

Appendix 7

Relinquishment Policy

Upon receipt of a voluntary relinquishment, the following actions would be taken in accordance with current grazing regulations and current BLM policy (See http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/info/regulations/Instruction_Memos_and_Bulletins/national_instruction/2007/im_2007-067__.html)

1. Coordinate with the permittee regarding alternatives to relinquishment and make changes to the existing permit as appropriate.
2. Upon receipt of a properly executed letter of relinquishment:

Determine if Rangeland Health Standards are being met on the allotment.

If Standards **are not** being met, then administrative actions may be made to either adjust the management of permitted livestock or if the allotment is not suitable for livestock grazing, then a Land Use Plan Amendment may be made to allocate the forage to uses other than livestock grazing.

If Standards **are** being met, then one or more of the following actions would take place:

1. Issue a grazing permit to a different applicant
2. Stock with livestock from another allotment with unmet resource objectives.
3. Combine with another adjacent allotment that has unmet resource objectives.
4. Continue livestock grazing on the allotment but not recognize an individual with the preference to the forage (forage reserve).
5. Amend or revise the Land Use Plan, allocating acquired livestock grazing capacity to other resource needs.