

Appendix L: Livestock Screening Criteria

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L. Screening Criteria Checklist For Ten Year Grazing Permit / Lease Renewal and Transfers

To determine if a proposed renewal or transfer is applicable, the following screening criteria should be applied. If the answer to every question here is NO, the proposed renewal or transfer qualifies and NEPA compliance can be achieved by preparing a Documentation of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) that references the Billings/Pompeys Pillar RMP EIS. However, if the answer to any question is Yes, the proposal represents an exception and an individual Environmental Analysis (EA) should be prepared.

1. Do any of the Departmental Categorical Exclusion Exception Criteria apply?

Would the proposed action:

- Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety?
- Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks?
- Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources?
- Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?
- Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?
- Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?
- Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Place?
- Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species?
- Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).
- Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?
- Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).

- Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)
2. **Is the proposed renewal or transfer on an allotment not meeting Range Health Standards? (This would vary by alternative.)**
 3. **Will the proposed renewal or transfer require a change to the mandatory terms and conditions of the expiring or transferring permit / lease?**
 4. **Would the proposed renewal or transfer negatively impact crucial/critical wildlife habitat?**
 5. **Would the proposed renewal or transfer negatively impact any known Threatened or Endangered (BLM sensitive - special status?) species habitat?**

You must be able to provide documentation or rationale to support all **No** answers, if necessary.