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From: State Director

Subject: Land Health and NEPA Training November 7-9, 2000

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Attached is the final agenda for the Land Health and NEPA Training which will be held November 7-9, 2000, in Sacramento. The State Office is planning on funding attendees' travel and per diem for the training. The workshop will be held at Howard Johnson Hotel, 3343 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento. Directions to the hotel are attached. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Howard Johnson Hotel for those attending the workshop at a lodging rate of \$69.00/night. If you haven't already done so, you will need to make your own reservations. The phone number is (916) 366-1266. Mention you are attending the "BLM Rangeland Meeting" when making your reservations. Interdisciplinary teams working on rangeland health assessments should plan on attending. At a minimum, one representative from each Field Office should plan to attend.

Pre-work is required for this training session. Each Field Office should provide Jack Mills or Dianna Brink by close of business on **October 27, 2000**, with an example of their best NEPA document for grazing permit issuance. These will be used as case study examples as part of the NEPA training. In addition, if you have any questions related to the "Interpreting Indicators of Rangeland Health" methodology for rangeland health assessments please send questions to Dianna Brink by October 27, 2000. She will compile these questions for Mike Pellant prior to the training.

If you have any questions about the training or travel expenses, please call Dianna Brink at 916-978-4638.

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Attachment-Land Health and NEPA Training Agenda (4 pp)

Land Health and NEPA Training

November 7, 8, and 9, 2000

Howard Johnson's, Sacramento, California

Tuesday, November 7, 2000

8:00 am	Welcome	Mike Poole
8:15 am	Housekeeping	Dianna Brink
8:20 am	Field Office Introductions	Participants
8:30 am	History of Grazing	Dick Mayberry WO Range Staff
9:00 am	WO Perspective 2001	Dick Mayberry
9:45 am	Break	
10:00 am	How is California moving toward land health	John Willoughby and Jack Mills
11:30 am	Lunch	
12:30 pm	Interpreting Indicators of Rangeland Health	Mike Pellant BLM Rangeland Ecologist
3:00 pm	Break	
3:15 pm	Develop an Interdisciplinary Monitoring Strategy: setting priorities and how to use the data effectively	John
4:30	Close out	

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Wednesday, November 8, 2000

8:00 am	Results of California Grazing Permit/Lease Renewal Technical Program Review (TPR)	Dianna
8:15 am	Purpose of EA template	Jack
8:30 am	Chapter--1 Purpose and Need: Introduction Need for Action Plan Conformance Relationship to statues, regulations, and plans (ESA, cultural resources, bio- regional plans, fundamentals of rangeland health) Rangeland Health Standards and Guidelines Chapter 2--Proposed Action and Alternatives Proposed Action including monitoring No Action Alternative No Grazing Alternative Other Alternatives Chapter 3--Affected Environment General Setting Description Map Affected Resources Chapter 4--Environmental Consequences Impacts of the proposed action (direct, indirect, and cumulative affects) Impacts of all alternatives Critical Elements Mitigation measures Residual impacts Chapter 5--Consultation and Coordination Persons and agencies consulted Results of scoping to interested parties Practical suggestions and tips for writing NEPA documents	Jack and Dianna
2:30 pm	Vehicles leave for the Cosumnes Preserve	
3:15 pm	Tour the Cosumnes Preserve	
4:30 pm	Dinner at the Preserve	
6:30 pm	Return to Hotel	

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Thursday, November 9, 2000

8:00 am	Emphasis on Developing Land Use Plans, Increased Workloads and Timeframes	Jack
8:30 am	Review of Fundamentals of Rangeland Health and Standards and Guidelines for Grazing Administration--4180 Handbook	Dick Mayberry
9:15 am	FY 2001 Budgets/dollars	Dianna
9:30 am	Management Information System (MIS)	Dale Buffaloe
10:00 am	Break	
10:15 am	Other Important and Miscellaneous Topics Permits expiring in FY 2001 Decision Making and Taking Actions	Dianna John and Dianna
11:30	Lunch	
12:30	Other Important and Miscellaneous Topics Continued Levels of analysis--What is appropriate and to what depth Lotus Notes Rangeland Standards and Guidelines	John and Dianna John
2:00 pm	Grazing Decisions Substance	John Payne
3:00 pm	Break	
3:15 pm	Group Topics and Discussion	
5:00 pm	Close	

**Directions to the Howard Johnson Hotel
3343 Bradshaw Road
Sacramento, CA
(916) 366-1266**

From the East:

West bound Highway 50 take the Bradshaw Exit. At the stop light, turn left and go over the over past. Hotel will be on the left.

From the West:

East bound Highway 50 take the Bradshaw Exit. At the light, turn right. Hotel will be on the left.

From the Sacramento International Airport:

Take Highway 5 south towards Sacramento. Watch for South Lake Tahoe and Placerville exits. Take the South Lake Tahoe/Placerville exit. You will now be on Highway 50. Follow directions from the west.