

APPENDIX

Status of Action Items Identified in Prior Years

The action items shown below were identified between Fiscal Years 1988-1998. The current status of action to resolve these concerns is summarized below. Action items with an “incomplete” or “ongoing” status will be included in next year’s report, together with an update of the resolution status. Action items that are “complete” or “resolved” will not be repeated in future reports.

ACTION ITEM RELATED TO TIMBER	
Item #1	Continue to maintain expertise for the remeasurement of permanent growth plots. The data from such plots will be used to help develop yield tables in the revised Forest Plan.
Fiscal Year Action Item identified:	Fiscal Year 1995
Current Status:	Ongoing
Discussion:	Progress is occurring as funding and personnel permit. This task remains a high priority on the Forest. The Regional Office is currently evaluating permanent plots region-wide to determine which should have continued measurement and which should not. This should reduce costs and duplication.

ACTION ITEMS RELATED TO WILDLIFE	
Item #1	The Forest needs to determine how fire or silvicultural prescriptions might be used to protect/restore low elevation pine or pine/Douglas fir designated old growth from stand replacing fire.
Fiscal Year Action Item identified:	Fiscal Year 1993
Current Status:	Ongoing
Discussion:	Fuels reduction using prescribed fire sometimes preceded by mechanical thinning is now accepted management practice. More proposals are being developed, where needed, to put this into practice. Monitoring of biotic condition suitability and species responses in treated stands remains to be done in the longer term to validate associated habitat assumptions.
Item #2	Concise snag identification and marking directions to timber marking crews must be included in marking guidelines. Consistent timber sale contract clauses (which do not contradict each other) are needed to help retain snags and trees for replacement snags.
Fiscal Year Action Item identified:	Fiscal Year 1993
Current Status:	Ongoing

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Discussion:	Resolution of this issue will require greater attention and involvement by biologists and timber markers in the future. Site-specific decision-making involving reduction of safety hazards will often have to weigh competing values.

ACTION ITEMS RELATED TO RECREATION	
Item #1	Develop criteria for evaluating impacts of off-highway vehicle (OHV) use. Determine what is unacceptable change on a transportation system or land base as a result of these uses and user types.
Fiscal Year Action Item identified:	Fiscal Years 1989-1991, 1994, and 1995
Current Status:	Not completed
Discussion:	Continued lack of funding and the low priority assigned to this task compared with other recreation related work has resulted in very little work in this area. The development of a systematic method to monitor off-road motor vehicle (ORV) use and impacts has not been a; top priority on the Forest. As a result, specific instances of detrimental effects of ORV use continue to be handled on a case-by-case basis. Recreation, particularly motorized recreation, continues to be used as a principle mitigator for timber harvest. This is having significant effects on the long-term potential for recreation use and opportunities on the Forest.
Item #2	Implement the national system called Infrastructure, which will be used to improve the gathering and documentation of visitor use information.
Fiscal Year Action Item identified:	Fiscal Year 1994 and 1995.
Current Status:	Ongoing
Discussion:	The Nez Perce Forest has replaced the Recreation Infrastructure with Meaningful Measures. This is an ongoing database that will show what is needed to maintain the Forest's recreation and trail program.
Item #3	Review and revise recreation opportunity spectrum (ROS) forest-wide, incorporate ROS analysis into all environmental analyses and develop a mechanism for updating ROS acreages in the database.
Fiscal Year Action Item identified:	Fiscal Year 1994 and 1995.
Current Status:	Incomplete
Discussion:	The review, revision, and acreage updating of the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) forest-wide was submitted as a projected proposal for ecosystem management funding. It was the third priority project submitted for recreation and was not funded.
Item #4	Establish a system of measurements for more precise monitoring of sites eligible to the National Register of Historic Places.
Fiscal Year Action Item identified:	Fiscal Year 1994 and 1995.

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ACTION ITEMS RELATED TO RECREATION	
Current Status:	Ongoing
Discussion:	In accordance with the Region One Programmatic Agreement with the Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer, National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligible sites are currently being monitored before, during, and after the implementation of specific projects. This monitoring documents any site changes which may have occurred due to potential project related impacts, vandalism, or the forces of nature.
Item #5	Continue to replace substandard signs in the wilderness.
Fiscal Year Action Item identified:	Fiscal Year 1994.
Current Status:	Ongoing
Discussion:	The Forest is continuing to replace substandard signs in wilderness as funding levels allow.
Item #6	The Middle Fork of the Clearwater River Management Plan needs to be updated and the administration of scenic easements needs more emphasis.
Fiscal Year Action Item identified:	Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995.
Current Status:	Incomplete
Discussion:	There continues to be a need to update the Middle Fork of the Clearwater River Management Plan. A shared Scenic Easement Administrator position was established between the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests to provide consistent Wild & Scenic River easement administration on the Selway, Moose Creek, and Lochsa Ranger Districts.
Item #7	Formally adopt a new "roaded modified" Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) class for the Forest.
Fiscal Year Action Item identified:	Fiscal Year 1995.
Current Status:	Ongoing
Discussion:	Work continues in this area as funding allows.

ACTION ITEMS RELATED TO FISHERIES	
Item #1	Fish and water quality objectives for the South Fork of Clear Creek should be consistent with objectives for similar Chinook habitat on the Forest. Also, one-half mile of stream in the Clear Creek drainage does not have an assigned water quality objective.
Fiscal Year Action Item identified:	Fiscal Year 1990
Current Status:	Incomplete
Discussion:	This situation will be corrected through the Forest Plan amendment process. Other higher priority work has delayed progress on this amendment. Given recent budget reductions and the pending Forest

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	Plan revision work already underway, it is unlikely that an amendment will be made before the revised Plan is complete.
Item #2	Monitoring of fish habitat condition needs to be adequately funded, staffed, and given a higher priority for accomplishment.
Fiscal Year Action Item identified:	Fiscal Years 1993 and 1994
Current Status:	Ongoing
Discussion:	In FY 2000, the Forest will complete a workforce analysis in order to prioritize the work and match with existing and projected skills.

ACTION ITEMS RELATED TO SOIL AND WATER	
Item #1	Additional work is needed to improve the quality of placer mining operations in some cases. The lack of specific mandatory "best management practices" is a limitation in achieving this.
Fiscal Year Action Item identified:	Fiscal Year 1994
Current Status:	Ongoing
Discussion:	Work continues as funding and personnel permit.
Item #2	Continued development of the NEZSED model and improvements in the reliability of observed sediment yield estimates are needed to improve future land management decisions.
Fiscal Year Action Item identified:	Fiscal Year 1994
Current Status:	Ongoing
Discussion:	The Forest is involved in efforts at the regional and national levels to assess and update sediment-modeling technology.
Item #3	To maintain soil productivity, water quality, and maintain viable populations of native species, increased emphasis needs to be given to accomplishing integrated landscape and site-specific assessments.
Fiscal Years Action Item identified:	Fiscal Years 1993 and 1994
Current Status:	Ongoing
Discussion:	In FY 1999, the Forest worked on two Ecosystem Analysis at the Watershed Scale: Slate Creek and Newsome Creek. Also, in FY 1999, the Forest worked on the second of 3 landscape assessments at the 4 th code HUC scale (750,000 – 1,000,000) acres in preparation for Forest Plan revision. This first landscape assessment covered the South Fork Clearwater River drainage. The second such landscape assessment, in the Selway River drainage, is to be completed in FY 2001. In FY 2000 work was begun on the Salmon River landscape assessment.

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Item #4	Analyze the effectiveness measures being taken to promote riparian recovery in McComas Meadows in light of the effects to the meadows of the 1995 storm event.
Fiscal Year Action Item identified:	Fiscal Year 1995
Current Status:	Ongoing
Discussion:	Meadow conditions were evaluated in 1996 and 1997. A restoration plan is being refined with implementation ongoing in cooperation with the Nez Perce Tribe.

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