

# BLM's Mitigation Hierarchy and Unavoidable Impacts

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# BLM's Mitigation Hierarchy

- ***Avoidance***
  - Exclusion and non-developable areas
- ***Minimization***
  - Application of design features
  - Requirement to follow applicable laws and regulations
  - Adoption of monitoring and adaptive management
- ***Offset***
  - Mitigation/compensation for unavoidable impacts ***after*** application of avoidance and minimization measures

# Unavoidable Impacts

- *Unavoidable Impacts are impacts that cannot be avoided or minimized.*

## ***Goal of Regional Mitigation Planning:***

*For unavoidable impacts, the BLM will consider the implementation of measures to offset (or mitigate) impacts with the goal of ensuring viability of resources over time.*