



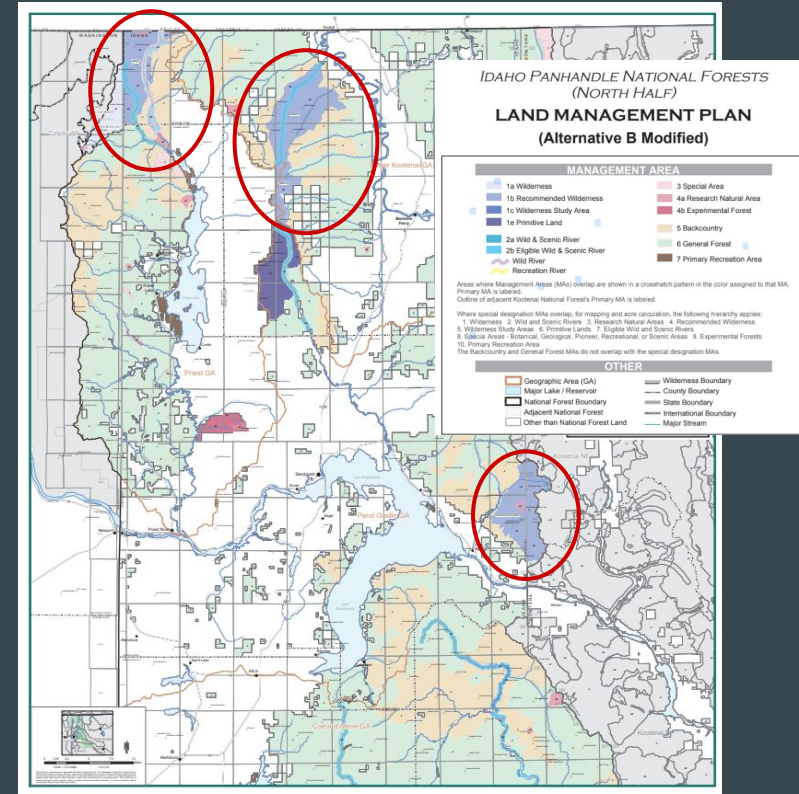
Potential North Idaho Lands Initiative

To enhance the ecological, recreation, and economic values of national forest lands in Bonner and Boundary Counties, Idaho.

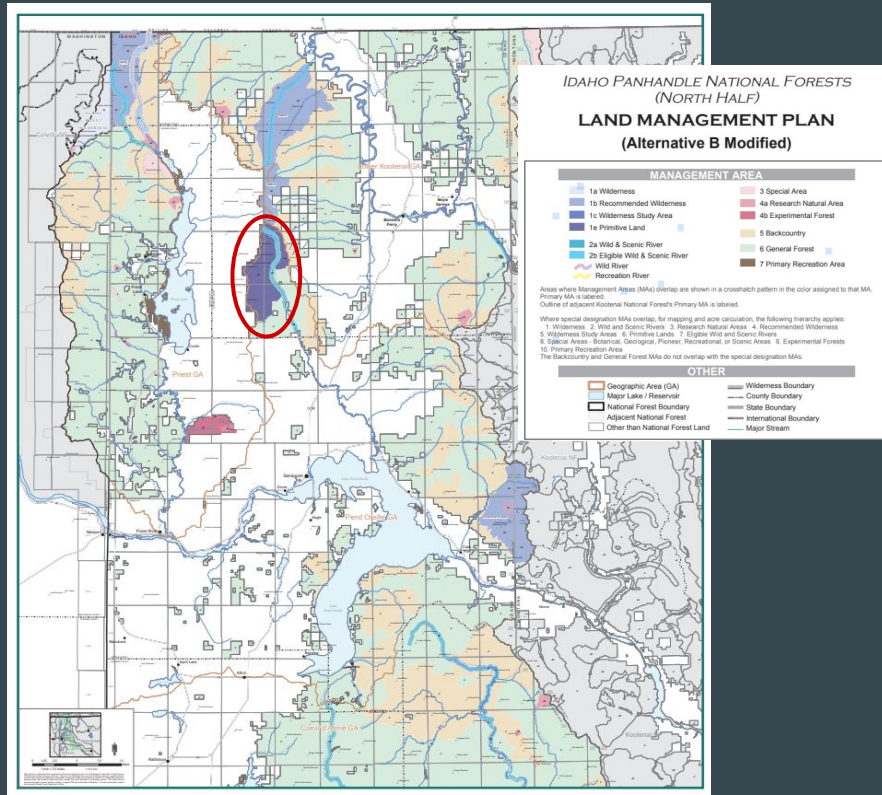
Purpose: Designate certain NFS lands as wilderness

The IPNF Land Management Plan (2015) recommended three areas for wilderness designation in the Sandpoint, Bonners Ferry and Priest Lake Ranger Districts:

- Salmo-Priest Wilderness Additions (18,600 acres)
- Selkirk (36,700 acres)
- Scotchman Peaks (14,000 acres in Idaho-more in Montana)



Purpose: Designate certain NFS lands for over-snow vehicle access



- The 2015 LMP administratively designated the Upper Pack River as a “Primitive” Management Area (19,730 acres), which allows over-snow vehicle access in the winter but prohibits summer motorized access.

Purpose: Secure public access and wildlife habitat

Some national forest trails begin on or cross lands owned by private timber companies. Through land exchanges, there is an opportunity to secure permanent public access or create new points of access. Land exchanges could also benefit wildlife.

Examples

- Red Top Trail 102
- West Fork Trail 347
- Myrtle Peak Trail 286
- Snow Lake Trail 185
- Bottleneck Lake Trail 186
- Lightning Creek snowmobile trailhead

Other purposes?

- Tribal provisions
- Other

Process

No process has been prescribed for this effort. Input from stakeholders will be essential to establishing a process that has buy-in and leads to success.



Outreach

Recreation

- Panhandle Winter Riders
- Boundary Backcountry Access
- Priest Lake Groomers Association
- Idaho Trails Association
- Pend Oreille Pedalers

Agriculture

- Elk Mountain Farms
- Smith Creek cattle ranchers
- Kootenai Valley farmers
- Farm Bureau

Tribes

- Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
- Kalispel Tribe
- Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Collaboratives

- Panhandle Forest Collaborative
- Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative

Timber/Forest Products

- Idaho Forest Group
- Molpus
- Manulife (formerly Hancock)

State and Local Agencies

- Idaho Fish and Game
- Idaho Department of Lands
- Governor's Office of Species Conservation
- City of Clark Fork
- Bonner County Natural Resources Committee
- City of Bonners Ferry

Conservation

- Selkirk Conservation Alliance
- Great Old Broads for Wilderness
- Trust for Public Land
- Conservation Voters for Idaho
- The Nature Conservancy
- Vital Ground
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Tentative Timeline



Questions?

