

Glossary to the "EIEIO"

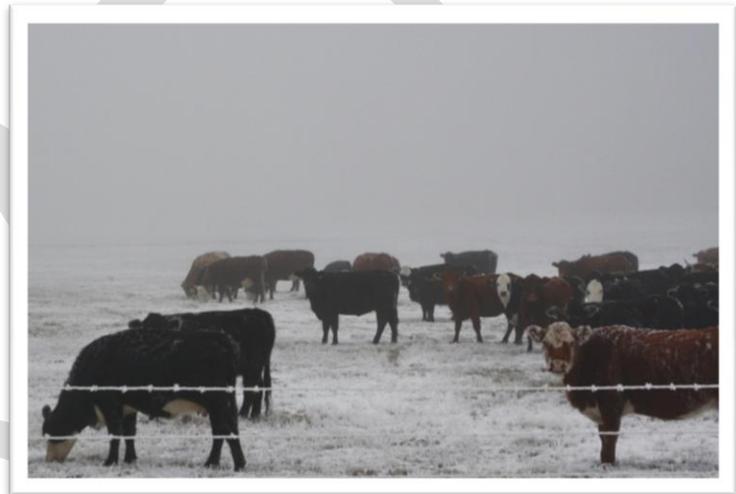
(from "Old MacDonalD," sorry)

Affected Interest- an individual (organization) that has expressed in writing a concern to the authorized officer for the management of livestock grazing on a specific allotment(s) and has been determined to be an affected interest.

Legal code: 43 CFR 4100.0-5

Allotment- land designated for livestock grazing

AMP- Allotment Management Plan, prepared in consultation with a permittee and affected interests. This must conform to the land use plan and maintain specific goals for that allotment . Legal code: 43 CFR 4100.0-5



AML- Appropriate Management Level, the number of animals the range can sustain. This is usually represented by two sets of numbers, a high and a low.

APHIS- Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, government agency under the USDA. This agency provides the veterinarians that are sometimes present at trap sites and holding areas for wild herds. This is from the APHIS website: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is a multi-faceted Agency with a broad mission area that includes protecting and promoting U.S. agricultural health, regulating genetically engineered organisms, administering the Animal Welfare Act and carrying out wildlife damage management activities. These efforts support the overall mission of USDA, which is to protect and promote food, agriculture, natural resources and related issues.

AUM- Animal Unit Month, this number is a representation for the equation of how many grazing animals can be on a piece of land. Technically amount of forage 800 lbs of animal (horse, cow, cow/calf pair, five sheep with lambs) needed for the period of one month.

Annual work plan- a BLM Resource areas annual budget

ACEC- Area of Critical Environmental Concern, public land where management is required to protect from irreparable damage important historical, cultural, fish and wildlife habitat, natural systems, or protect life and safety from natural hazards. Legal code 43 USC 1702 (a)

BLM- Bureau of Land Management, sits under the Department of Interior. Mandated by Congress to carry out the Wild Free roaming horse and burro act.

Categorical exclusion (CX) - actions that do not have a significant effect on the environment so they do not require an environmental assessment. Legal code: 40 CFR 1508.4

CRMP or RMP- Coordinated Resource Management plan., a management plan supposedly created through consensus process. They often do not result in any improvements in resource.

Cumulative impact- adding the impact of a proposed action to past, present and foreseeable future. Legal code: 40 CFR 1509.7

DOI- Department of Interior, oversees the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs among others. See "Family Tree" section of booklet for explanation.

EA- Environmental Assessment, public document prepared by a Federal agency to determine the need to prepare an EIS or find of no significant impact and to ensure NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) compliance when no EIS is prepared. Legal code: 40 CFR 1508.9

EIS- Environmental Impact Statement, detailed public document prepared by a Federal agency before deciding to take a proposed action that can have significant environmental impact. Legal code: 40 CFR 1502.1

Endangered species- plant, animal or fish that has immediate danger to their prospects for survival as determined by the Secretary of Interior, (Department of Interior or DOI).

FLPMA- Federal Land Policy and Management Act, passed in 1976 is referenced as the primary management responsibilities of the BLM. Copy viewable online through WildHorseEducation.org

FO-Field office, each state has district offices within the BLM. Each district office has field offices. For example the Owyhee HMA is in the Tuscarora field office of the Elko district overseen by the state office in Reno, Nevada.

FOIA- Freedom of Information Act, used to reference the procedural request a citizen must make to gain information that may not be readily available to the public. FOIA's must often be requested to gain information on contractors and even information on data used for decision making.

FONSI- Finding of no significant impact, presents, very briefly, in writing why an action will not significantly affect the environment and no EIS will be prepared. Legal code: 40 CFR 1508.13

Forage- all plants that are available for all grazing animals (even though grazers consume different plant species)

Freezemark- Alpha angle
freezemarking is done to the left side of a wild horse or burros neck after capture. This mark is a unique mark to identify an animal that contains the registering organization (U.S. Government), year of birth, and



registration number in a series of angles and symbols.

GPM- Gallons Per Minute, rate water is drawn from an aquifer. Example, the proposed mine has a GPM of 1,000.

Grazing lease- a document giving private livestock owners an ability to graze on public land.

HA- Herd Area, areas designated after 1971 for horses and burros on BLM land. Those lands were then decreased into HMA's for various reasons and the term HA now means an area that had horses on it in 1971 but has been "zeroed out." The original boundaries were arbitrary and did not take seasonal herd movement into account and set up one of the basic flaws that still exist in the system.

HMA- Herd Management Area- Areas where the BLM said management of wild horses and burros was possible due to a variety of reasons. We started with 303 and now have less than 180. Of those left more than 70% have populations that are no longer genetically viable.

HMP- Habitat Management plan, written plan for management of wildlife habitat in a specific area that may include grazing allotments.

IBLA- Interior Board of Land Appeals, arm of Department of Interior that gives the final decision on administrative appeals.

Kill buyer- person who purchases horses for export to slaughter.

Land use plan- basically the plan being followed until it is replaced by a Resource Management plan (RMP) that is developed according to rules in FLPMA.

Legal code: 43 CFR 1601.0-5

Livestock carrying capacity- greatest stocking rate possible without damaging vegetation. Varies year to year due to fluctuating forage and water.

LTH- Long term holding, facilities where the BLM warehouses wild horses. These facilities are paid for by the public, yet the public is denied access to these facilities and even the physical addresses.

Multiple Use- "management of public lands and their various resource values so that they are utilized in the combination that will best meet the present and future needs of the American people; making the most judicious use of the land for some or all of these resources...balanced and diverse resource uses that take into account long-term needs of future generations for renewable and non-renewable resources...and coordinated management of the various resources without permanent impairment of the productivity of the land and the quality of the environment...and not necessarily to...uses that will give the greatest economic return...". This phrase basically comes from the Federal Land Policy Management Act, read at www.WildHorseEducation.org "reading room."



NAS- National Academy of Sciences, Four organizations make up the Academies: the [National Academy of Sciences](http://www.nationalacademies.org), the [National Academy of Engineering](http://www.nationalacademies.org), the [Institute of Medicine](http://www.nationalacademies.org) and the [National Research Council](http://www.nationalacademies.org). In 2010 they have been asked to begin a study of the Wild horse and burro program. However the parameters for the study were set by the BLM, not the NAS after an initial evaluation.

NEPA- National Environmental Policy Act, Federal law governing how environmental impact statements and assessments are prepared. But it does not control how data for those documents is collected or the statistics derived from them.

Protest- a formal request made to a proposed or final decision. By law Federal land use plans can be protested.

PZP- PORCINE ZONA PELLUCIDA, birth control drug whose use is increasing rapidly on wild equid populations without data being kept during roundups that

illustrate miscarriage and death rates. Some studies indicate the current protocol for actual use of this drug may cause considerable behavioral destabilization of band structure.

RAC- Resource Advisory Council, usually 15 member advisory board that provides recommendation to BLM on land use plans. Every state has one and often the seats are filled with “public” members that represent special interests, livestock/mining, that operate on public land.

Range improvement- program designed to improve range conditions. Examples are to increase forage, stabilize soils, improve or provide water sources.

ROD- Record of Decision, written document of final decision to an action, ie, [This Record of Decision \(ROD\) approves the US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management’s \(BLM’s\) decision to facilitate geothermal leasing of the federal mineral estate in the 12 western states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.](#)

RNA- Research Natural Area, established for research and education.

RPS- Range Improvement Summary, written summary after completion of a land use plan to inform the public of range management objectives.



Sale Authority- was passed in an omnibus spending bill right before Thanksgiving recess for Congress in 2003. Conrad Burns is given the credit for making it legal for the BLM to sell wild horses without limitation, meaning to slaughter.

Sale lease- Congress has approved the “sale” of public lands to extractive and energy companies. These can be for as little as \$2.00 per acre.

Sensitive species- plant, animal or fish not listed as threatened or endangered but are undergoing review and may be listed.

Subleasing- leasing permits to operators that do not have BLM permits and is a relatively common practice.

Wild Horse and Burro

Advisory Board- “The National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board assists and advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, and the Secretary of Agriculture, through the U.S. Forest Service, on wild horse and burro issues. “ *taken from the BLM website.

