

51-5. BLACKFOOT RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA)

(to be completed in final draft)

Boundaries and ownership:

Boundaries: Boundaries are clearly marked

Ownership: Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Bureau of Land Management

Focal species using the site and timing of use:

Location of type 1 and 2 habitat within the site:

Functional Group	Type 1 Habitat	Type 2 Habitat
waterbirds	breeding colonies, open water & emergent vegetation	none
large waders	breeding colonies, emergent vegetation	rest of shoreline
waterfowl	open water, edges during breeding season	none
gulls and terns	breeding colonies, all areas	none

Access to the type 1 and 2 habitat and visibility of the birds:

Conservation issues:

Conservation measures taken, in progress, or proposed:

Past and current surveys:

Potential survey methods

Description

- Nest searches for grebes and other waterbirds nesting in the emergent vegetation in small colonies. A canoe is necessary for access.
- Colony counts for large waders, gulls, and terns.
- Census for waterfowl on the open water using a boat.

Selection bias:

Measurement error and bias:

Needed pilot studies:

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51-6. BLACKS CREEK RESERVOIR (IBA)

Boundaries and ownership:

Boundaries: Approximately 5 miles east of Boise on interstate 84. Take Blacks Creek Road exit south; approximately 5 miles. Includes whole reservoir, approximately 250 acres in size.

Ownership: Bureau of Land Management, Private

Focal species using the site and timing of use:

During the spring and summer, waterbirds (Western and Clark's Grebe, Eared Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, American Coot, Franklin's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull), shorebirds (American Avocet, Black-necked Stilt, Wilson's Phalarope, Spotted Sandpiper, Killdeer, Long-billed Curlew), and waterfowl (Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Redhead) are present. Abundant mudflats are present at certain seasons, and this is a migration stopover site for various waterfowl.

Location of type 1 and 2 habitat within the site:

Functional Group	Type 1 Habitat	Type 2 Habitat
waterbirds	open water & emergent vegetation	none
large waders	shoreline	
waterfowl	open water	none
shorebirds	exposed mudflats during spring/fall migration	rest of shoreline

Access to the type 1 and 2 habitat and visibility of the birds:

This site is easily accessed by the public. Numerous dirt roads and two-tracks surround the reservoir. Most birds can easily be observed and surveyed from a turnout along Blacks Creek Rd. All birds are quite visible from either the turnout or surrounding dirt roads. Vegetation does not seem to be an issue.

Conservation issues:

- Potential introduced plants/animals
- Potential excessive soil erosion/degradation
- Potential recreational development/overuse
- Potential disturbance of birds
- Serious drought problems
- Potential residential/commercial development
- Illegal shooting of nongame birds is a problem during hunting season

Conservation measures taken, in progress, or proposed: None at this time

Past and current surveys: Not known

Potential survey methods

Description:

- a. Census for waterfowl on the open water from shoreline.
- b. Area searches for migrating shorebirds from shoreline.

Selection bias: N/A – the entire reservoir can easily be surveyed