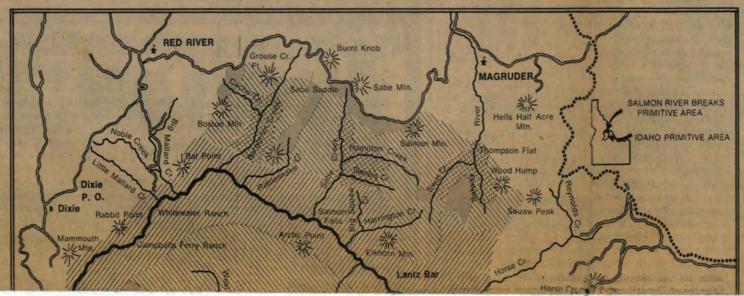
The Idaho Primitive Areas

A proposal to preserve their wild character

enhance their benefits



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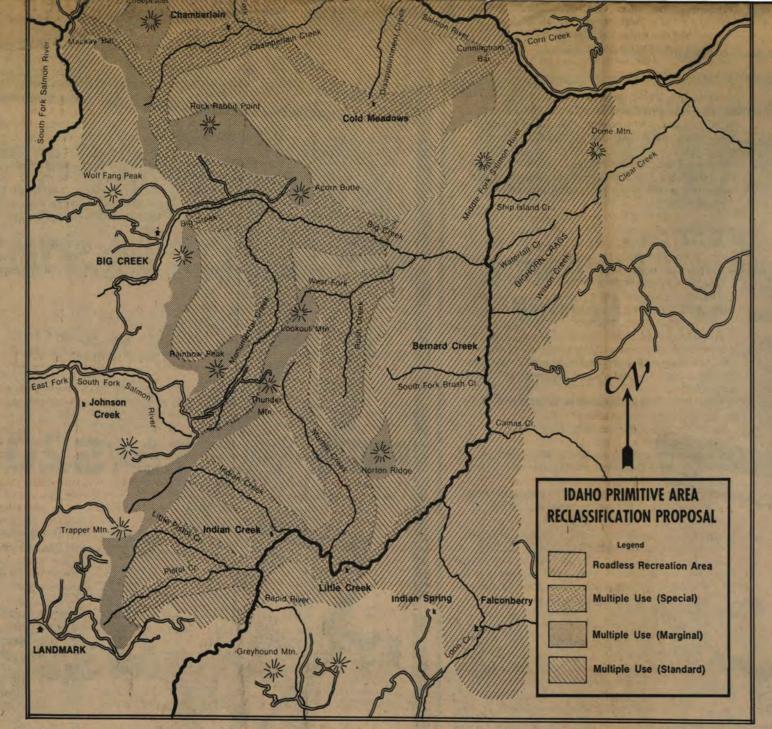
The area shown in the map at left encompasses two areas of nearly 1.75 million acres (The Idaho Primitive Area and the Salmon River Breaks Primitive Area and adjoining study areas). Currently, the U.S. Forest Service is studying proposals to reclassify this land and determine its permanent status for the future. The areas could be classified in several different ways, but there are basically two approaches that have received strong support to date.

One is the approach which would classify the entire 65 mile long, 36 mile wide block as permanent Wilderness ... allowing no roads, no land vehicles, no sanitation facilities, inadequate fire and no insect protection, no forest management of any kind.

The other is a total declassification of the areas and a return to a combination of uses such as recreation, with road access, mining, timber harvest, grazing and other uses.

Boise Cascade suggests neither extreme. We strongly favor a combination of protected wild areas and graduated multiple use tailored to the best and most appropriate use of the land . . . including the portion along the Middle Fork and main Salmon River, more than a third of the area, which would be left wild in a ROADLESS RECREATION AREA to be administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL



enhancing their value for sure their protection from se. To do this we all need Multiple Use Plan.

Boise Cascade Corporation

The map at the left represents a new philosophy of forest management endorsed by Boise Cascade which would allow the wild character of this land to be preserved while providing flexibility to manage various sections of it for their best and most appropriate use. The plan suggests four categories of management which would encourage or restrict the uses of the land as dictated by the land itself.

ROADLESS RECREATION AREA

We suggest more than one third of the area be classified Roadless Recreation (principally the Middle Fork and main Salmon River canyons).

A principal difference between a Roadless Recreation Area and a Wilderness Area is that limited sanitation and primitive camping facilities would be permitted. These facilities and this classification is most appropriate because of the increasing number of people on float trips on the Middle Fork and main Salmon Rivers. The surrounding lands, to the crest of the canyons, plus other areas would be left predominantly wild.

MULTIPLE USE: SPECIAL

This category would require special management plans for watersheds and areas along road corridors, streams, game habitats, scenic meadows and other critical resource areas. Roadbuilding, forest management, many forms of motorized recreation and other uses would be allowed only under rigid restrictions established to protect the watersheds with their valuable water yield and other ecological values of these areas.

MULTIPLE USE: MARGINAL

Uses of the area would be determined by the need to ensure protection of their fragile values. Their principal uses would be for recreation, game habitat or special aesthetic views.

MULTIPLE USE: STANDARD

This management category would allow full multiple-use management, including carefully controlled harvest, minimum impact roads, camping and recreational facilities and other uses common to the National Forest lands.

We advocate preservation of the wild character of the Idaho Primitive Areas. At the same time, they can also be made more accessible to greater numbers of people. They can contribute greatly to the economic health of our state. They can contribute badly needed timber on a sustained yield basis as well as quality water yield so necessary for man's use. They can support additional use for many recreational pursuits while enhancing their value for game habitat and scenic beauty. And we can ensure their protection from the ravages of wildfire, insect epidemic and disease. To do this we all need to make our voices heard in favor of a balanced Multiple Use Plan.

Public hearings will be held to consider the recommendation of the U.S. Forest Service on the following dates:

BOISE RODEWAY INN 9 a.m., November 26 PONDEROSA,
LEWIS & CLARK INN
9 a.m., November 28

POCATELLO
HOLIDAY INN
9 a.m., November 30

