



RANGE

Grazing

Vegetation

Invasive Species

GRAZING

1. Commonly Identified Issues

- Designating lands available for livestock grazing
- Allocating amount of forage for livestock grazing
- Creating and Using “Reserve Common Allotments”

2. Issues Usually Addressed Appropriately (Positive Performance)

- Rationale for Alternatives considered but not further analyzed (sometimes challenged anyway)

GRAZING

3. Opportunities for improvement in RMP/EIS

- Documenting coordination with adjoining Planning Areas
- Identifying where and how we may allow actions that will delay or preclude meeting land health standards (H-1601-1 pg, 22; MS 4180 .06E and .09)
- Making LUP and Implementation decisions in the same planning effort (H-1601-1, pg 30,31)

4. Issues of Consistency

- Use of terminology/vocabulary
 - Permit “retirement”
 - Allotment “closures”
 - Non-use, Active Use, Non-renewable use
 - Chiefly valuable, suitable for grazing
- Types and number of alternatives – What is a reasonable range of alternatives?
- List of alternatives considered but not further analyzed
- Explanation of data/information limits or availability

GRAZING

- **Proposed Grazing policy changes that relate to Planning**
 - Balancing the “framework” of the RMP with utility of implementation decisions and appropriate analysis
 - Use RMP to identify criteria used to set priorities
 - Identify process for changing priorities (categories)
 - Identify and describe adaptive management processes
 - Use appropriate level of detail in RMP and NEPA document for low priority areas so that we only need new NEPA if proposing changes in mandatory terms and conditions that haven’t been addressed as an alternative or if substantial new information is available since the last NEPA
 - Issue implementation decisions for permits in low priority areas concurrent with LUP decision

VEGETATION

1. Commonly Identified Issues

- Identify areas of unique vegetation character (species, structure, age)
- Linking vegetation community goals and objectives to land health standards and ecological site descriptions
- Identify types of treatments that could be used to reach objectives

2. Issues Usually Addressed Appropriately

- Description of existing resources
- Appropriate Goals and Objectives

VEGETATION

3. Opportunities for improvement in RMP/EIS

- Avoid using utilization levels as goals or objectives
 - Manage plant utilization by all foraging species at a level that maintains plant health and protects watersheds.
- Quantify land health indicators and use as objectives
- Consider whether Multiple methods for describing vegetation condition (Land Health, Fire Regime Condition Class) is appropriate

4. Issues of Consistency

- Need to ensure coordination of management of wildlife habitat with adjoining district and field offices, particularly for wide ranging species such as sage-grouse
- List of alternatives considered but not further analyzed

INVASIVE SPECIES

1. Commonly Identified Issues

- Inventory and identification of existing populations
- Identifying vectors and Risk assessment of activities
- Identifying weed management areas, goals and objectives for management

2. Issues Usually Addressed Appropriately

- Identifying partnerships or development of partnerships for management
- Comparison of results of implementing alternatives

INVASIVE SPECIES

3. Opportunities for improvement in RMP/EIS

- Reference the **Vegetation Management EIS**

4. Issues of Consistency

- Types and number of alternatives
 - Usually limited
 - Noxious Weeds or Invasive plants?
- Identifying areas of concern
 - Existing areas (maps)
 - Areas most at risk (maps)