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To: All State Directors (except Alaska and Eastern States)

From: Director, National Operations Center

Subject: National Rangeland Inventory, Monitoring, and Evaluation (RIME) Report
DD: October 17, 2008

Program Area: Rangeland Management

Purpose: The National Operations Center is collecting information for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 RIME Report.

Policy/Action: The RIME report is to be completed in accordance with policy contained in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Handbook H-4400-1 (Release 4-98 and 4-100), and the BLM Manual Handbook 4180-1 (Release 1-107, dated January 19, 2001). The changes agreed upon at the FY 2004 Inventory and Monitoring/Range Program State Leads Meeting will necessitate changes be made to the BLM Handbook H-4400-1 (not yet achieved).

The RIME report contains seven tables, but as part of the streamlining, the field/district office (FO/DO) and state office (SO) will only need to supply data for five of the tables. For part of Table 1, "Ecological Site Inventory (ESI) Summary," acres inventoried this FY will be collected from the Management Information System (MIS). Therefore, it is imperative that the SO input this data into the MIS in a timely manner. For Table 2A, "Rangeland Inventories," the total acres available to be inventoried will be obtained from the Rangeland Administration System (RAS). For Table 2B, "ESI," the total ESI acres will now only include the acres that were actually categorized to seral stage; ESI acres categorized to Unclassified, in historic RIME reports, will no longer be included in Table 2B. ESI acres in Tables 2A and 1 will rely on the acres reported in Table 2B. Table 3 contains data on monitored rangeland trend. Table 4 contains data on M, I, and C categories of allotments. Table 5 contains information on allotment monitoring. Table 6 contains information on allotment management plans. Tables 4 and 6 will be obtained from the RAS. Table 7 contains data on current year and cumulative achievements of the BLM's Land Health Standards. In summary, the FO/DO and SO will only need to submit data for some of Table 1, most of Table 2A, and the entirety of Tables 2B, 3, 5, and 7.

Please consolidate the FO/DO data, complete, and e-mail the state Excel spreadsheet to Mike “Sherm” Karl at Sherm_Karl@blm.gov. If the FO/DO or SO spreadsheets need to be resent, contact Sherm Karl at the contact information shown below.

Timeframe: This Instruction Memorandum (IM) is effective upon receipt. The due date for state submissions is October 17, 2008.

Budget Impact: The effect of this IM on the budget is minimal because the required tasks have been reduced and no additional data are being requested, in comparison to previous years.

Background: The current format of the RIME report reflects the streamlining changes agreed upon at an FY 2004 Inventory and Monitoring/Range Program State Leads Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. To assist in compiling the FY 2008 RIME report, Microsoft Excel spreadsheets for FO/DO use and for SO use are to be completed. Each state lead should be able to reuse spreadsheets used in FY 2007 by replacing 2007 data with 2008 data as no changes have been made in the past year regarding data required and spreadsheet format.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: The BLM Handbook H-4400-1 (Release 4-98 and 4-100), and the BLM Manual Handbook 4180-1 (Release 1-107, dated January 19, 2001).

Coordination: Preparation of this IM was coordinated with State Rangeland Management Program Leads and State Inventory and Monitoring Leads.

Contact: If you have any questions regarding this IM, please contact Sherm Karl, Inventory and Monitoring Specialist, Division of Resource Services at 303-236-0166.

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