

Exercise 5 – Analysis of the Management Situation

Purpose:

The purpose of this exercise is to familiarize yourself with the requirements for an analysis of the management situation (AMS) and with the AMS for your RMP, if it's been written.

The AMS should concisely describe current conditions and trends of the resources, uses, and activities in the planning area to provide information for the affected environment, provide the basis for the no action alternative, and create a framework from which to address the planning issues through development of alternatives.

At the end of this exercise, everyone on the RMP team, whether a BLM employee, contractor, or partner/stakeholder, should have a clear understanding of what an AMS is, what its purpose is, and (if yours is underway) what it says.

Instructions:

Individually...

1. Review the guidance for the AMS.
 - BLM Planning Handbook, section III.A.4.
 - BLM Planning Handbook, Appendix F-3
 - BLM Planning Regulations, 43 CFR 1610.4-4
2. If you have an AMS for your RMP, look at the table of contents to see what's included and how it's organized. Is it consistent with Appendix F-3?

As an interdisciplinary team...

1. Discuss whether your AMS is consistent with the guidance and with the lesson you just heard regarding the purpose and content of an AMS. Determine if any modifications are needed.
2. If you haven't started your AMS yet, then develop an outline and make assignments.

Approximate Time:

Individual tasks – 20 minutes

ID Team tasks – 45 minutes