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**WORKSHEET FOR OCTOBER 19 NWCOS MEETING ON  
ASSUMPTIONS AND CRITERIA FOR THE IMPACT ANALYSIS**

*Facilitator Notes:*

- Please ensure you are looking at the October 14 version of the Assumptions and Criteria. This document can be found at: [http://nwcoss.org/Resources/BAH/Materials/LS\\_RMP\\_DRAFTsignificance\\_criteriaassumptions\\_14Oct05modified.pdf](http://nwcoss.org/Resources/BAH/Materials/LS_RMP_DRAFTsignificance_criteriaassumptions_14Oct05modified.pdf).
- We will address everyone's top three concerns at the meeting prior to addressing other ideas.

Name: Ann Oliver \_\_\_\_\_

**Your first (greatest) concern**

Topic: Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_

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Line: 33-34 \_\_\_\_\_

**Your concern with the text as written:**

**“Widespread replacement” is too high a standard. By the time you see widespread replacement, the battle is lost. I don’t understand the word “mitigate” in the context of invasive plants. How do you mitigate for weed invasion?**

**Your recommended new language:**

**Replacement or significant invasion (greater than 3% of given community, with patches >1 acre in size) of native communities with noxious and invasive weeds to the degree such invasions cannot be eradicated.**

**Your second concern**

Topic: Fish and Wildlife \_\_\_\_\_

Page: 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Line: 24 and 27 \_\_\_\_\_

**Your concern with the text as written:**

**Need to address short term and long term disturbance of habitat as well as long term loss of habitat.**

**Your recommended new language:  
Disturbance and/or loss of....**

**Your third concern**

**Topic: \_Special Status Species (e.g., ACECs, Energy and Minerals, Recreation, etc.  
Page: \_4\_\_\_\_\_  
Line: \_\_17\_\_\_\_\_**

**Your concern with the text as written:**

**In most cases, the “likelihood of reestablishment after disturbance, or actions resulting in the need to list a species under the ESA” is not known, due to lack of information on these species. Therefore it would be difficult to assess whether the likelihood is “little” or not.**

**Your recommended new language:**

**“The viability of protected plant populations would be jeopardized, with little, or unknown, likelihood of reestablishment....”**

**Your fourth concern**

**Topic: Special Status Species \_\_\_\_\_  
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Line: \_\_22\_\_\_\_\_**

**Your concern with the text as written:**

**Not just habitat but also individuals can be lost due to ground disturbance, especially in the case of sensitive plants.**

**Your recommended new language:**

**Ground disturbing activities could lead to direct loss of habitat and/or individuals, depending on the amount of area disturbed....**

**Your fifth concern**

**Topic:** Fire

**Page:** 5

**Line:** 22

**Your concern with the text as written:**

**Missing recognition of fire as an important, often critical, natural disturbance in several of the ecological systems in the LSFO.**

**Your recommended new language:**

Add the following assumption:

Fire is an important, functional, natural disturbance in many of the ecological systems found in the LSFO.

**Your sixth concern**

**Topic:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your concern with the text as written:**

**Your recommended new language:**

**Your seventh concern**

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**Your concern with the text as written:**

**Your recommended new language:**