

Draft Natural, Sustainable Ecosystems Action Items

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Priority (Short)	Priority (Long)	Issue	Action	Purpose	Relative Cost to Implement	Implementation Leadership
1		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.	high	NGO with County Government
2		Wild places	Close existing motorized infrastructure on Railroad Ridge (and restore to natural condition)	Protect a key and unique ecosystem by reducing negative human impacts presence on Railroad Ridge	Moderate	Sawtooth NRA
3		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	Moderate	Sawtooth Society with Custer, Blaine, and Boise Counties
4		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	High	Forest Service
5		Invasive species	Develop response plans to specific land and water disturbances (e.g.: fire) that invite invasive species.	Reduce the threat of new infestations of aquatic and terrestrial invasive species	Low-Moderate	County Weed Management Areas with Sawtooth Society
6		Fire	Develop "personal responsibility" policy for new construction, and compliance of existing structures to appropriate fire protection 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	Low-Moderate	Custer County, Blaine County, Boise County
	1	Fire	Develop prescribed fire and wildland fire use plan (including NEPA consultation) for Sawtooth NRA	Integrate fire back into the natural, sustainable ecosystem.	Moderate - high	Forest Service
	2	Fire	Create defensible fire corridors/units near developments and facilities	Reduce the danger of property loss and facilitate wildland fire use	Moderate	Forest Service with local government

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	3	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	High	National Marine Fisheries Service with Idaho Department of Water Resources
	4	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	Low-Moderate	County Weed Management Areas with Sawtooth Society
	5	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	Low-Moderate	Idaho Department of Lands with Forest Service