



ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND NEPA: *WHERE DO WE GO AFTER THE GRASSLAND PLAN?*

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(The following are outline notes from Mr. McClung's presentation.)

Rangeland Management Direction in the Grassland Plan (Programmatic Planning Level)

- Consistency with Land and Resource Management Plan.
- Relationship of Land and Resource Management Plans to the Grazing Agreement/Permit.

Plan to Project Analysis

- Phases of Rangeland Management Planning.
- Relationship of Large Scale Assessments to Project Level Decisions.
- Determinations Made During Plan-to-Project Analysis.
- Identification of desired conditions.
- Identification of existing condition.
- Identification of resource management needs.
- Identification of information needs.
- Possible activities.
- Decision framework.
- Proposed action.
- Purpose and need.

The more you can do on the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) side, the longer that side of the triangle becomes and the shorter the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) side becomes.

Project-level Planning and NEPA Compliance

- Alternatives.
- Effects of alternatives.
- Documentation.

Integration of Other Legal Requirements Into the Decision-Making Process

- Section 504 of the Rescissions Act of 1995.
- Endangered Species Act (ESA).
- National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).
- Clean Water Act (CWA).

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Grazing Authorization

- Allotment Management Plans.
- Grazing Agreements/Permits.
- Annual Operating Instructions.

Monitoring

- Types of Monitoring.
- Monitoring and Evaluation Methods.
- Permittee Monitoring.



Thunder Basin Sunset. Photo: S. Yeats 2004.