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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR RANGELAND HEALTH DETERMINATIONS

CROOKED CREEK PLANNING AREA LAND HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

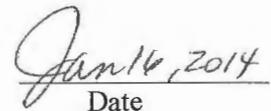
Based on the recommendations of the interdisciplinary team members listed in Chapter 5, and review of data and other relevant information, I have determined that 20 allotments in Appendix A meet all five of the Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management for the Lewistown Field Office.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 4180.2(c), the Authorized Officer shall take appropriate action as soon as practicable but not later than the start of the next grazing year upon determining that existing grazing management practices or levels of grazing use on public lands are significant factors in failing to achieve the standards. Appropriate action means implementing actions that will result in significant progress toward fulfillment of the standards. Practices and activities subject to standards and guidelines include the development, modification, or revision of allotment management plans, establishment of terms and conditions of permits, leases and other grazing authorizations, and range improvement activities such as vegetation manipulation, fence construction and development of water.

BLM Manual Handbook H-4180-1, Rangeland Health Standards Handbook, provides guidance for conducting watershed-based Land Health Assessments. It states "If the Land Health Standards are not being achieved because of a causal factor other than current livestock grazing management, you must consult other program guidance for the appropriate steps to be taken to ensure that progress toward meeting Standards is made."



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