

GOSPEL-HUMP AREA

Position of Environmental Groups

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A number of key points emerged from the first meeting. Some of these are subject to negotiation, such as the precise location of boundary lines. However, there are some points which are fundamental, and acceptance of these is prerequisite to any settlement:

1. Wildlife Study. For more than three years, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has been on the record, in very clear terms, regarding the need for a great deal more fundamental data about the wildlife resources of this overall area. A full study, of the kind they have advocated, is essential, and should be an agreed-upon part of any settlement.
2. Immediate Wilderness Designation. Any settlement must include agreement on immediate designation of an appropriate area as wilderness.
3. Study Areas. Areas for additional land-use study should be kept to a minimum size, in order to expedite completion of the studies, and should be limited to areas of evident resource conflict. Procedures and timetables for the studies should be spelled out as part of any settlement. The "status quo" of all study areas must be explicitly protected while the studies are underway and until the Congress has reached a final decision on those areas, following completion of the studies.

GOSPEL HUMP ROADLESS AREA

Scale in miles 0 1 2 5

- Designate as Wilderness ●
- A** [Stippled pattern] Multipurpose resource development as per land management plans
- B** [Dotted pattern] Immediately available for resource utilization under relevant land management plans

