Proposed RMP and Alternatives – Management Common to the Proposed RMP and All Alternatives

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**INTRODUCTION**

The Proposed RMP and all alternatives within this RMP share several goals, objectives, standards, and guidelines that ensure protection of resources and compliance with applicable laws. In order to avoid redundancy within the Proposed RMP and alternatives, these types of guidance are categorized as "Management Common to All."

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES COMMON TO THE PROPOSED RMP AND ALL ALTERNATIVES**

- **Utah BLM Rangeland Health Standards**, described below, apply to all resource programs and authorized activities:
  - Upland soils exhibit permeability and infiltration rates that sustain or improve site productivity, considering the soil type, climate, and landform.
  - Riparian and wetland areas are in properly functioning condition. Stream channel morphology and functions are appropriate to soil type, climate, and landform.
  - Desired species, including native, threatened, endangered, and special-status species, are maintained at a level appropriate for the site and species involved.
  - The BLM would apply and comply with water quality standards established by the State of Utah (R317-2) and the Federal Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Acts. Activities on BLM lands would support the designated beneficial uses described in the Utah Water Quality Standards (R317-2) for surface water and groundwater.

**CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS**

Data reveal a substantial shift (either upward or downward) in both the timing and level of production of native rangelands, either planning-area-wide or on specific sites within the VPA, the BLM would initiate actions to ensure any permitted/allowed use of such resources would not adversely affect the long-term productivity of such areas.

**EDUCATION, INTERPRETATION, AND RESEARCH**

The BLM would work with its partners, including local school districts and universities to develop a variety of opportunities to promote education, research, and interpretation on public lands.

**FIRE, DROUGHT, AND NATURAL DISASTERS**

- The BLM would coordinate appropriate management responses (AMR) with affected parties where natural resources may be impacted by fire, drought, insects and diseases, or natural disasters. A variety of emergency or interim actions may be necessary to minimize land health degradations, such as reduced forage allocations; reductions in the number of livestock; wildlife; increased mitigation measures to ensure reclamation; limitations on energy field activities; and recreational uses.

**INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT**

- Appropriately manage noxious and invasive weeds and prevent introduction of new invasive species through the implementation of a comprehensive weed program per national guidance and local weed management plans, including coordination with partners; prevention and early detection; education; inventory and monitoring; and using the principles of integrated pest management.

- All projects that involve ground-disturbing activities should incorporate best management practices (BMPs) for control of weeds with an emphasis on prevention.

- Use of pesticides and herbicides shall comply with the applicable federal and state laws. Pesticides and herbicides shall be used only in accordance with their registered uses and within limitations imposed by the Secretary of the Interior.

- Prior to the use of pesticides, project proponents shall obtain from the Authorized Officer written approval of Pesticide Use Proposal, which is a plan showing the type and quantity of material to be used; pest(s) to be controlled; method of application;
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- Location of storage and disposal of containers, and any other information deemed necessary by the Authorized Officer. Emergency use of pesticides shall be approved in writing by the Authorized Officer prior to use. In addition, within 24 hours of any pesticide application, a Pesticide Application Record must be completed. A similar procedure is required for the release of biological control agents.

**MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS**

The VPA includes a wide array of geographical landscapes and ecosystems. The expansive nature of the RMP mandates a broad scale of decision-making.

**SURFACE STIPULATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL SURFACE-DISTURBING ACTIVITIES**

- Appendix K lists by alternative surface stipulations referred to throughout the Final RMP/EIS.
- Surface stipulations (including exceptions, modifications, and waivers), would be applied to all land use authorizations, permits, and leases issued on BLM-administered lands.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

- The goals and objectives described below apply to the Proposed Plan and Action Alternatives A, B, C, and E, not to the No Action Alternative D.D.
- Goals and objectives for Alternative D are contained in the 1994 Diamond Mountain RMP and the 1985 Book Cliffs RMP. Acreage figures for Alternative D may reflect different sum totals, as calculations were determined using different technology.