

## FINAL

### NWCOS OVERARCHING RMP REQUIREMENTS/GOALS/VISION

(This document was agreed to by consensus at the June 15, 2005 NWCOS meeting.)

#### Statutory Requirements

- ✦ Abide by all existing applicable laws.
- ✦ Use and observe the principles of multiple use and sustainable yield.
- ✦ Recognize and respect valid existing rights.
- ✦ Manage resources and uses to “prevent unnecessary or undue degradation of the lands.”

#### Goals and Vision

- ✦ Maintain the rural, open landscape, recognizing the uses, values, and resources integral to this community including, but not limited to agriculture, hunting, ranching, energy extraction, diverse recreation opportunities, wildlife habitat, scenic landscapes, and air and water quality.
- ✦ Better understand ecosystem functioning and how to maintain ecosystem health over the long term.
- ✦ Maintain, improve, and restore (where needed) healthy ecosystems and habitat.
- ✦ Protect cultural and natural resources, using the diversity of tools available to BLM, including special designations as appropriate.
- ✦ Reduce conflicts between uses and user groups as feasible.
- ✦ Provide management flexibility, where possible and appropriate, to improve management outcomes while protecting natural and cultural resources.
- ✦ Recognize the value of commodity and non-commodity resources, diversity of uses and settings that support a variety of economic opportunities.
- ✦ Provide a clear analysis of the environmental and socioeconomic impacts of land use decisions. To the extent that there are impacts on the goals set forth in this document (including the desire for open space and continued economic use of the

land) , the Impact Analysis should recommend alternative policy recommendations or approaches for mitigating the impacts.

- ✦ Work collaboratively with stakeholders and the public in achieving RMP goals and solicit public participation throughout ongoing planning.
- ✦ Provide community and visitor education, including knowledge of local history and prehistoric cultures.
- ✦ Where possible, ensure a consistent land management approach through time by managing collaboratively for desired outcomes across the landscape.
- ✦ Allow for appropriate use of science-based adaptive management tools (including identification of desired future conditions, indicators, and monitoring.)
- ✦ Encourage full funding of RMP implementation.