

ATTACHMENT 2 - IDAHO STANDARDS FOR RANGELAND HEALTH

The following section identifies the Standards for Rangeland Health, Idaho. The eight standards are listed with a description of each standard.

Standard 1 (Watersheds) – Watersheds provide for the proper infiltration, retention, and release of water appropriate to soil type, vegetation, climate, and landform to provide for proper nutrient cycling, hydrologic cycling, and energy flow.

Standard 2 (Riparian Areas and Wetlands) – Riparian-wetland areas are in properly functioning condition appropriate to soil type, climate, geology, and landform to provide for proper nutrient cycling, hydrologic cycling, and energy flow.

Standard 3 (Stream Channel/Floodplain) – Stream channels and floodplains are properly functioning relative to the geomorphology (e.g., gradient, size, roughness, confinement, and sinuosity) and climate to provide for proper nutrient cycling, hydrologic cycling, and energy flow.

Standard 4 (Native Plant Communities) – Healthy, productive, and diverse native animal habitat and populations of native plants are maintained or promoted as appropriate to soil type, climate, and landform to provide for proper nutrient cycling, hydrologic cycling, and energy flow.

Standard 5 (Seedings) - Rangelands seeded with mixtures, including predominately non-native plants, are functioning to maintain life form diversity, production, native animal habitat, nutrient cycling, energy flow, and the hydrologic cycle.

Standard 6 (Exotic Plant Communities, Other than Seedings) – Exotic plant communities, other than seedings, will meet minimum requirements of soil suitability and maintenance of existing native and seeded plants. These communities will be rehabilitated to perennial communities when feasible cost effective methods are developed.

Standard 7 (Water Quality) – Surface and ground water on public lands comply with the Idaho Water Quality Standards.

Standard 8 (Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals) – Habitats are suitable to maintain viable populations of threatened and endangered, sensitive, and other special status species.

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