

APPENDIX A

Elko District BLM Drought Monitoring Worksheet

Allotment/Pasture Name:
 Key Area/UTM Location:
 Ecological Site ID:
 Observers:
 Date:

Climatic Conditions
 Is the area you are currently in being affected by drought conditions: Yes ___ No ___
 If yes, what is the U.S. Drought Monitor Intensity: _____ RAWs precipitation totals: _____ VegDRI status: _____

Forage
 Is there adequate forage available to support livestock, wildlife, and/or wild horses?
 Yes ___ No ___
 Plant Vigor (If observable; do plant height, leaf, length/width, and color indicate strong vigor?):
 Yes ___ No ___
 Are leaves of shrubs lost or dead?
 Yes ___ No ___
 If yes, does this area have winter time sheep grazing?
 Yes ___ No ___

Water
 Is there adequate water available to support livestock, wildlife, and/or wild horses?
 Yes ___ No ___
 Are riparian areas being negatively impacted by livestock, wildlife, and/or wild horses more than normal? Yes ___ No ___
 If riparian areas are being negatively impacted, are sensitive fish or wildlife being affected?
 Yes ___ No ___
 If yes, is the wildlife threatened or endangered?
 Yes ___ No ___

Monitoring Information
 Photographs taken? Yes ___ No ___
 NRCS Soil Water State Classification: Depth 1 _____ Depth 2 _____ (Optional) Depth 3 _____
 Utilization of upland perennial grasses? Slight Use (1-20%) ___ Light Use (21-40%) ___ Moderate Use (41-60%) ___ Heavy Use (61-80%) ___ Severe Use (81-100%) ___
 Utilization of riparian grasses/rushes/sedges? Slight Use (1-20%) ___ Light Use (21-40%) ___ Moderate Use (41-60%) ___ Heavy Use (61-80%) ___ Severe Use (81-100%) ___ Not Applicable at this Site ___
 (Optional) Line point intercept: Bare Ground (%) ___ Litter (%) ___ Rock (%) ___ Perennial Plants (%) ___ Annual Plants (%) ___ Shrubs (%) ___

Final Determinations
 Is this area being affected by ongoing drought conditions? Yes ___ No ___
 Has perennial vegetation in this area been heavily grazed (>60%)? Yes ___ No ___
 Are soils susceptible to increased/accelerated erosion? Yes ___ No ___
 Do soils have adequate moisture to support plant communities? Yes ___ No ___
 If applicable, are riparian areas being negatively impacted because of drought conditions? Yes ___ No ___

Stakeholder Comments/Recommendations

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