

Range Allotment Management Strategies

MONITORING PLAN BY RESOURCE	A. Range Utilization Studies	B. Rangeland Condition and Trend	C. Updating of Allotment Management Plans
Objective	Review Ranger District programs to determine appropriate livestock grazing levels to maintain proper vegetative conditions.	Determine if all rangelands are maintaining productivity, are in satisfactory or better condition, and have a static or improving trend in range condition. (This monitoring is in addition to District range program monitoring of condition and trend on allotments.)	Determine if allotment management planning meets the time frames identified in the LRMP and meets the standards for AMP development in Regional direction.
Source	Forest Standards and Guidelines.	Forest Standards and Guidelines.	Region 5 Allotment Planning Handbook.
Techniques/data sources	Monitor Ranger District progress in: (1) Conducting utilization studies during and after the grazing season. (2) Establishing utilization plots to evaluate forage production. (3) Reviewing grazing reports to determine total animal months produced. (4) Establishing and maintaining range condition and trend monitoring programs	(1) Document range condition, based on review of Ranger District condition and trend surveys that apply current, approved range analysis methods. (2) Review range condition assessments in District environmental analyses of projects that manipulate vegetation.	Review Ranger District progress in developing allotment management plans.
Precision/reliability	Moderate/Moderate.	High/Moderate.	Moderate/Moderate.
Minimum monitoring frequency	Review two Allotment Management Plans per Ranger District per year.	Evaluate utilization on each transect every five years.	Monitor progress in updating six AMPs annually for 15 years.
Standard of comparison	Utilization, and range condition and trend meeting standards given in the Forest Service Handbook, Forest Standards and Guidelines, and range allotment strategies meeting Management Area Direction, and allotment management plans.	Non-declining productivity, condition, and trend as described in FSH 2209.11.	Standards in the Forest Service Handbook and Forest Standards and Guidelines.
Variation from standard	None.	No measurable decline in range condition or any analysis that indicates declining trend.	As a minimum, meet the schedule developed for AMPs.
Responsible staff	Resources	Resources	Resources
Annual cost	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000