

## Summary of Draft Wildlife Area Management Plan Revisions

Most of the changes to the January 2007 draft management plans were general housekeeping in nature, such as re-formatting Appendices for readability or correcting minor errors. Some important changes however were requested by the Commission and the public, through the public review process. Below is a list of key revisions made to each plan, with the relevant page number of the original draft plan. Responded insertions are **bold** and underscored, deletions are [bracketed] and ~~strikethrough~~.

### Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area Management Plan

- Housekeeping / Corrected Errors:

Cover: changed date to April 2007

Pg. 3: Removed the word 'quality' from Goal 3 since it was subjective and vague:  
Goal 3: To provide a variety of [quality] wildlife oriented recreational and educational opportunities to the public which are compatible with Goals 1 and 2.

Revised Figures 1, 2 and 3. GIS maps: enlarged font of title, improved colors for readability, re-located department logo, added names of each tract

Appendix B: changed format for readability and consistency with other plans

- Changes resulting from Commission / Public Comments

Pg. 2: Revised vision statement following Commissioner Smith's guidance:

*Provide habitat for Roosevelt elk, black-tailed deer, and other native wildlife, [and their habitats are healthy and thriving for use and enjoyment by present and future generations.] reduce big game conflicts to adjacent lands and provide quality wildlife oriented recreational opportunities for the enjoyment of present and future generations.*

Although some housekeeping changes were made to the text and GIS maps of the Jewell Meadows Draft Plan as a result of internal review, no changes to the goals or objectives were made. Public comments and the department's responses are summarized in Attachment 6.

### Wenaha Wildlife Area Plan

- Housekeeping / Corrected Errors:

Pg. 23. Removed Strategy 1 from Objective 1.1  
[~~Strategy 1. Identify and maintain hiding and thermal cover habitats for deer and elk.~~]

Pg. 3 and 24. Revised Objective 1.2 to add a measurable component:  
**Objective 1.2:** Maintain, develop, and enhance 12,419 acres of habitat for other

beneficial fish and wildlife.

Pg. 3 and 25: Removed Objective 1.4, its rationale and strategies entirely. This objective was not measurable and pertained to lands (federal or private) adjacent to the wildlife area which were not under department management.

~~**Objective 1.4:** To promote ecologically sound land uses with those responsible for administering adjacent public and private lands.~~

Pg. 3 and 26. Revised Objective 2.1 to add a measurable component:

**Objective 2.1:** To develop and maintain 9,120 acres of habitat[s] to attract and hold wintering elk and deer.

Pg. 3 and 26. Revised Objective 2.2 to add a measurable component. Deer were removed since the department specifically supplemental feeds elk.

**Objective 2.2:** Provide a supplemental winter food source for up to 1,400 elk [and deer] to reduce damage.

Pg. 3: Removed the word 'quality' from Goal 3 since it was subjective and vague:

Goal 3: To provide a variety of [quality] wildlife oriented recreational and educational opportunities to the public which are compatible with Goals 1 and 2.

Pg. 27. Removed text from Strategy 4 and put in Rationale:

**Strategy 4.** When predator activity on the WWA becomes elevated to the point that the goal of the WWA and/or human and livestock safety are threatened, the offending predator(s) will be removed in such a way as to minimize disruption of wintering wildlife. [~~While predation is a normal occurrence in natural ecosystems, harassment due to predation can disrupt the operation of the feed sites, causing big game to disperse to surrounding private properties, and thus defeat the goals of the WWA. In addition, because the feed sites are located near human habitation and cattle operations, predators attracted to the feed sites can pose a threat to humans and livestock.~~]

- Changes resulting from Commission / Public Comments

After internal review, some objectives in the draft plan were revised to add a measurable component. Public comments and the department's responses are summarized in Attachment 6.