

Drought/Grazing Breakout Group  
Notes 2.14.13

RAC-member recommendations:

- Drought issues due to fossil fuels – BLM needs to move to a looking at long-range outlook on how they are managing the land.
- Need to seize opportunities to improve rangeland health. For example, introduce drought resistant native plants throughout reclamation.
- Fires lead to high carbon release. Fire may also have major effects on grazing permits for multiple years.
- BLM should take a 10-year look at grazing.
- Permittee should know what she/he will be permitted the next year right after they are done with the current year. Permittees need/want advance notices for grazing actions.
- The BLM/permittee should reduce the amount of time an area is grazed, or limit the intensity of grazing.
- The BLM should develop more water sources, like springs.
- Ranchers need to move livestock through the range more to reduce erosion.
- The BLM must/should pull from a number of data sources and past experiences to draw from when making decisions.
- Ranchers need more education about the effect of drought. The BLM should work with ranchers to provide that outreach to them.
- Evaluate how wild horses are managed taking into consideration the effects of drought.