COMMITTMENT OF RESOURCES REVIEW INSTRUCTIONS

A Commitment of Resources Review (CRR) should be completed prior to and incorporated in any and all NEPA documents relating or pertaining to the proposed development of waters by non-BLM entities on public lands. The public benefit(s) should be clearly identified and justified.

Proposals based on the following rationale would generally be approved. (Water developments will not be required to meet all six criteria in order to provide benefit to the public. However, water developments shall be in the public interest before being approved to proceed.)

1. Improve distribution of livestock away from sensitive riparian areas, and/or;
2. Protect the habitat of aquatic dependant resources, and/or;
3. Protect water quality, and/or;
4. Improve the availability of waters for wildland fire suppression, and/or;
5. Promote meeting fundamentals of rangeland health, and/or;
6. Resolve other multiple use conflicts.

Proposals based on the following rationale would generally not be approved:

1. Conflict with attainment of resource objectives including, but not limited to, habitat protection of sensitive or listed species (sagegrouse, pygmy rabbit, etc), and/ or;
2. The primary objective is to provide water for adjacent private lands (consider a right-of-way authorization), and/or;
3. The project compromises compliance with laws, regulations, and direction set forth in resource management plans or land use plans, and/or;
4. They conflict with wild horse/burro management objectives.