



Grand Junction Field Office Approved RMP FACT SHEET: Air Quality

Through actions and allocations in the Approved RMP, the Grand Junction Field Office would ensure authorized uses on BLM-administered lands are in compliance with applicable Colorado and National Ambient Air Quality Standards as well as federal, state and local air quality laws, rules, regulations and implementation plans.

The BLM based its air quality mitigation on a detailed analysis using the best available emissions data. This initial analysis, which is called a near-future analysis, looks at the expected oil and gas development and other activities that could impact air over the next several years such as prescribed fire.

The BLM will continue to monitor emissions and air quality annually in cooperation with the Environmental Protection Agency, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and other federal agencies.

Mitigation measures will be modified if future monitoring and modeling show it is necessary.

The BLM initiated a detailed, regional air quality modeling effort in the Grand Junction area through the Western Colorado Air Resource Management Modeling Study.

As specific oil and gas development projects are proposed, the BLM may conduct additional project-specific air modeling. Air modeling is currently being conducted for several oil and gas projects on BLM and U.S. Forest Service lands within the area such as the Fram oil project near Whitewater. Modeling results, impact analysis and mitigation decisions will be presented in the corresponding environmental impact analysis documents for these projects.

Air quality monitoring and modeling data gathered will be available to the public and other agencies. Air quality monitoring and modeling information can be found at the following BLM Colorado State Office website: http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Information/nepa/air_quality.html.