

APPENDIX 5: ALLOTMENT PRIORITY CATEGORIZATION

Since the early 1980's grazing allotments have been assigned to one of three categories, based upon current resource conditions and the potential for improvement. This categorization has served as a method for the BLM to determine which allotments should have the most management attention. Each allotment is to be reviewed at least annually to determine if the categorization is still appropriate for the particular allotment based on monitoring or other information. If not, the Area Manager is to reassign the allotment to the appropriate category. The following table shows the number of allotments in each Resource Area, and their current category. The categories are described following the table.

Resource Area	Management Priority Categories			Total Allotments
	I	M	C	
Redding	3	12	23	38
Clear Lake	3	2	10	15
Arcata	5	2	4	11
Eagle Lake	21	13	23	57
Surprise	26	4	22	52
Alturas	22	24	111	157
Bishop	12	18	30	60
Folsom	8	6	51	65
Caliente	82	12	19	113
Hollister	31	24	26	81
TOTAL	213	117	319	649

(1) Category "I" (Improvement) allotments generally have potential for increasing resource production or conditions, but are not producing at that potential. There may be conflicts or controversy involving resource conditions and uses, but there are realistic opportunities to enhance resource conditions.

(2) Category "M" (Maintain) allotments are in satisfactory resource condition and are producing near their potential under existing management strategies. There are little or no known resource use conflicts or controversies.

(3) Category "C" (Custodial) allotments usually consist of relatively small acreage or parcels of public land. They are often, but not always, intermingled with larger amounts of non-federally owned lands. There should be no known resource conflicts involving use or resource conditions. Usually opportunities for positive economic return from public investments are limited in these allotments.