

Draft Natural, Sustainable Ecosystems Action Items

Issue	Action	Purpose	How should it be done?	Relative Cost to Implement	Implementation Leadership	Urgency: Timeframe	Measurement/ Monitoring
Fire	Create defensible fire corridors/units near developments and facilities	Reduce the danger of property loss and facilitate wildland fire use	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify locations/needs for corridors 2. Develop plan for treatment 3. Decision made by appropriate authority 4. Acquire funding and other resources 5. Implement 	Moderate	Forest Service with local government	High: 1-5 years	Property owners
Fire	Develop prescribed fire and wildland fire use plan (including NEPA consultation) for Sawtooth NRA	Integrate fire back into the natural, sustainable ecosystem.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assemble a team 2. Develop a proposal with the public 3. Complete the consultation/analysis 4. Communicate the decision and implement 	Moderate - high	Forest Service	High: 1-3 years	NRA-# prescribed fires and fire use fires implemented; are we meeting vegetation objectives
Fire	Develop education programs to explain fire to visitors and residents, using the most current research and science	Increase awareness of fire significance and management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the key message points 2. Identify the target audience 3. Develop education mechanisms/programs/delivery 4. Fund and implement 	Low-Moderate	Idaho Department of Lands with Forest Service	High: 1-3 years	?
Fire	Develop "personal responsibility" policy for new construction, and compliance of existing structures to appropriate standards, in difficult to-defend circumstances (e.g.: thick forest, difficult access, remote locations)	Reduce the loss of property and human life, and facilitate wildland fire use	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine who has decision authority 2. Develop policy proposal with stakeholder group and public 3. Analyze 4. Decide/implement 	Low-Moderate	Custer County, Blaine County, Boise County	High: 1-3 years	County Planning & Zoning Boards
Fire/Invasive/ Wild Places	Develop and implement an access management strategy, including effective permitting, consistent with desired conditions	Control access to reduce fire starts, reduce the spread of invasive species, protect over-wintering wildlife during vulnerable times of the year, and enhance the integrity of wild places	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop proposal with stakeholders as part of travel management process 2. Complete analysis of proposal 3. Make decision and implement 	High	Forest Service	High: 1-2 years	Forest Service
Invasive species	Establish vehicle wash stations and livestock decontamination corrals at key entrance locations (<i>especially at lakes</i>) as a means to be certified weed free.	Reduce the threat of new infestation of aquatic and terrestrial invasive species	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine where to place the stations 2. Secure funding 3. Establish stations 4. Develop public awareness and enforcement campaign 	Moderate	Sawtooth Society with Custer, Blaine, and Boise Counties	High: 1-3 years	Sawtooth Society

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Invasive species	Develop an extensive, coordinated approach with residents, visitors and other volunteers to control existing infestations of aquatic and terrestrial invasive species	Increase the awareness, and control the spread, of existing invasive species	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop an education program (<i>including widely distributed education sheet regarding weed-free hay</i>) 2. Train volunteers 3. Determine work zones and needs 4. Create a work plan with assignments, control methods and monitoring 5. Enlist volunteers and implement the work plan 	Low-Moderate	County Weed Management Areas with Sawtooth Society	High: 1-3 years	CWMA
Wild places	Lease/purchase water rights, and acquire additional water through legal and administrative changes, to increase in-stream flow	Restore the aquatic ecosystem throughout the Sawtooth NRA by restoring in-stream flows to natural levels	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify water needs and priorities 2. Identify opportunities to acquire water 3. Develop proposals 4. Secure funding/legal and admin procedures 5. Implement 	High	National Marine Fisheries Service with Idaho Department of Water Resources	Moderate: Ongoing	IDFG, NMFS, and FWS
Wild places	Close existing motorized infrastructure on Railroad Ridge (and restore to natural condition)	Protect a key and unique ecosystem by reducing human presence on Railroad Ridge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop proposal with stakeholders 2. Complete analysis of proposal 3. Make decision and implement 	Moderate	Sawtooth NRA	Moderate: 3-5 years	Forest Service
Wild places	Stop development of lots along lower Valley Creek in Stanley by purchasing and/or exchanging lands and/or development rights.	Protect riparian and floodplain habitats from development in the Valley Creek floodplain.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify needs and priorities 2. Identify opportunities to acquire land 3. Develop proposals 4. Secure funding 5. Implement 	high	NGO with County Government	High: Ongoing	Forest Service
Invasive species	<i>Develop check-list for horse camps regarding use of weed-free hay, wash stations, and other proper camping techniques to prevent invasive species</i>	<i>To provide positive education and enforcement of weed-free policies and camp etiquette</i>	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>
Fire	<i>Develop and implement a strategy to prevent a fire that burns off the entire east side of the Sawtooth Front Range</i>	<i>To protect critical scenic resources, as well as protect water quality and watershed stability</i>	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>

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Implementation	Identify and support an NGO to compete for funding from all sources, including those that do not allow government agencies to apply for their grants, to support efforts consistent with the Sawtooth NRA organic act, and Vision 20/20.	Fund a greater number of accomplishments completed on the ground and moving us more quickly to our desired conditions.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sawtooth NRA works with NGO to apply for available grant funding. 2. The program area within the Sawtooth NRA would complete most of the grant writing. 3. Agreements would be in place so that 100% of the funding obtained would go to completing work on the ground. 4. The Sawtooth NRA would need to develop strong partnerships with these organizations so that the process does not conflict with completing work on the ground 	Moderate	NGO	Moderate: 1-10 years	NGO and Sawtooth NRA