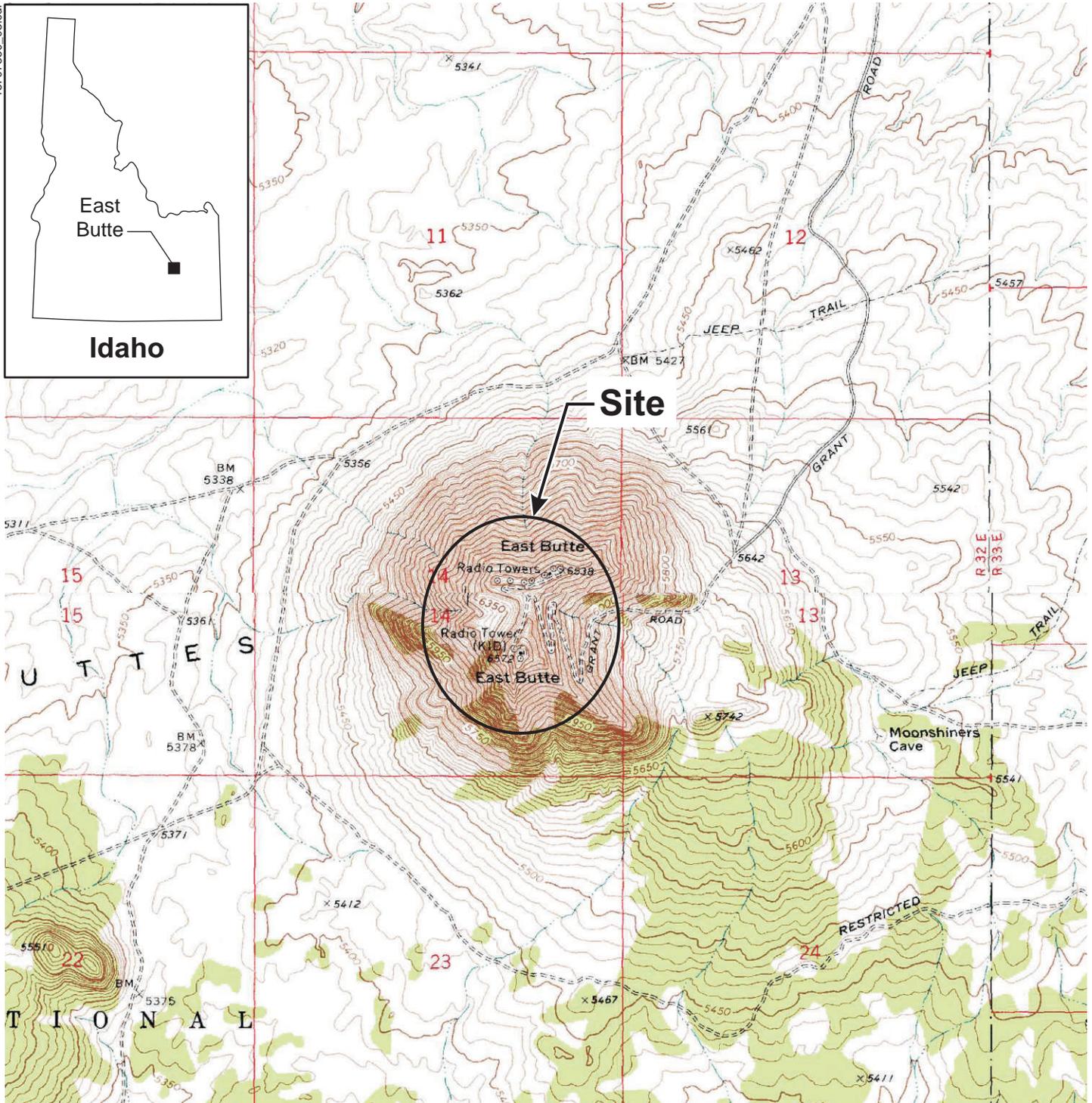


Source: USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle maps
 Inkom and Pocatello South, Idaho both dated 1971.



Approximate Scale in Miles

Figure 3
Chinese Peak



Source: USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle maps
 Little Butte and Middle Butte, Idaho both dated 1973.



Approximate Scale in Miles

Figure 4
East Butte



Photo 1
Communications Site at Malad Ridge



Photo 2
Malad Ridge Vegetation

Source: FEMA

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Figure 5
Malad Ridge Site Photos



Photo 1
Chinese Peak Facility



Photo 2
Vegetation at Chinese Peak

Source: FEMA

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Figure 6
Chinese Peak Site Photos



Photo 1
East Butte, 05-21-2009



Photo 2
East Butte, 7-24-2007

Source: FEMA, BHS

Job No. 15707350

Figure 7a
East Butte Site Photos



Photo 3
Fire Damage at East Butte, 7-24-2007



Photo 4
Melted Microwave Dish Cover

Source: FEMA, BHS

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Figure 7b
East Butte Site Photos

Appendix B
Archaeological and Historical Survey Report, Agency Approvals

The Archaeological and Historical Survey Report can be provided upon request.

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT - IDAHO
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DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND EFFECT RECORD
FOR CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORIES

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BUREAU OF LAND MGMT.
POCATELLO FIELD OFFICE
POCATELLO ID

Project Title:

Idaho Public Safety Communication Sites – Wildfire Mitigation

EA/Report Number: FEMA-LPDM-PJ-10-ID-2008-007

A cultural resource inventory has been completed for this project or action. The attached report and this form make determinations and recommendations regarding this inventory's results, and the proposed undertaking's effects on National Register listed, eligible or potentially eligible historic properties. Please review this report, and return this form with comments to the Bureau of Land Management Pocatello Field Office at 4350 Cliffs Drive, Pocatello, ID 83204.

Determination of Eligibility **No. of Sites** **BLM Site Numbers**

 No Sites:

 X Not Eligible: 1 ID 09URS02

 Potentially Eligible: 0

 Eligible: 0

Determination of Effect

 No Resources, No Effect

 X No Eligible Resources, No Effect

 Eligible or Potentially Eligible Resources, No Effect

 Eligible or Potentially Eligible Resources, No Adverse Effect

 Eligible or Potentially Eligible Resources, Adverse Effect

(No Effect: significant site characteristics not impacted; No Adverse Effect: significant characteristics impacted, but not adversely; Adverse Effect: significant characteristics adversely affected)

The State of Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security (BHS) has applied to the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Legislative Pre-Disaster Mitigation (L-PDM) program for funding to complete wildfire fuel load

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reduction projects located in southeastern Idaho. The State of Idaho Public Safety Communication Sites Wildfire Mitigation Project would reduce risk from fire to three state-owned public safety communication sites located in Bannock, Bingham and Oneida Counties, Idaho. Two of the public safety communication sites (Chinese and Malad Ridge) are located on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Pocatello Field Office. The other site (East Butte) is located on land co-managed by the Department of Energy (DOE) and the BLM, Upper Snake Field Office. Both BLM Field Offices are part of the Idaho Falls District.

The Proposed Action includes vegetative clearing for three radio tower sites located on Chinese Peak, East Butte, and Malad Ridge, Idaho. Crews would use large rubber-tired or track-equipped backhoes to physically remove all vegetation within 100 feet of the three structures. After the vegetation is removed through use of a backhoe, an herbicide would be applied, and six inches of aggregate would be spread in the 100-foot radius encompassing each structure. Five-hundred gallon propane tanks would be partially buried and covered with a 2-foot tall by 3-foot wide dirt mound at all three project locations. The three propane tanks are used to fuel the three electric generators necessary to operate on-site electrical equipment. Finally, the main structure/building at Malad Ridge site would be replaced.

In July and October of 2009, URS conducted an inventory of 130 acres for this project. One site was recorded, ID 09URS02. This site contains the remnants of an abandoned radio tower site and is recommended as not eligible to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). This site also lies outside of the Area of Potential Effect (APE).

The Idaho Public Safety Communication Sites – Wildfire Mitigation Project would have no effect on the NRHP eligible historic properties and other cultural resources located within the APE.

CONDITIONS, STIPULATIONS AND COORDINATING REQUIREMENTS

The project would have no effect on NRHP eligible or potentially eligible cultural resources, if BLM's Pocatello Field Office follows these recommendations:

- Include the following standard stipulation for inadvertent discovery of cultural and paleontological resources:

Standard Stipulation

“Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(b), If any unidentified cultural resources are discovered during the proposed action or associated activities, operations in the immediate area of the discovery would be halted. The discovery would be reported to the BLM, and the BLM or its authorized representatives would be allowed to document and evaluate the discovery, and if appropriate, would be allowed time for the determination

and implementation of actions necessary to prevent or mitigate the loss of important cultural values in consultation with the Idaho SHPO."

BLM Certification

Amy Lapp
Pocatello Field Office Archaeologist

December 2, 2009
Date

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Idaho State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Comments

I have reviewed the documentation and recommendations for this undertaking, and:

* I agree with the above determination of eligibility and effect, and with the conditions of compliance

I agree with the above determinations of eligibility and effect, providing the following stipulations are met (see comments below, or attached):

I disagree with the above determinations of eligibility and effect. Refer to comments below, or attached:

for Glenda L. King
Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer

12/11/09
Date

* Please note the attached comments from the INL.

From: Kilner, Science [mailto:Science.Kilner@dhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2009 3:11 PM
To: Glenda King
Subject: FEMA Pre Disaster Mitigation Wildfire Mitigation Project - EAST BUTTE SURVEY - INL comments

Hi Glenda – Here's comments from INL on the above project. Let me know if you need anything further. Thanks.

Science Kilner

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From: Julie B Braun [mailto:Julie.Braun@inl.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2009 1:32 PM
To: Kilner, Science
Subject: EAST BUTTE SURVEY

Hi Science,

East Butte is located on the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) which is a secured federal reserve that DOE-ID manages. All employees and visitors are required to have permission and, usually, security badges to access the INL Site. At the very least, DOE-ID should have been notified of any work that was planned on INL property. I understand from our DOE-ID counterpart that the state lease on the communications towers requires such notification and also requires them to follow INL processes and procedures. According to him, neither of these actions happened.

INL has a Cultural Resources Management Plan (CRMP) and a Programmatic Agreement with the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation that requires DOE-ID to follow the stipulations outlined in the CRMP. Federal, state, and local preservation laws are tailored through the CRMP and a permit is required for subcontractors to do any archaeological/cultural resource work on the INL. Failure to comply with these terms could result in termination of the Agreement which would be very costly for DOE-ID.

Our permitting process is very similar to BLM's. We review the project scope, communicate with the Tribes and other stakeholders, and review permittees' resumes to ensure that they are qualified to do this type of work. We also require copies of any reports or other documents that are created as a result of the work. We then review the documents and provide comments. Any sites or artifacts that may have been recorded are then entered into our extensive archaeological database. If we had been notified before this work was undertaken, we could have searched our archives and let you and URS know what surveys had been conducted on East Butte and the results of those surveys. In this case, no survey would have been required since our two previous surveys of the Area of Potential Effects, as shown on your map in the file attached to your email note to me, resulted in the determination that no cultural

resources exist there.

Finally, I reviewed the report and concur with the findings and recommendations in regard to the surveys done on East Butte. No further action is required.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Regards,

Julie Braun,
INL Cultural Resources Management Program

Appendix C
Project Conditions and Conservation Measures

Project Conditions and Conservation Measures

The Proposed Action would comply with the following conditions and conservation measures:

- The applicant shall obtain all required local, state, and federal permits and approvals prior to implementing the Proposed Action Alternative and comply with any and all conditions imposed.
- The applicant is responsible for selecting, implementing, monitoring, and maintaining best management practices to control erosion and sediment, reduce spills and pollution, and provide habitat protection (if present).
- Any change to the approved scope of work will require re-evaluation by FEMA for compliance with NEPA and other laws and EOs.
- In the event that archaeological or historic materials or features are discovered during project activities, work in the immediate vicinity should be discontinued, the area secured, and the state and FEMA notified to further evaluate the find.

Appendix D
Public Notices for the Draft and Revised Draft EAs

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
Draft Environmental Assessment
Wildfire Fuels Reduction at three Public Safety Communication Sites, Idaho**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to provide funding to the State of Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security for a wildfire fuels reduction project in southeastern Idaho. Funding would be provided as authorized by §203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief Act (Stafford Act), 42 United States Code.

FEMA prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and FEMA's implementing regulations found in 44 Code of Federal Regulations Part 10. The EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws, including Executive Orders #11990 (Protection of Wetlands), #11988 (Floodplain Management), and #12898 (Environmental Justice). The alternatives evaluated in the EA are (1) no action; and (2) structural mitigation and reduction of fuel loads through mechanical means at Malad Ridge (approximately 12 miles from Malad, Idaho), Chinese Peak (approximately six miles from Pocatello, Idaho), and East Butte (approximately 10 miles from Atomic City, Idaho) as identified in the *State of Idaho Hazard Mitigation Plan*.

The EA is available for review online at the FEMA environmental website at: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments> under Region X. If no significant issues are identified during the comment period, FEMA will finalize the EA, issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and fund the project. Unless substantive comments are received, FEMA will not publish another notice for this project. However, should a FONSI be issued, it will be available for public viewing at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments> under Region X.

The draft EA is also available for review on July 10, 2009 at the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security at 4040 Guard St., Bldg. 600, Boise, Idaho.

Written comments on the draft EA should be directed no later than 5 pm on August 10, 2009 to Mark G. Eberlein, Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA Region X, 130 228th Street SW, Bothell Washington 98021, or by e-mail at mark.eberlein@dhs.gov. Comments also can be faxed to 425-487-4613.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
Revised Draft Environmental Assessment
Wildfire Fuels Reduction at three Public Safety Communication Sites, Idaho**

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FEMA prepared a revised draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and FEMA's implementing regulations found in 44 Code of Federal Regulations Part 10 due to a change to the Malad Ridge site location. The EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws, including Executive Orders #11990 (Protection of Wetlands), #11988 (Floodplain Management), and #12898 (Environmental Justice). The alternatives evaluated in the EA are (1) no action; and (2) structural mitigation and reduction of fuel loads through mechanical means at Malad Ridge (approximately 12 miles from Malad, Idaho), Chinese Peak (approximately six miles from Pocatello, Idaho), and East Butte (approximately 10 miles from Atomic City, Idaho) as identified in the *State of Idaho Hazard Mitigation Plan*.

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The revised draft EA is also available for review on November 20, 2009 at the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security at 4040 Guard St., Bldg. 600, Boise, Idaho.

Written comments on the revised draft EA should be directed no later than 5 pm on December 7, 2009 to Mark G. Eberlein, Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA Region X, 130 228th Street SW, Bothell Washington 98021, or by e-mail at mark.eberlein@dhs.gov. Comments also can be faxed to 425-487-4613.