

BLM NPR-A Regional Mitigation Strategy

Preliminary Criteria for Ranking Regional Mitigation Actions

Relationship to Impacts

1. How do stakeholders rate the importance of the impact the proposed action seeks to mitigate?
2. Will the proposed action mitigate more than one impact? If so, which others, and how important are they to the stakeholders?
3. To what degree is there a nexus between the proposed mitigation and residual impacts of oil and gas development in northeast NPR-A?

Feasibility and Effectiveness

4. To what degree will the proposed action mitigate the impact(s)?
5. Is the proposed action feasible?
6. What is the relative risk that the mitigation action might fail? Is the risk acceptable?

Durability and Additionality

7. How durable is the outcome (i.e. what will remain when the funds run out and what outside forces threaten long-term success)?
8. Is the proposed action additive (i.e. something that would otherwise not get done by the BLM or some other entity)?

Proximity

9. Is the proposed location for the mitigation action sufficiently close to the area affected by the development?

Unique Characteristics

10. Are there unique characteristics associated with the proposed action that are not addressed by other criteria (e.g. unique/valuable resources or features, unique species assemblages)?

Other Suggested Criteria?