

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1271

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 58, IDAHO
3 CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 58-302, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE A
4 TERM, TO REQUIRE APPLICANTS FOR STATE GRAZING LEASES TO SUBMIT GRAZING
5 MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH PROPOSALS AND TO
6 PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.

7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Chapter 3, Title 58, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
9 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
10 ignated as Section 58-302, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

11 58-302. GRAZING MANAGEMENT PLANS. (1) As used in this section, "graz-
12 ing management plan" means a written agreement between the lessee and the de-
13 partment of lands, or between the lessee and another public agency and ap-
14 proved by the department, designed to meet the resource objectives identi-
15 fied by the department, including any criteria provided by the department in
16 rule.

17 (2) All applicants for state grazing leases shall submit a grazing man-
18 agement proposal that addresses resource concerns, as identified by the de-
19 partment, no later than the deadline to apply for the lease.

20 (3) Provided however, a current lessee with a grazing management plan
21 in place is not required to submit a grazing management proposal pursuant to
22 this section unless:

23 (a) The department of lands makes a written request for a new grazing
24 management proposal from the current lessee; or

25 (b) The current lessee desires to modify the existing grazing manage-
26 ment plan, in which case a written request with the modified management
27 proposal must be submitted no later than the deadline to apply for the
28 lease.