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SITE REPORT - STAR VALLEY, STUMP CREEK, AND CROW CREEK

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Historic-site reports contain information designed to assist in two preservation functions. One is preservation planning at the local level. The other is the work of federal agencies in carrying out their responsibilities to comply with historic-preservation requirements prescribed by federal statutes and regulations. These reports summarize local archaeological, historical, and geographical contexts; existing surveys of historic sites; architectural, engineering, industrial; and other cultural resources; and available maps and literature concerning each area. Natural geographical, rather than governmental, boundaries have been used to identify seventy-two areas that vary greatly in size. Site reports reflect a broad cultural and geographical disparity characteristic of diverse regional components found in Idaho, but the areas are designed to incorporate cultural elements of immediate local significance that need to be taken into account for preservation planning.

1. Geographical context: Stump Creek, with an important early salt mine, provided a route for Lander's Road, and Crow Creek gives access for US 89 from Montpelier to Star Valley, which mostly is in Wyoming. A ranching valley below Forest Service lands, this area ranges in elevation from to 9,131 feet at Draney Peak.

2. Prehistory and significant archaeological sites:

3. Cultural resource surveys and archaeological literature:

4. Historical summary: Major historical episodes include

1. Exploration and fur trade, 1819-1858

2. Emigrant traffic, 1859-1866

3. Oneida Salt Works, 1866-1878

4. Mormon settlement, 1879-1906

5. Forest Service administration, 1906-1919

6. Transportation improvements and farm depression, 1920-1932
7. New Deal and wartime adjustment, 1933-1945
8. Contemporary life, 1946-
5. Historical documentation and literature:
6. Historic sites inventory:
7. Industrial archaeological and engineering sites literature:
8. Architectural resources:
9. Geological Survey Maps available:
10. Cultural resource management recommendations: