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Idaho Fence Modifications to Reduce Wildlife Impacts

Need

A number of fences built on public lands in Idaho pre-date the adoption of design features that aid the movement of wildlife, particularly big game animals. Approximately 150 miles of fence across three BLM Districts will be modified or replaced to incorporate design changes such as proper wire spacing, removal of extra wires, and replacing barbed wire with smooth wire where appropriate.



Recovery Act Funding

Funding will support more than 30 fence-replacement projects in the Twin Falls, Boise and Idaho Falls Districts to meet the latest BLM wildlife specifications.

Benefits

The project will aid year-round movement of wildlife and the winter/spring migration of elk, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and big horn sheep. Greater effectiveness in controlling livestock movement will allow more effective management, improve rangeland health, and protect sensitive areas such as wetlands and streams.



More Information

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