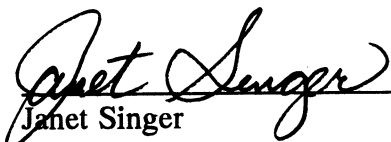


Record of Decision
for
Standards for Rangeland Health
and
Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management
Final Environmental Impact Statement

This is the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management (standards and guidelines) Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Montana and North and South Dakota. The standards and guidelines final EIS was released on June 6, 1997, for a 30-day public availability period. The 30-day protest period on the final EIS began on June 18, 1997.

The decision to select the Preferred Alternative (the standards and guidelines) for Montana and North and South Dakota is documented in this ROD. In making this decision, I considered public comments received on the draft and the supplement to the draft EIS, and reviewed the environmental analysis. The standards and guidelines were developed in coordination with four Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) and other public input. Refer to the enclosed ROD for the background and rationale for this decision. Official notice of this decision will be provided in the Federal Register.



Janet Singer
Acting State Director

8/7/97
Date