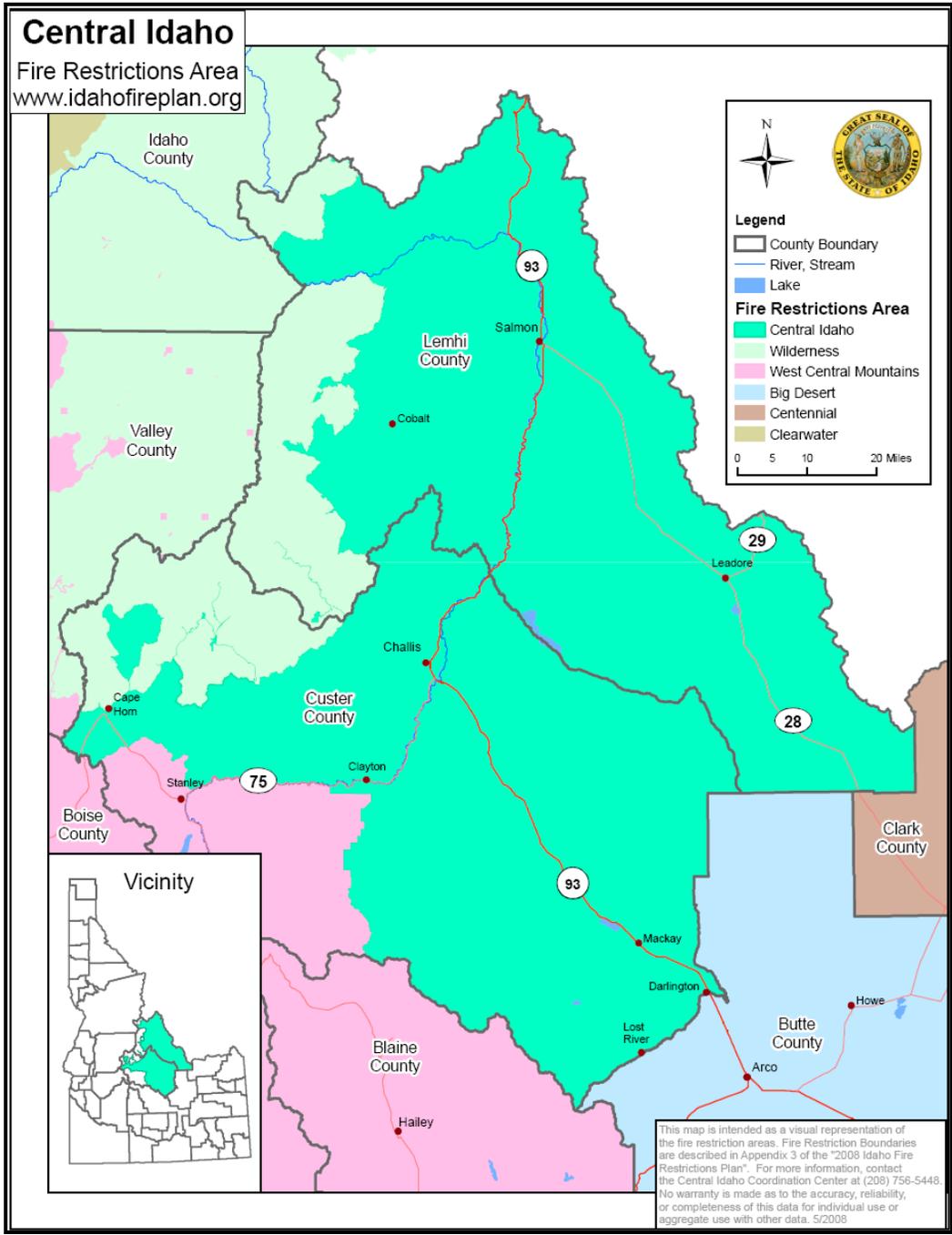
MEDIA PLAN:

The Media Plan for the Centennial Area will be the responsibility of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest Public Information Officer. His/her alternate will be the Idaho Falls District - B.L.M. Public Information Officer. Objectives of the Media Plan will be to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions, in order to reduce the number of human caused fire starts and potential threats to lives and property.

Responsibilities of the Lead Public Affairs Officer:

- Work with Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- Assure that all of the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasons, etc.
- Keep well-informed on present and predicted fire conditions and potential impacts.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media (radio, print, t.v., etc.)
- Take all steps possible to assure that the public is informed of the restrictions, boundaries, etc.
- Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact List of the restrictions prior to making the information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction areas, current fire behavior conditions and projections, and exact requirements of the restrictions.

APPENDIX 9: FIRE RESTRICTION AREA PLANS AND MAPS: CENTRAL IDAHO



CENTRAL IDAHO Fire Restriction Area

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The Central Idaho Interagency Fire Center Manager will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in the Central Idaho Restrictions Area.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to determine initiating or rescinding restrictions. When environmental factors or the impact of the commitment of resources to fire suppression (locally, geographically, or nationally) approach the guideline levels for stage 1 or stage 2 a fire restriction should be considered for the whole area. Negotiation among the agencies within the area will be based on data taken from RAWS and manual weather stations throughout the restriction area that best represent conditions in the Central Idaho Restriction Area.

- 1,000 hr. Time lag Fuel Moisture Content is 12% or less.
- 3 day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the 90th percentile or above.
- Live fuel Moisture Content is 75% or less.
- Fire Danger rating Adjective Class is at very high or extreme.
- Commitment of resources to local, GACC or National assignment limits adequate initial attack capability.
- Area is receiving human-caused fire starts or the risk is predicted to increase.
- Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue.

Stage I:

If at least three of the above conditions are met, consider a Stage I restriction.

Stage II:

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are met.

AREA LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

The following Public Land Management Agency Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above, for Central Idaho Area by the Area Restriction Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. A majority of the Agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they are initiated for the area to avoid confusing the public. After coming to agreement, each Agency will complete the written documentation and initiate the notification procedures required by law to legalize the actions within their jurisdiction.

- * Idaho Falls District BLM, Salmon and Challis Field Offices
- * Salmon/Challis National Forest
- * Custer County
- * Idaho Department of Lands
- * Lemhi County

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of impending restrictions, dates, maps of restriction areas, etc. prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to allow them the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

(Fire Departments):

- * South Custer Fire Dept.
- * Mackay Fire Department
- * North Custer County Fire Dept.
- * Salmon Fire Department
- * Leadore Fire Department
- * Gibbonsville Fire Dept.
- * Elk Bend Fire Dept.
- * Lemhi County Rural Fire

(Law Enforcement Agencies):

- * Custer County Sheriff Dept.
- * Lemhi County Sheriff Dept.

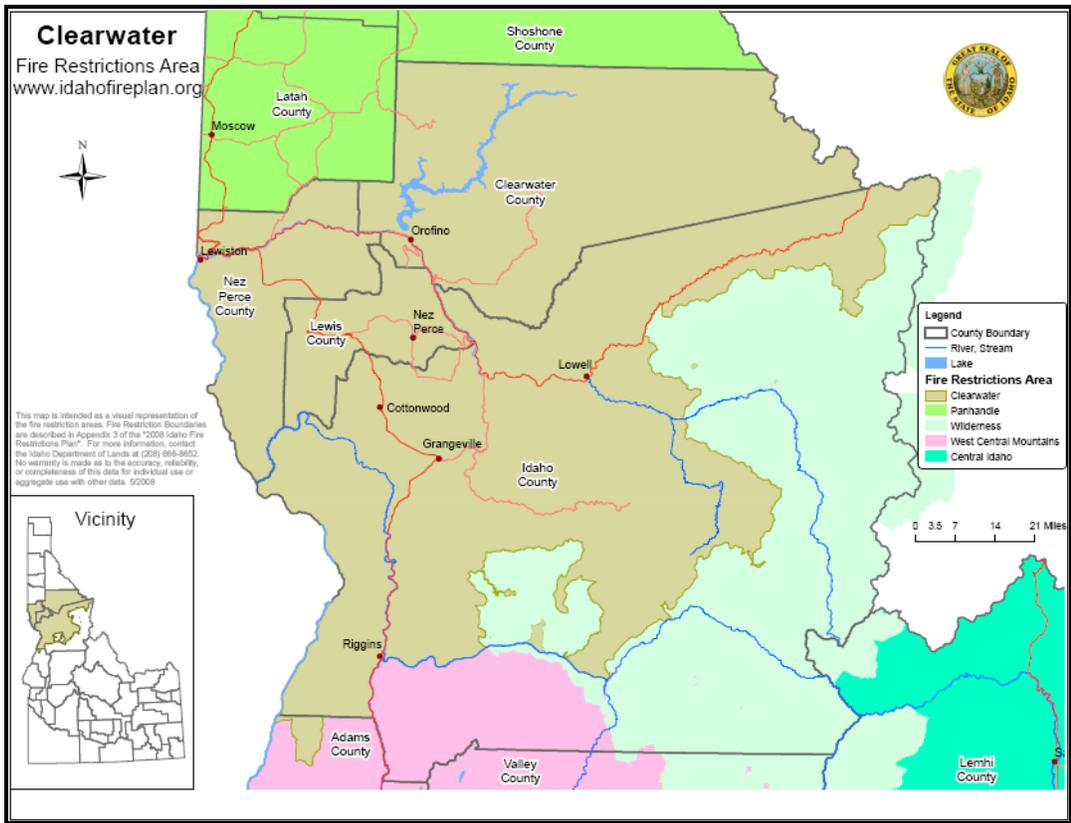
MEDIA PLAN:

The Media Plan for Area will be the responsibility of the Salmon Challis National Forest Public Information Officer. Objectives of the Plan will be to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions, in order to reduce the number of human-caused fire starts and potential threats to lives and property.

Responsibilities of the Lead Public Affairs Officer:

- Work with area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention Personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- Assure that all of the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, etc.
- Keep well informed on present and predicted fire conditions and what their impacts may be.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media (radio, t.v., print, etc.)
- Take all steps possible to assure that the public is informed of the restrictions, boundaries, etc.
- Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact List of the restrictions prior to making the information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction areas, current fire behavior conditions and projections, and exact requirements of the restrictions.
- Weave the fire restrictions into the overall Prevention Program to optimize effectiveness.
- Try to design new and innovative methods of making the public aware of the fire problems and steps to reduce the fire impacts.

APPENDIX 9: FIRE RESTRICTION AREA PLANS AND MAPS: CLEARWATER



CLEARWATER Fire Restriction Area

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The North Idaho Restrictions Coordinator will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in this area.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating or rescinding restrictions. The weather related factors will be taken from RAWS and/or manual weather stations that best represent the conditions in the Clearwater Restriction Area:

- 1,000 hr. Time Lag Fuel Moisture Content is 12% or less.
- 3 day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the 90th percentile or above.
- Live Fuel Moisture Content is 75% or less.
- Fire Danger Rating Adjective Class is at very high or extreme.
- Area is receiving high occurrence of human-caused fire starts or the risk is predicted to increase.
- Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue.

Stage I:

If at least three of the above conditions are met consider a Stage I restriction.

Stage II:

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are met.

AREA LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

The following Public Land Management Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above by the Fire Restriction Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. To avoid confusion to the public, a majority of the Agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they will be initiated for the area. After coming to agreement, each Agency will be responsible for completing the written documentation and initiating the notification procedures required by law to legalize the restrictions within their jurisdiction.

- * Clearwater National Forest
- * Nez Perce National Forest
- * Wallowa- Whitman National Forest
- * Clearwater Area – IDL
- * Clearwater/Potlatch Timber Protective Association
- * Cottonwood District - BLM
- * Craig Mountain Area - IDL
- * Maggie Creek Area - IDL
- * Nez Perce Tribe

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of the impending restrictions and provide maps of the restriction areas, reasoning for going into restrictions, present fire conditions, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to allow them the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents. Fire Department contacts will be initiated by the Fire Manager on IDL's Maggie Creek Area.

(Fire Departments):

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| * Salmon River Rural FD | * Nez Perce County RFD | * Kamiah Rural FD |
| * Harpster FD | * BPCVR FD | * Carrot Ridge FD |
| * Dixie FD | * Elk City FD | * Ferdinand FD |
| * Glenwood-Caribel FD | * Kooskia City & Rural FD | * Ridge Runners FD |
| * Riggins City FD | * Secesh Meadows FD | * Stites FD |
| * Whitebird City FD | * Upper Fords RFD | * Twin Ridge FD |
| * Weippe FD | * Elk River FD | * Grangemont FD |
| * Orofino FD | * Peck-Big Canyon RFD | * Sunnyside RFD |
| * Evergreen RFD | * Cottonwood City & Rural FD | |

(Law Enforcement Agencies):

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| * Lewis County S.O. | * Idaho County S.O. |
| * Nez Perce County S.O. | * Clearwater County S.O. |
| * Latah County S.O. | * Clearwater/Nez Perce LEO Patrol Captain |

(State Agencies):

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| * Idaho Parks and Recreation Dept. | * Idaho Transportation Dept. |
| * Bureau of Homeland Security | * Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game |

(Other Federal Agencies):

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| * US Fish and Wildlife Service | * Bitterroot National Forest |
| * Bureau of Reclamation | * Nez Perce National Forest |
| * Corps of Engineers | * Wallowa-Whitman National Forest |

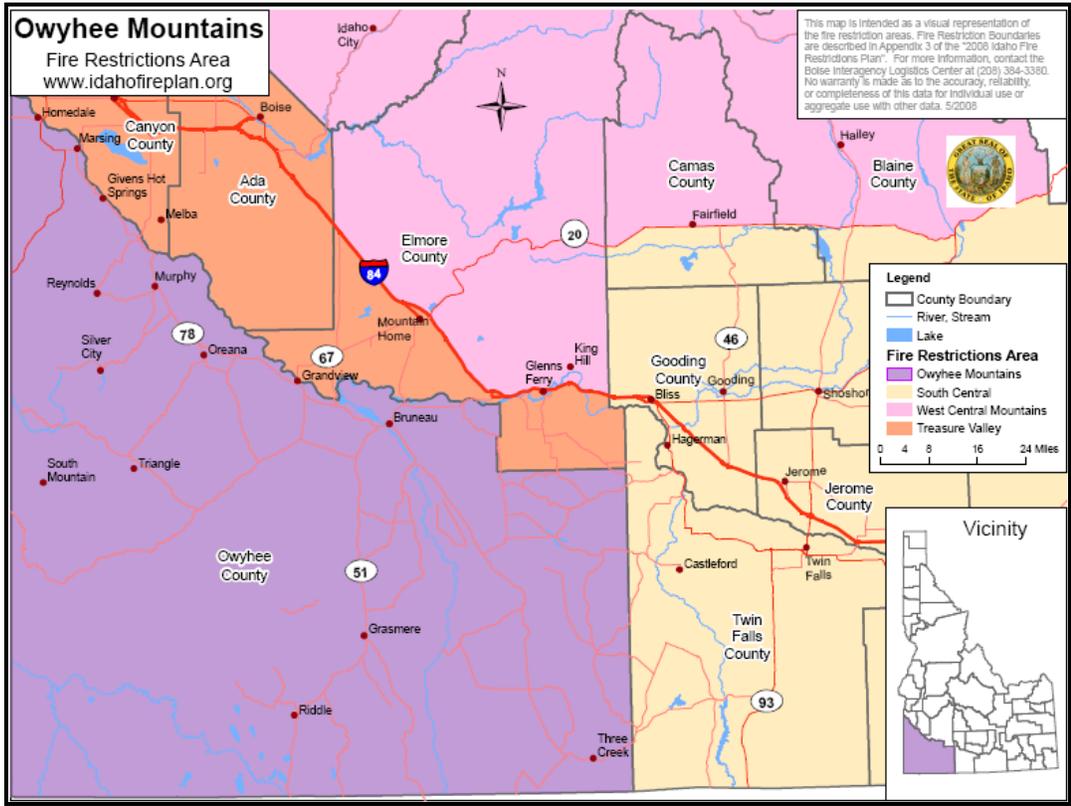
MEDIA PLAN:

The North Idaho Restrictions Coordinator will take the lead for coordinating information release with the Public Affairs Officers from the Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests, the Idaho Department of Lands, and the BLM Cottonwood District. The North Idaho Restrictions Coordinator will work closely with the Public Affairs Officers of the other agencies or units within the Decision Group to provide a unified and consistent message. The unit Public Affairs Officers will make the media contacts to the outlets within their spheres of influence. Objectives of the Media Plan are to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions in order to reduce the number of human-caused starts.

Responsibilities of the Lead Public Affairs Officer:

- Work with the Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention Personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- Assure that all of the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasoning, etc.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media (radio, print, t.v., etc.).
- Take all steps possible to assure that the public is informed of the restrictions, boundaries, etc.
- Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact list of the restrictions prior to making the information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction area(s), current and predicted fire conditions, and the exact requirements of the restrictions.
- Weave the fire restrictions into the overall Prevention Program to optimize effectiveness.
- Work with the Public Affairs Officers of the agencies and units within the Decision Group to develop new and innovative methods of making the public aware of fire problems as well as steps to reduce fire impacts.

APPENDIX 9: FIRE RESTRICTION AREA PLANS AND MAPS: OWYHEE MOUNTAINS



OWYHEE MOUNTAINS Fire Restriction Area

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The Boise Dispatch Center Manager will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in this area. The two Assistant Center Managers will serve as alternate Area Restriction Coordinators.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating or rescinding restrictions. The weather related factors will be taken from RAWS and/or manual weather stations that best represent the conditions in the Owyhee Mountains Area:

- 1,000 hr. Time Lag Fuel Moisture Content is 12% or less.
- 3 day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the 90th percentile or above.
- Live Fuel Moisture Content is 75% or less.
- Fire Danger Rating Adjective Class is at very high or extreme.
- Area is receiving high occurrence of human-caused fire starts or the risk is predicted to increase.
- Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue.

Stage I:

If at least three of the above conditions are met consider a Stage I restriction.

Stage II:

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are met.

AREA LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

The following Public Land Management Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above by the Fire Restriction Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. To avoid confusion to the public, a majority of the Agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they will be initiated for the area. After coming to agreement, each Agency will be responsible for completing the written documentation and initiating the notification procedures required by law to legalize the restrictions within their jurisdiction.

- * Boise District - BLM
- * Twin Falls District – BLM

- * Idaho Department of Lands

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of the impending restrictions and provided maps of the restriction areas, reasoning for going into restrictions, present fire conditions, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to allow them the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

(Fire Departments):

- * Bruneau F.D.
- * Buhl F.D.
- * Castleford F.D.
- * Glenss Ferry/King Hill F.D.
- * Hagerman F.D.
- * Homedale F.D.
- * Marsing F.D.
- * Silver City Fire and Rescue Inc.

(Law Enforcement Agencies):

- * Canyon County S.D.
- * Elmore County S.D.
- * Idaho State Police
- * Owyhee County S.D.
- * Twin Falls County S.D.

(State Agencies/Local Agencies):

- * Bureau of Homeland Security
- * Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game
- * Idaho Parks and Rec. – Three Island Park
- * Idaho Parks and Recreation Dept.
- * Idaho Transportation Dept.
- * Owyhee County Commissioners
- * Owyhee County Road and Bridge
- * U.S. Bureau of Rec. Swan Falls Dam

(Other Federal Agencies):

- * Bureau of Reclamation
- * Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge
- * Duck Valley Indian Reservation - BIA
- * Mountain Home AFB Fire Department

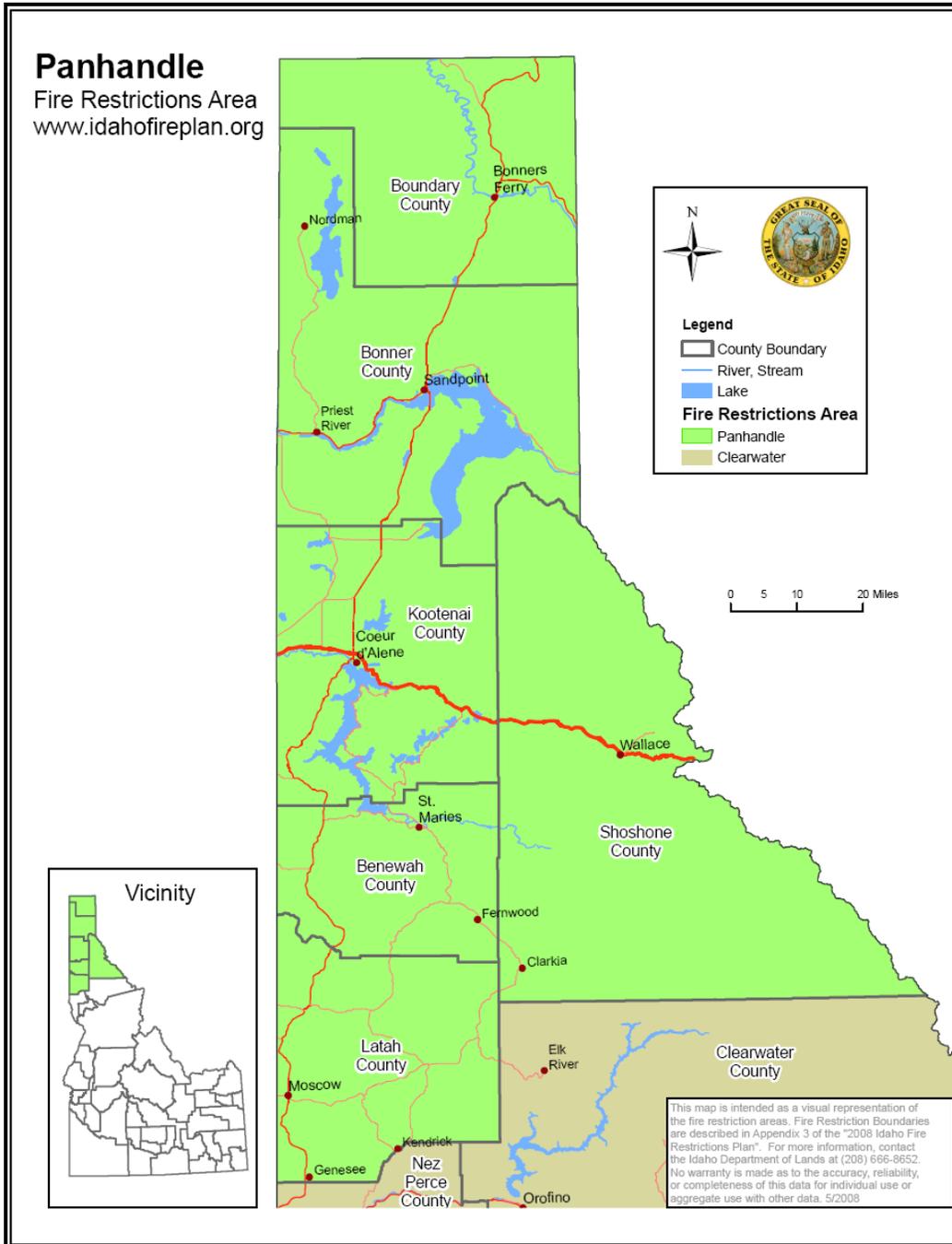
MEDIA PLAN:

The Boise District BLM Fire Mitigation and Education Specialist will take the lead for coordinating information release with the Public Affairs Officers from the Idaho Department of Lands, the Twin Falls District BLM, and the Boise National Forest. The alternate Lead Public Affairs Officer will be the Idaho Department of Lands Fire Warden. The Lead Public Affairs Officer will work closely with the Area Restrictions Coordinator and Public Affairs Officers of the other agencies or units within the Decision Group to provide a unified and consistent message. The unit Public Affairs Officers will make the media contacts to the outlets within their spheres of influence. Objectives of the Media Plan are to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions in order to reduce the number of human-caused starts.

Responsibilities of the Lead Public Affairs Officer:

- Work with the Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention Personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- Assure that all of the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasoning, etc.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media (radio, print, t.v., etc.).
- Take all steps possible to assure that the public is informed of the restrictions, boundaries, etc.
- Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact list of the restrictions prior to making the information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction area(s), current and predicted fire conditions, and the exact requirements of the restrictions.
- Integrate the fire restrictions into the overall Prevention Program to optimize effectiveness.
- Work with the Public Affairs Officers of the agencies and units within the Decision Group to develop new and innovative methods of making the public aware of fire problems as well as steps to reduce fire impacts.

APPENDIX 9: FIRE RESTRICTION AREA PLANS AND MAPS: PANHANDLE



PANHANDLE Fire Restriction Area

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The North Idaho Restrictions Coordinator will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in this area.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating or rescinding restrictions. The weather related factors will be taken from RAWs and/or manual weather stations that best represent the conditions in the Panhandle Restriction Area:

- Energy Release Component and 10-day Energy Release Component forecast = Dryness Index.
- Risk to firefighters and public safety.
- Ongoing fire activity (number and size of fires) and suppression resource availability, including incident management teams.
- Social, political, and economic impacts.
- Increase or decrease in recreation use.

Stage I:

If at least three of the above conditions are met consider a Stage I restriction.

Stage II:

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are met.

AREA LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

The following Public Land Management Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above by the Fire Restriction Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. To avoid confusion to the public, a majority of the Agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they will be initiated for the area. After coming to agreement, each Agency will be responsible for completing the written documentation and initiating the notification procedures required by law to legalize the restrictions within their jurisdiction.

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| * Idaho Panhandle National Forests - FS | * Coeur d'Alene District - BLM |
| * Coeur d'Alene Tribe | * Kootenai Valley Area - IDL |
| * Priest Lake Area - IDL | * Pend Oreille Lake Area - IDL |
| * Mica Area - IDL | * Cataldo Area - IDL |
| * West St. Joe Area - IDL | * Ponderosa Area - IDL |

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of the impending restrictions and provide maps of the restriction areas, reasoning for going into restrictions, present fire conditions, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to allow them the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents. Fire Department contacts will be initiated by the

Fire Managers on IDL Areas.

(Fire Departments):

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| * Bonners Ferry FD | * Clark Fork Valley FD | * Coeur d'Alene FD |
| * Coolin-Cavanaugh Day FD | * Curly Creek Vol. FD | * Deary Rural FD |
| * East Side FD | * Genesee FD | * Houser Lake FD |
| * Hope-Est Hope FD | * Kootenai County Fire & Rescue FD | * Kootenai Valley FPD |
| * Mica-Kidd Island FD | * Minidoka FD | * Moscow Rural FD |
| * Mullan Vol. FD | * North Bench FD | * Northern Lakes FD |
| * Northside FPD | * Paradise Valley FD | * Plummer-Gateway FPD |
| * Potlatch Corp. Smc | * Potlatch Rural FD | * Prichard/Murray Vol. FD |
| * Priest River Vol. FD | * Sagle FD | * Sam Owen FD |
| * Sandpoint FD | * Schweitzer FPD | * Shoshone City/Rural FD |
| * Shoshone County FD #1, #2 & #3 | * Spirit Lake FPD | * St. Maries FPD |
| * Tensed Rural FD | * Timberlake FPD | * W. Pend Oreille FD |
| * W. Priest Lake FD | * Worley FPD | |

(Law Enforcement Agencies):

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| * Boundary County S.O. | * Bonner County S.O. |
| * Benewah County S.O. | * Kootenai County S.O. |
| * Latah County S.O. | * Clearwater County S.O. |
| * Shoshone County S.O. | |

(State Agencies):

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| * Idaho Parks and Recreation Dept. | * Idaho Transportation Dept. |
| * Bureau of Homeland Security | * Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game |
| * Idaho Department of Lands | |

(Other Federal Agencies):

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| * US Fish and Wildlife Service | * Idaho Panhandle National Forests (IPNF) |
| * Bureau of Reclamation | * Coeur d'Alene Tribe |
| * Corps of Engineers | * All Districts in the IPNF |

MEDIA PLAN:

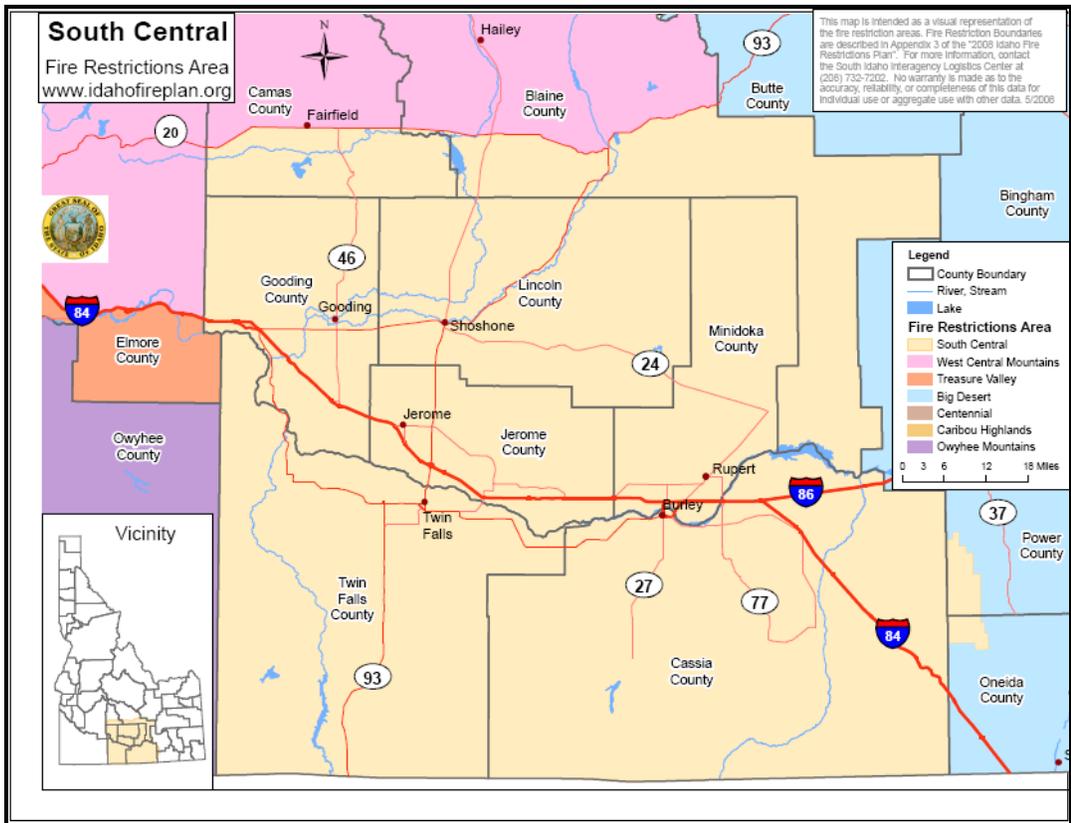
The North Idaho Restrictions Coordinator will take the lead for coordinating information release with the Public Affairs Officers from the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, the Idaho Department of Lands, and the BLM Coeur d'Alene District. The North Idaho Restrictions Coordinator will work closely with the Public Affairs Officers of the other agencies or units within the Decision Group to provide a unified and consistent message. The unit Public Affairs Officers will make the media contacts to the outlets within their spheres of influence. Objectives of the Media Plan are to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions in order to reduce the number of human-caused starts.

Responsibilities of the Lead Public Affairs Officer:

- Work with the Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention Personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- Assure that all of the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasoning, etc.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media (radio, print, t.v., etc.).
- Take all steps possible to assure that the public is informed of the restrictions, boundaries, etc.

- Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact list of the restrictions prior to making the information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction area(s), current and predicted fire conditions, and the exact requirements of the restrictions.
- Weave the fire restrictions into the overall Prevention Program to optimize effectiveness.
- Work with the Public Affairs Officers of the agencies and units within the Decision Group to develop new and innovative methods of making the public aware of fire problems as well as steps to reduce fire impacts.

APPENDIX 9: FIRE RESTRICTION AREA PLANS AND MAPS: SOUTH CENTRAL



SOUTH CENTRAL Fire Restriction Area

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The South Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center Manager will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing public land agencies having jurisdiction within the South Central Zone. One of the two Assistant Center Managers will serve as the alternate Area Restrictions Coordinator when necessary.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to initiate or rescind restrictions. When environmental factors or the impact of commitment of resources to fire suppression (locally, geographically, or nationally) approach the guideline levels for Stage 1 or Stage 2, fire restrictions should be considered for the entire area. Negotiation among the area agencies will be based on data taken from RAWs and manual weather stations throughout the restricted area that best represent conditions within the South Central Restriction Area:

- Burning Index is 85 or more for at least 48 hours.
- Live Fuel Moisture Content is 75% or less.
- Fire Danger Rating Adjective Class is very high or extreme.
- Commitment of resources to local, GACC or national assignments limit adequate initial attack capability.
- Area is receiving high occurrence of human-caused fires or the risk is predicted to increase.
- Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue.

Stage 1:

If at least 3 of the above conditions are met, consider Stage 1 restrictions.

Stage 2:

Consider Stage 2 restrictions if Stage 1 restrictions have previously been in effect and 4 or more of the above conditions are met.

LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

Fire managers and the Area Restriction Coordinator (the Decision Group) will jointly discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions and the timing of such restrictions. When a majority of the Decision Group agrees restrictions are necessary, all agencies within the South Central Restriction Area agree to initiate coordinated restrictions to avoid confusing the public. Further, the respective fire manager will notify their Agency Administrators of the decision to implement or rescind fire restrictions and each agency will complete the written documentation and initiate the notification procedures required by law to legalize the actions within their jurisdiction. The Area Restriction Coordinator will also work closely with the Lead Public Affairs Officers during discussions related to implementing or rescinding fire restrictions for the area.

DECISION GROUP:

- * Twin Falls BLM District
- * Sawtooth National Forest
- * National Parks Service
- * Fish & Wildlife Service
- * Idaho Department of Lands
- * Bureau of Reclamation

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of impending restrictions, dates, maps of restricted areas, etc., prior to releasing this information to the general public. Sufficient information will be provided to

assist these agencies to accurately answer questions from their local constituents. It is the responsibility of the fire managers within the Decision Group to contact the members of the key contact group within their respective jurisdictions.

(Fire Departments):

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| * American Falls Fire Dept. | * Jerome City Fire Dept. | * Rupert City Fire/Rescue |
| * ACE Fire Protection Unit | * Jerome Rural Fire Dept. | * Salmon Tract RFD |
| * Albion RFD | * Ketchum City Fire Dept. | * Shoshone Fire Dept. |
| * Bellevue City Fire Dept. | * Ketchum RFD | * Sun Valley FD |
| * Bliss Rural Fire Dept. | * King Hill FD | * Twin Falls FD |
| * Boxelder Co. (UT) FD | * Minidoka County FD | * Wendell FD |
| * Buhl FD | * North Cassia Rural | * Wood River Rural FD |
| * Camas County FD | * Oakley FD | * Wood River Fire/Rescue |
| * Carey-Picabo Fire Dept. | * North Cassia Rural | * Wood River Rural FD |
| * Dietrich Fire Dept. | * Oakley FD | * Wendell FD |
| * First Segregation Fire Dept. | * Raft River RFD | * West Magic FD |
| * Gooding Fire Dept. | * Richfield Fire Dept. | * Wood River Fire/Rescue |
| * Hailey City Fire Dept. | * Rock Creek RFD | * Wood River Fire/Rescue |

(Law Enforcement Agencies):

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| * Blaine Co. Sheriff Dept. | * Gooding. Sheriff Dept. | * Minidoka Co. Sheriff Dept. |
| * Camas Co. Sheriff Dept. | * Idaho State Police | * Twin Falls. Sheriff Dept. |
| * Cassia Co. Sheriff Dept. | * Jerome Co. Sheriff Dept. | * Sircom |
| * Elmore Co. Sheriff Dept. | * Lincoln Co. Sheriff Dept. | * Owyhee Co. Sheriff Dept. |

(State Agencies):

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| * Idaho Parks and Recreation Department | * Idaho Transportation Department |
| * Idaho Department of Fish & Game | * Idaho Bureau of Disaster Services |
| * City of Rocks National Reserve | |

(Other Federal Agencies):

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| * Boise District BLM | * Idaho Falls District BLM |
| * Elko District BLM | * Salt Lake District BLM |
| * Caribou-Targhee National Forest | |

MEDIA PLAN:

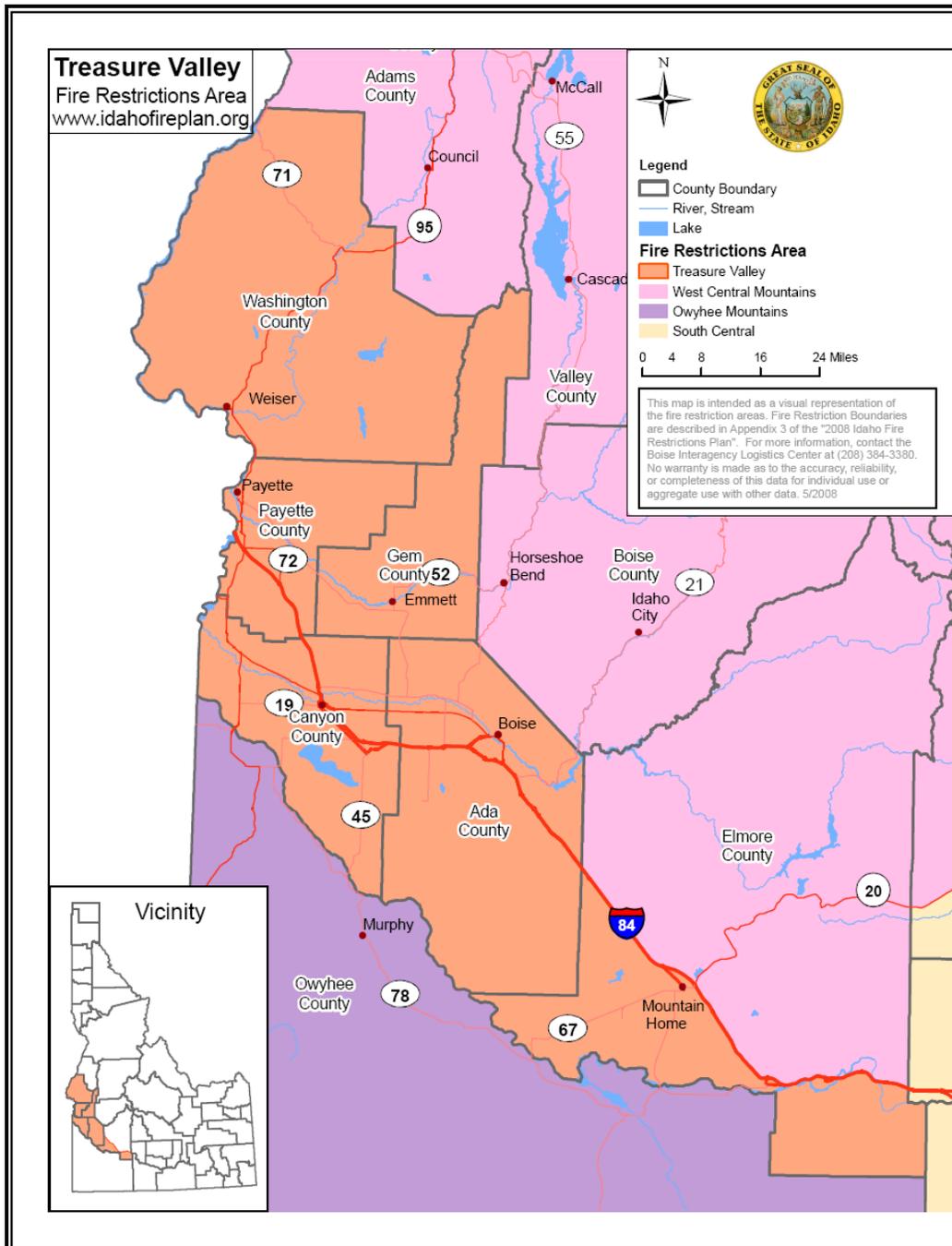
The Twin Falls BLM Fire & Aviation and the Sawtooth Forest Public Affairs Officers will take the lead and coordinate information release with Public Affairs Officers from The Idaho Department of Lands, from adjoining BLM offices, and from the National Park Service. The Lead Public Affairs Officers will work closely with the Area Restriction Coordinator and the previously mentioned Public Affairs Officers to provide a unified and consistent message. Each agency Public Affairs Officer will make the appropriate media contacts within their respective area. Objectives of the Media Plan are to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions and to reduce the number of human-caused fires.

Responsibilities of Lead Public Affairs Officers:

- Work with Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions to assure an organized approach.
- Coordinate with the Public Affairs Officers of Decision Group agencies.

- Assure all internal personnel of land management agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasons, etc.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all media.
- Ensure agencies within the Key Contact Group are provided with maps of the restricted area(s) and exact restriction requirements.
- Work with Public Affairs Officers of the Decision Group agencies to design and implement new and innovative methods for public awareness of fire conditions and reduction of human caused fires.

APPENDIX 9: FIRE RESTRICTION AREA PLANS AND MAPS: TREASURE VALLEY



TREASURE VALLEY Fire Restriction Area

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The Boise Dispatch Center Manager will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in this area. The two Assistant Center Managers will serve as alternate Area Restriction Coordinators.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating or rescinding restrictions. The weather related factors will be taken from RAWS and/or manual weather stations that best represent the conditions in the Treasure Valley Restriction Area:

- 1,000 hr. Time Lag Fuel Moisture Content is 12% or less.
- 3 day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the 90th percentile or above.
- Live Fuel Moisture Content is 75% or less.
- Fire Danger Rating Adjective Class is at very high or extreme.
- Area is receiving high occurrence of human-caused fire starts or the risk is predicted to increase.
- Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue.

Stage I:

If at least three of the above conditions are met consider a Stage I restriction.

Stage II:

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are met.

AREA LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

The following Public Land Management Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above by the Fire Restriction Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. To avoid confusion to the public, a majority of the Agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they will be initiated for the area. After coming to agreement, each Agency will be responsible for completing the written documentation and initiating the notification procedures required by law to legalize the restrictions within their jurisdiction.

- * Boise District - BLM
- * Boise National Forest
- * Idaho Department of Lands
- * Twin Falls District – BLM

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of the impending restrictions and provided maps of the restriction areas, reasoning for going into restrictions, present fire conditions, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to allow them the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

(Fire Departments):

- * Eagle F.D.
- * Fruitland F.D.
- * Boise City F.D.

- * Grandview F.D.
- * Gem County Fire District #2
- * New Plymouth F.D.
- * Parma F.D.
- * Star F.D.
- * Upper Deer Flat F.D.
- * Melba F.D.

- * Gem County Fire District #1
- * King Hill/Glens Ferry F.D.
- * Mountain Home AFB F.D.
- * Oasis F.D.
- * Caldwell F.D.
- * Weiser City F.
- * North Ada County Fire and Rescue

- * Homedale F.D.
- * Marsing F.D.
- * Notus F.D.
- * Payette F.D.
- * Emmett F.D.
- * Indian Valley F.D.

(Law Enforcement Agencies):

- * Ada County S.D.
- * Canyon County S.D.
- * Elmore County S.D.
- * Gem County S.D.
- * Idaho State Police
- * Payette County S.D.

(State Agencies/Local Agencies):

- * Ada County Hwy Dist.
- * Bureau of Homeland Security
- * Canyon County Hwy Dist #3
- * Elmore County Hwy Dist
- * Gem County Hwy Dist
- * Golden Gate Hwy Dist #3
- * Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game
- * Idaho Parks and Recreation Dept.
- * Idaho Transportation Dept.
- * Nampa Hwy Dist #1
- * Notus-Parma Hwy Dist #2
- * Payette County Road & Bridge
- * US Bureau of Reclamation Swan Falls Dam
- * Washington County Road & Bridge

(Other Federal Agencies):

- * All Districts BOF, PAF, STF and SCF
- * Bureau of Reclamation
- * Corps of Engineers
- * Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge
- * US Fish and Wildlife Service

(Military):

- * Gowen Field Idaho National Guard
- * Mountain Home AFB

MEDIA PLAN:

The Boise District BLM Fire Mitigation and Education Specialist will take the lead for coordinating information release with the Public Affairs Officers from the Idaho Department of Lands, the Twin Falls District BLM, and the Boise National Forest. The alternate Lead Public Affairs Officer will be the Idaho Department of Lands Fire Warden. The Lead Public Affairs Officer will work closely with the Area Restrictions Coordinator and Public Affairs Officers of the other agencies or units within the Decision Group to provide a unified and consistent message. The unit Public Affairs Officers will make the media contacts to the outlets within their spheres of influence. Objectives of the Media Plan are to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions in order to reduce the number of human-caused starts.

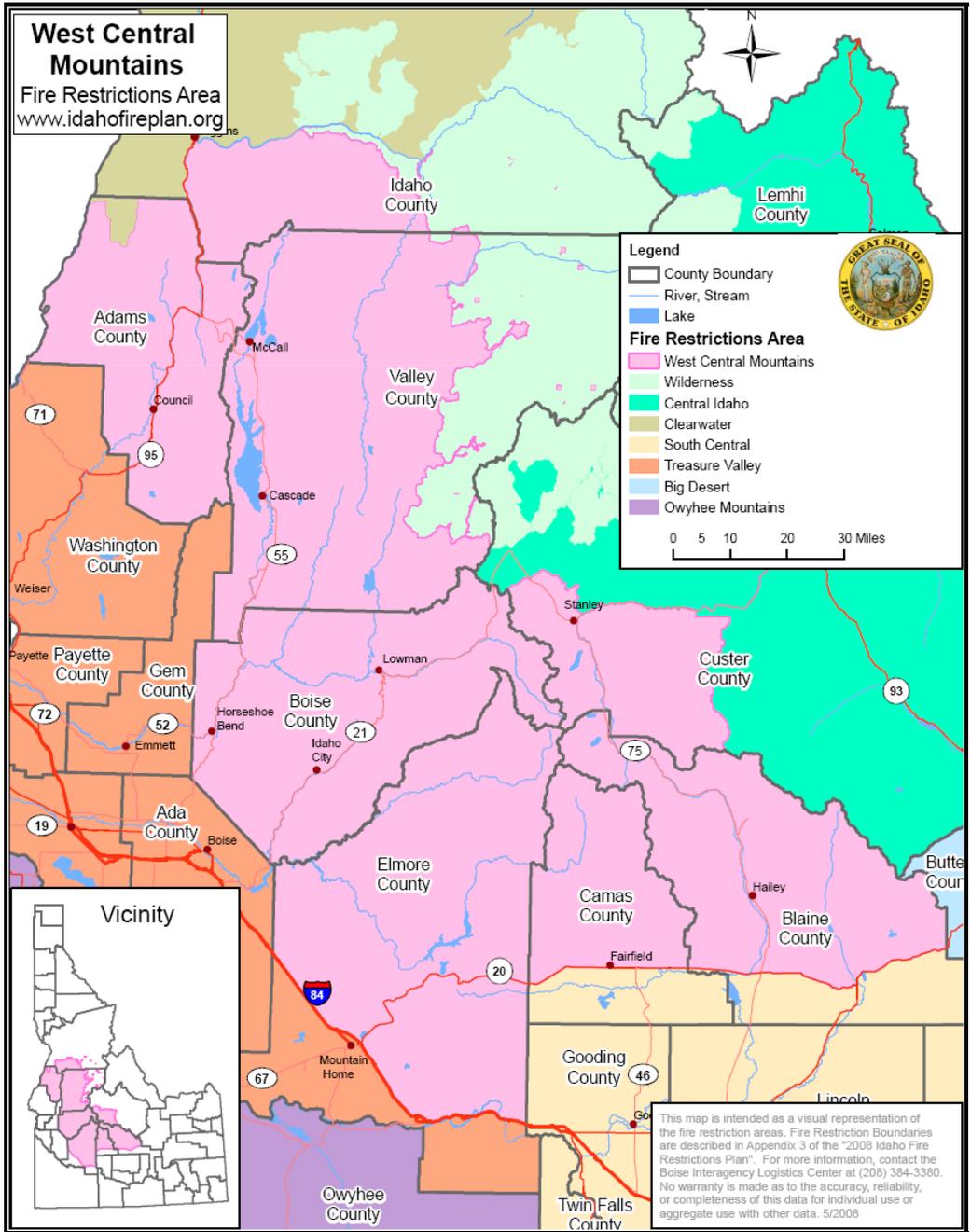
Responsibilities of the Lead Public Affairs Officer:

- Work with the Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention Personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- Assure that all of the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasoning, etc.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media (radio, print, t.v., etc.).
- Take all steps possible to assure that the public is informed of the restrictions, boundaries, etc.
- Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact list of the restrictions prior to making the information

public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction area(s), current and predicted fire conditions, and the exact requirements of the restrictions.

- Integrate the fire restrictions into the overall Prevention Program to optimize effectiveness.
- Work with the Public Affairs Officers of the agencies and units within the Decision Group to develop new and innovative methods of making the public aware of fire problems as well as steps to reduce fire impacts.

APPENDIX 9: FIRE RESTRICTION AREA PLANS AND MAPS: WEST CENTRAL MOUNTAINS



WEST CENTRAL MOUNTAINS Fire Restriction Area

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The Boise Dispatch Center Manager will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in this area. The two Assistant Center Managers will serve as alternate Area Restriction Coordinators.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating or rescinding restrictions. The weather related factors will be taken from RAWS and/or manual weather stations that best represent the conditions in the West Central Mountains Restriction Area:

- 1,000 hr. Time Lag Fuel Moisture Content is 12% or less.
- 3 day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the 90th percentile or above.
- Live Fuel Moisture Content is 75% or less.
- Fire Danger Rating Adjective Class is at very high or extreme.
- Area is receiving high occurrence of human-caused fire starts or the risk is predicted to increase.
- Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue.

Stage I:

If at least three of the above conditions are met consider a Stage I restriction.

Stage II:

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are met.

AREA LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

The following Public Land Management Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above by the Fire Restriction Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. To avoid confusion to the public, a majority of the Agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they will be initiated for the area. After coming to agreement, each Agency will be responsible for completing the written documentation and initiating the notification procedures required by law to legalize the restrictions within their jurisdiction.

- * Boise District - BLM
- * Boise National Forest
- * Coeur d'Alene District - BLM
- * Idaho Department of Lands
- * Payette National Forest
- * Sawtooth National Forest
- * Southern Idaho Timber Protective Association
- * Twin Falls District – BLM

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of the impending restrictions and provided maps of the restriction areas, reasoning for going into restrictions, present fire conditions, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to allow them the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

(Fire Departments):

- * Atlanta F.D.
- * Bellview Fire Dept.
- * Carey Rural Fire Dept.
- * Cascade City Fire Dept.
- * Cascade Rural Fire Dept.
- * Idaho City V.F.D.
- * Ketchum Fire Dept.
- * Leadore V.F.D.
- * Lemhi County R.F.D.
- * Lowman V.F.D.
- * McCall Rural F.P.D.
- * New Meadows Rural F.D.
- * North Custer County F.D.
- * Garden Valley Rural F.D.
- * Grandjean V.F.D.
- * Hailey Fire Dept.
- * Horseshoe Bend City F.D.
- * Horseshoe Bend Rural FD
- * South Custer County F.D.
- * Sun Valley Fire Dept.
- * Valley of the Pines V.F.D.
- * Wilderness Ranch V.F.D.
- * Wood River Rural F.P.D.
- * YellowPine F.D.
- * Sawtooth Valley Rural Dist.
- * North Fork Fire Dist.
- * Placerville V.F.D.
- * Robie Creek V.F.D.
- * Salmon River Rural F.D.
- * Centerville F.D.
- * Clayton Fire Dept.
- * Clear Creek V.F.D.
- * Council Rural F.D.
- * Donnelly F.D.
- * Donnelly Rural F.P.D.
- * Elk Bend F.P.D.
- * Fairfield Fire Dept.

(Law Enforcement Agencies):

- * Adams County S.D.
- * Blaine County S.D.
- * Boise County S.D.
- * Camas County S.D.
- * Elmore County S.D.
- * Idaho County S.D.
- * Idaho State Police
- * Valley County S.D.

(State Agencies):

- * Bureau of Homeland Security
- * Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game
- * Idaho Parks and Recreation Dept.
- * Idaho Transportation Dept.

(Other Federal Agencies):

- * All Districts BOF, PAF, STF and SCF
- * Bitterroot National Forest
- * Bureau of Reclamation
- * Nez Perce National Forest
- * US Fish and Wildlife Service
- * Corps of Engineers
- * Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

MEDIA PLAN:

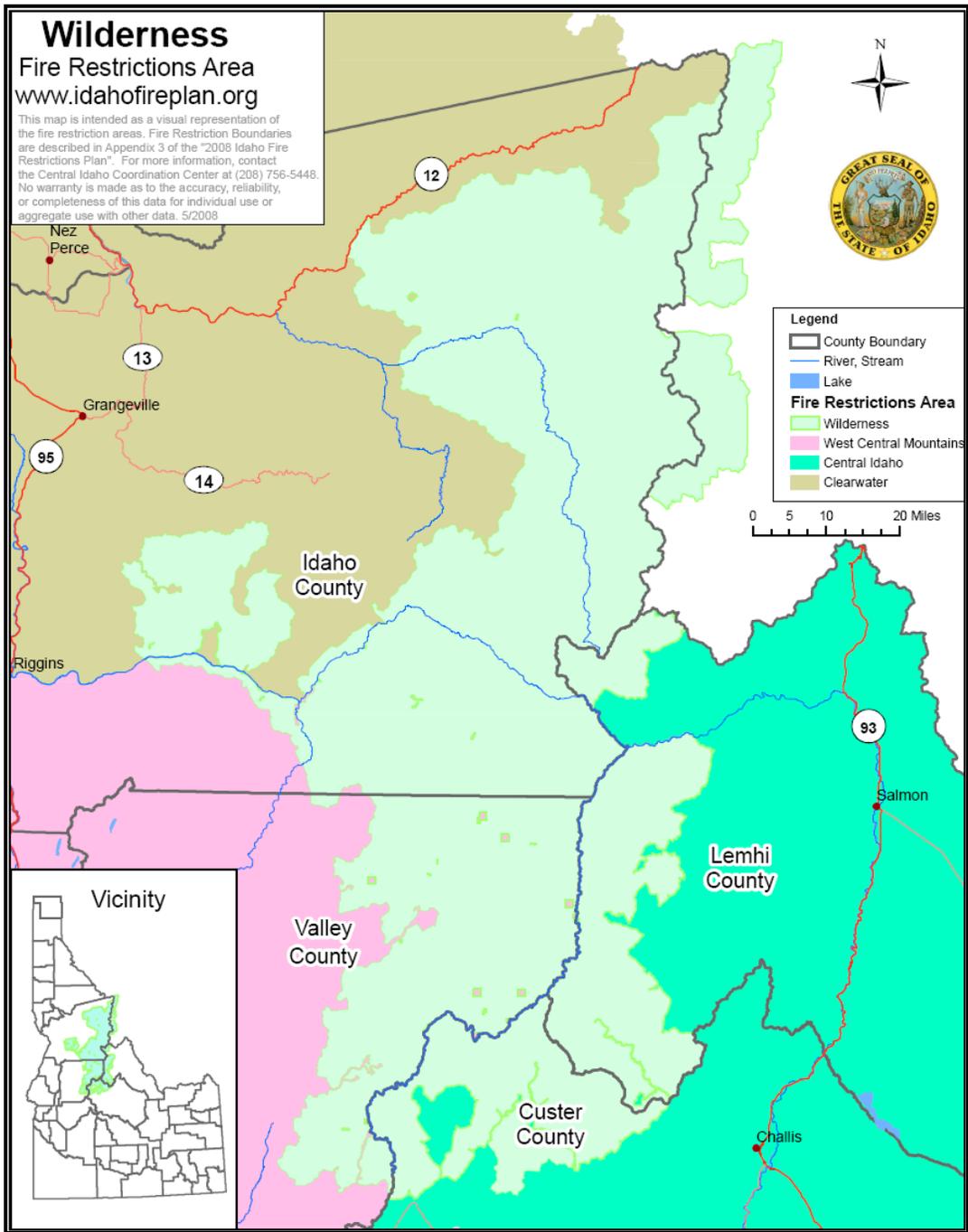
The Boise National Forest Public Affairs Officer will take the lead for coordinating information release with the Public Affairs Officers from the Idaho Department of Lands, the Three BLM Districts, and the four National Forests. The alternate Lead Public Affairs Officer will be the Boise District BLM Fire Mitigation and Education Specialist. The Lead Public Affairs Officer will work closely with the Area Restrictions Coordinator and Public Affairs Officers of the other agencies or units within the Decision Group to provide a unified and consistent message. The unit Public Affairs Officers will make the media contacts to the outlets within their spheres of influence. Objectives of the Media Plan are to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions in order to reduce the number of human-caused starts.

Responsibilities of the Lead Public Affairs Officer:

- Work with the Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention Personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- Assure that all of the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasoning, etc.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media (radio, print, t.v., etc.).
- Take all steps possible to assure that the public is informed of the restrictions, boundaries, etc.

- Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact list of the restrictions prior to making the information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction area(s), current and predicted fire conditions, and the exact requirements of the restrictions.
- Integrate the fire restrictions into the overall Prevention Program to optimize effectiveness.
- Work with the Public Affairs Officers of the agencies and units within the Decision Group to develop new and innovative methods of making the public aware of fire problems as well as steps to reduce fire impacts.

APPENDIX 9: FIRE RESTRICTION AREA PLANS AND MAPS: WILDERNESS



WILDERNESS Fire Restriction Area

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The Central Idaho Coordination Center Manager, will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction within Wilderness Restriction Area.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to determine initiating or rescinding restrictions. When environmental factors or the impact of the commitment of resources to fire suppression (locally, geographically, or nationally) approach the guideline levels for stage 1 or stage 2 a fire restriction should be considered for the whole area. Negotiation among the agencies within the area will be based on data taken from RAWs throughout the restriction area that best represent conditions in the Wilderness Restriction Area.

- 1,000 hr. Time lag Fuel Moisture Content is 12% or less.
- 3 day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the 90th percentile or above.
- Live fuel Moisture Content is 75% or less.
- Fire Danger rating Adjective Class is at very high or extreme.
- Commitment of resources to local, GACC or National assignment limits adequate initial attack capability.
- Area is receiving human-caused fire starts or the risk is predicted to increase.
- Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue.

Stage I:

If at least three of the above conditions are met, consider a Stage I restriction.

Stage II:

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are met. Generally the Wilderness Fire Restriction Area will not enter Stage II.

WILDERNESS AREA LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP

The following Public Land Management Agency Administrators will be advised by their fire managers of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above during discussion with the Area Restriction Coordinator. Agency administrators, fire managers and the Area Restriction Coordinator will jointly discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions and the timing of restrictions. The decision group has the flexibility to initiate restrictions as needed based on individual wilderness fire severity conditions. When a majority of the decision group agencies agree that restrictions are necessary, all agencies within the Wilderness Restriction Area agree to initiate coordinated restrictions for the area to avoid confusing the public. The Area Restriction Coordinator will notify the Idaho Coordinator of the intention to implement or rescind fire restrictions. After a decision is made to implement or rescind fire restrictions each Agency will complete the written documentation and initiate the notification procedures required by law to legalize the actions within their jurisdictions.

Specifically, the Area Restriction Coordinator will work through the Fire Managers of the agencies and units within the Decision Group. The respective fire managers have the responsibility to brief and work with their Line Officers regarding the conditions and the potential need for restrictions, using the evaluation guidelines as the framework for discussion. The Area Restriction Coordinator will also work closely with the Lead Public Affairs Officer during discussions related to implementing or rescinding fire restrictions for the area.

- * Salmon-Challis National Forest
- * Clearwater National Forest
- * Bitterroot National Forest

- * Payette National Forest
- * Nez Perce National Forest

KEY CONTACT LIST:

(Law Enforcement Agencies):

- * Bitterroot National Forest
- * Nezperce National Fores
- * Salmon-Challis National Forest

- * Boise National Forest
- * Payette National Forest

(Sheriffs Departments):

- * Custer County
- * Lemhi County
- * Valley County

- * Idaho County
- * Ravalli County

(State Agencies):

Idaho Department of State Lands
Idaho Fish and Game

(County Commissioners):

- * Custer County
- * Lemhi County
- * Valley County

- * Idaho County
- * Ravalli County
- * Clearwater County

(Others):

- * Idaho Outfitters and Guide Association

MEDIA PLAN:

The Salmon-Challis National Forest Public Affairs Officer, Kent Fullenbach will take the lead for coordinating information release with The Public Affairs Officers from the other four National Forests. The lead Public Affairs Officer will work closely with the Area Restriction Coordinator and Public Affairs Officers of the other agencies or units within the Decision Group to provide a unified and consistent message. The unit Public Affairs Officers will make the media contacts to the outlets within their spheres of influence. Objectives of the Media Plan are to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions in order to reduce the number of human-caused fire starts.

Responsibilities of Lead Public Affairs Officer:

- Work with Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions to assure an organized approach.
- Coordinate with the Public Affairs Officers of all the agencies and units within the decision group.
- Assure that all of the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed about the restrictions, boundaries, reasons, etc.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media.
- Ensure that agencies within the Key Contact Group are provided with maps of the restriction area and exact requirements of the restrictions.
- Work with the Public Affairs Officers of the agencies and units within the Decision Group to design new and innovative methods of making the public aware of fire conditions and steps to reduce human-caused fires.

APPENDIX 10: STAGE II EXEMPTIONS FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES AND RAILROADS

**STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTION AUTHORIZED EXEMPTION
PUBLIC UTILITIES
FOR EMERGENCY WORK ONLY**

Development and Objective

The Stage II Fire Restriction Authorized Exemption is the result of lessons learned in 2000 as well as collaboration with federal and state agencies, industrial specialists and power suppliers. The objective for allowing activities to occur from 1300 (1:00 p.m.) to 0100 (1:00 a.m.) is emergency in nature only. If mitigation of emergencies is not dealt with in a timely fashion, there is a good probability that the lack of mitigation could lead to a fire start or result in an immediate threat to life and property, or the disruption of a service.

Intent and Administration

The intent of the exemption is to identify emergency conditions and on-site measures required to mitigate those conditions that would otherwise be prohibited under Stage II restriction. As written, the authorized exemption would allow emergency repairs and be noted on each agency's restrictions document. The exemption would remain in effect until the Stage II restriction was rescinded. The terms and conditions would become part of the agency restriction document and would not require the issuance of permits.

Process

The terms and conditions should not have to be modified. The intent is to ensure that there is consistency across the geographic area and that all operators are treated equally. The Area Restriction coordinator will facilitate the distribution of the terms and conditions and work with the Area Lead Agency Administrator to ensure agencies throughout the restriction area are consistent in their implementation of the exemptions.

The highlighted areas in the document are those that will be specific to each agency. The information in blue italics is an example of the type of information that the agency would fill in. The agency issuing the restriction document will establish a protocol for communications and coordination. It is highly encouraged that agencies throughout the restriction area work towards establishing a centralized protocol to lessen the impact on the public utility companies.

The example for vehicles in this exemption was developed according to Idaho Forest Fire Protection Rules and with cooperation from Idaho utility companies. When used in other state you must utilize the proper requirements for that state and make sure you reference the proper state law or rule.

STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTION AUTHORIZED EXEMPTION
PUBLIC UTILITIES
FOR EMERGENCY WORK ONLY
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Exercise of the privileges granted by this exemption constitutes agreement with and acceptance of all terms and conditions herein. This exemption does not absolve a company of any liability or responsibility for any fires ignited by the company's operations.

AREA COVERED BY EXEMPTION

This exemption only applies to [type of lands] *National Forest system lands* on the [unit] *Payette National Forest*. This exemption is only valid under [agency document] *Payette Forest Order F14-067-S-03* signed on [date] *July 6, 2006* and will remain in effect until rescinded.

SCOPE OF EXEMPTED ACTIVITIES

For the purpose of this exemption, public utilities are defined as a government-regulated company that provides an essential public service such as water, gas, electricity, or telecommunications. This exemption covers emergency repairs between 1300 (1:00 p.m.) and before 0100 (1:00 a.m.). Emergency repairs are defined as an unplanned outage, an unplanned break in operations of a system, an uncontrolled release of natural gas, fire, explosion, or other situations that endangers life, property, or the integrity of the system and associated components.

With the exception of emergency situations, all construction, maintenance and repair of public utilities, including any associated welding/grinding, the use of power tools, the use of acetylene or open flame torches, or the removal of "burners" (tree or limbs in or near the power lines), will follow the timelines established in the Stage II restrictions as per [agency document] *Payette Forest Order F14-067-S-03*.

CONDITIONS AND MEASURES

Public utilities are hereby authorized the otherwise prohibited activities within their right-of-way per the following conditions and measures.

A. Emergency Conditions

An emergency is a condition that poses an immediate threat to life and property, or the disruption of a service. The following are typical emergencies associated with public utilities:

- Emergency removal of trees or limbs in or near electric power lines that create an immediate hazard to cause a direct impingement on the line or have the potential to start a fire.
- Emergency repair of electric transmission or distribution systems due to a power outage such as a broken wire, blown fuse, etcetera.
- Emergency repair of natural gas transmission or distribution system due to an outage on the system such as an uncontrolled release of natural gas, fire, explosion, etcetera.
- Emergency repair of an unplanned break in operations of a system.
- Emergency repair of telecommunications sites.
- Associated welding/grinding, use of power tools, use of acetylene or other torch with open flame

APPENDIX 10: STAGE II EXEMPTIONS FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES AND RAILROADS

**STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTION AUTHORIZED EXEMPTION
RAILROADS
FOR EMERGENCY WORK ONLY**

Development and Objective

The Stage II Fire Restriction Authorized Exemption was developed as the result of lessons learned in 2000 as well as collaboration with federal and state agencies, industrial specialists and railroad companies. The objective for allowing activities to occur from 1300 (1:00 p.m.) to 0100 (1:00 a.m.) is emergency in nature only. If mitigation of emergencies is not dealt with in a timely fashion, there is a good probability that the lack of mitigation could lead to a fire start or result in an immediate threat to life and property, or the disruption of a service.

Intent and Administration

The intent of the exemption is to identify emergency conditions and on-site measures required to mitigate those conditions that would otherwise be prohibited under Stage II restriction. As written, the authorized exemption would allow emergency repairs and be noted on each agency's restrictions document. The exemption would remain in effect until the Stage II restriction was rescinded. The terms and conditions would become part of the agency restriction document and would not require the issuance of permits.

Process

The terms and conditions should not have to be modified. The intent is to ensure that there is consistency across the geographic area and that all operators are treated equally. The Area Restriction coordinator will facilitate the distribution of the terms and conditions and work with the Area Lead Agency Administrator to ensure agencies throughout the restriction area are consistent in their implementation of the exemptions.

The highlighted areas in the document are those that will be specific to each agency. The information in blue italics is an example of the type of information that the agency would fill in. The agency issuing the restriction document will establish a protocol for communications and coordination. It is highly encouraged that agencies throughout the restriction area work towards establishing a centralized protocol to lessen the impact on the public utility companies.

The example for vehicles in this exemption was developed according to Idaho Forest Fire Protection Rules and with cooperation from Idaho utility companies. When used in other state you must utilize the proper requirements for that state and make sure you reference the proper state law or rule.

STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTION AUTHORIZED EXEMPTION
RAILROAD COMPANIES
FOR EMERGENCY WORK ONLY
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Exercise of the privileges granted by this exemption constitutes agreement with and acceptance of all terms and conditions herein. This exemption does not absolve a railroad company of any liability or responsibility for any fires ignited by the company's operations.

AREA COVERED BY EXEMPTION

This exemption only applies to **[type of lands]** *National Forest system lands* on the **[unit]** *Payette National Forest*. This exemption is only valid under **[agency document]** *Payette Forest Order F14-067-S-03* signed on **[date]** *July 6, 2004* and will remain in effect until rescinded.

SCOPE OF EXEMPTED ACTIVITIES

This exemption covers emergency repairs between 1300 (1:00 p.m.) and before 0100 (1:00 a.m.). Emergency repairs may need to be conducted due to a derailment, damaged line, signal remediation, telecommunications problem, or other situations that endangers life, property, or the integrity of the system and associated components.

With the exception of emergency situations, all construction, maintenance, and repair of rail lines including any associated welding/grinding (including thermite), the use of power tools, the use of acetylene or open flame torches will follow the timelines established in the Stage II restrictions as per **[agency document]** *Payette Forest Order F14-067-S-03*.

CONDITIONS AND MEASURES

Railroad companies are hereby authorized the otherwise prohibited activities within their right-of-way per the following conditions and measures.

A. Emergency Conditions

An emergency is a condition that poses an immediate threat to life and property, or the disruption of a service. The following are typical emergencies associated with railroads:

- Emergency repair of a rail that has broken or been damaged.
- Emergency remediation of a track buckle caused by extreme heat.
- Emergency cleanup of a derailment.
- Emergency remediation of a railroad signal.
- Rail relay when larger sections of a rail becomes worn or needs to be replaced.
- Emergency repair of telecommunications sites.
- Associated welding/grinding, use of power tools, acetylene, or other torch with open flame due to the emergency situation.

B. On-site Measures Required

