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## Contractor selected to promote Federal Lands Task Force recommendations

(Boise...February 5) Following a competitive process, the Boise Law firm of Perkins Coie LLP, has been selected by the State Board of Land Commissioners to promote implementation of recommendations made by the Idaho Federal Lands Task Force.

The task force, which was appointed by the Land Board in 1996 to examine issues of federal land management in Idaho, has recommended five pilot projects to evaluate alternative approaches to management of federal lands in Idaho. The projects are designed to attain other land management goals and objectives, and to create opportunities for more effective public participation in resource management decisions. All of the projects feature long-range plans, environmental impact analyses, and public involvement.

Perkins Coie LLP, has been tasked with developing a strategy and action plan for implementing the findings and recommendations of the Federal Lands Task Force Working Group. This will include building a broader understanding amongst the public and Congress regarding the pilot projects, building active support for the recommendations amongst educators, sportsmen and other key interest groups, and coordinating Idaho's efforts with similar efforts across the country. They will also work with Idaho's congressional delegation to develop draft federal legislation and a strategy for enactment.

Further information concerning the Idaho Federal Lands Task Force may be obtained by contacting the Idaho Department of Lands, 954 W. Jefferson St., Boise, Idaho 83702.