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Dear Viewer:

Thank you for visiting the Bureau of Land Management Roswell Field Office's web page for the Public Land (Rangeland) Health Assessments. This is our effort to keep the public informed about our progress.

If you have not clicked on the "Summary" selection in the Health Assessments, we recommend you do so. The Summary is periodically updated as new assessments are added to the web page. Viewing this selection might save time if you regularly visit this portion of the web page.

BLM completed an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the New Mexico Standards for Public Land Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management in 2000. The Record of Decision (ROD), dated January 2001, adopted three Standards for Public Land Health. These are (1) Upland Sites Standard, (2) Biotic Communities, Including Native, Threatened, Endangered, and Special Status Species Standard and (3) Riparian Sites Standard.

The ROD also established a process for the BLM Field Offices for the implementation. Through a public participation process a Public Land Health workgroup was formed and developed indicators of rangeland health. The Roswell Field Office adopted these indicators to assess soil, hydrology and biotic attributes. The indicators are used in conjunction with existing monitoring data to assess the Standards. A multi-year schedule, based on watersheds and priorities was also developed to guide this effort.

Roswell's process for Public Land Health Assessments involves a site visit to evaluate a site using the indicators and existing monitoring data. If the evaluation determines a site is meeting the Standards, the determination, evaluation and supporting data are presented by allotment on the BLM Roswell Field Office web page.

If the evaluation determines a site does not meet the Standards, the determination, evaluation and supporting data are also shown by allotment on the web page. If a the site does not meet the Standards, the Roswell Field Office would then make a determination, with the participation of the work group, of causal factor or factors for the site. On the completion of this determination, this documentation of causal factors will be posted to this web page.

Again, thank you for visiting our web page. You may direct comments to edwin_roberson@nm.blm.gov or tim_kreager@nm.blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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