

Overarching RMP Goals/Vision

Add:

1. Implement multiple-use in a way that best serves our communities and society.
2. Incorporate indicators to be monitored using best available science to determine if desired future conditions are being met while minimizing any negative impacts to the social and economic health of the community.
3. Recognize the custom and culture of the local community and how to enhance this custom and culture while achieving the Resource Management Plan goals.
4. Recognize valid and existing rights that are present within the Little Snake Resource Management Plan.

RMP Resource Goals

Vegetation: (Add)

1. Provide a baseline of the current condition of vegetation for key ecosystem types (e.g., grasslands, sagebrush steppe, Douglas-fir forest, etc.)
2. Recognize BLM's multiple-use objectives and outcomes, identify the future desired condition of vegetation for key ecosystem types and what will it take to achieve this.
3. Identify indicators which should be monitored using best available science to determine if desired future conditions are being met.

Sagebrush Management

Identify areas of sagebrush habitat where strips of sagebrush are more beneficial to the habitat than large patches.

Riparian/Wetlands

Delete section B, and add identify ways to work with users to improve riparian areas.

Weed Management

Add: under B1 #2--BLM through the RMP needs to identify budget line item to participate financially in reducing the occurrence of noxious weeds and undesirable plant species. This process should be done on a landscape basis with participation from other users such as a partnership with the county, oil and gas industry, permittees, and other users.

Paleontological Resources

Add: Given the BLM's multiple use objectives and outcomes, identify archaeological, paleontological, and historical resource which should be protected in the Little Snake Resource Area. Recognize that certain significant areas should be protected, while meeting multiple use objectives.

Work in a cooperative effort with other users to protect significant areas while allowing the uses on that land to continue.

Minerals and Energy

Comment: This is very comprehensive and follows the general outline we providing in NWCOS scoping comments. The concern of maximize is answered in the second bullet point which states that it has to be environmentally sound.

Livestock Grazing

Add: Provide a desired outcome for the RMP for grazing which will sustain and enhance livestock grazing allotments.

Identify areas appropriate for livestock grazing and under what conditions.

Identify indicators which should be monitored using best available science to determine if desired future conditions are being met.

Lands and Realty

Add: Under C

Recognize RS2477 and Moffat County's roads, byways, trails and right of ways.

Fish and Wildlife Habitat

Delete the section on maintain large patches of sagebrush and replace with sustainable habitat for sagegrouse through adequate patches of sagebrush.

Add: Under D, Cooperate with the Colorado Division of Wildlife

Seek input from permittees on managing wildlife on public lands

Add: Under E Allow year round drilling on a limited basis in certain areas , working with the industry to enhance wildlife habitat.

Special Management Designations

Add: #5 Complete a map with the areas for WSA's, ACEC's, Research Natural Area, Special Recreation Management Areas, and Citizen's Proposed Wilderness Area, and the Horse Management Area.

Add a section on Socio-economic factors.

Establish the current contribution of the LSRA lands to local, state, and national socioeconomic conditions. Develop a program of how management decisions in the RMP will positively and/or negatively affect these socioeconomic values at the local, state, and national level.