

26. Planning and management direction will be focused on the relative values of resources and not on the combination of uses that will give the greatest economic return or economic output.
27. Where practicable and timely for the planning effort, current scientific information, research, and new technologies will be considered.

Additional criteria received in public scoping comments suggested during the scoping period (October 15, 2008, to January 9, 2009) and added to the list of planning criteria include the following:

1. The BLM will address lands with wilderness characteristics as a separate and unique issue in the planning process, including in its planning criteria.
2. The BLM will incorporate key aspects of its OHV regulations, as well as ecological metrics, in planning criteria.
3. The National Sage-grouse Strategy criteria should state that impacts to sagebrush-dependent wildlife will be minimized whenever possible. Current scientific information should be used, especially regarding buffer areas around leks, nesting areas, and brood rearing areas for both sage-grouse species.

All management direction and/or actions developed as part of the BLM planning process are subject to valid existing rights and must meet the objectives of BLM's multiple-use management mandate and responsibilities (FLPMA Section 202[c] and [e]). Valid existing rights include all valid lease, permit, patent, ROWs, or other land use rights or authorizations in effect on the date of approval of this RMP. Current BLM policy does not allow BLM to consider unadjudicated Revised Statute 2477 claims as valid existing rights. The current moratorium precluding the BLM from processing Revised Statute 2477 claims is still in effect, making Revised Statute 2477 assertions a legal issue beyond the scope of this planning effort.

I.8 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENTS AND IMPLEMENTATION-LEVEL PLANS

Since the GJFO RMP (BLM 1987) was developed and approved, it has been necessary to amend it to respond to new issues and conditions. As the land use plan guidance is put into practice on the ground, implementation-level (activity-level) planning is directed by the land use plan (RMP), BLM policy, and program-specific guidance. **Table I-5**, RMP Amendments and Implementation-level Plans, identifies approved plan amendments incorporated into the current land use plan and implementation-level plans. These amendments and plans provide a perspective of the many management considerations pertinent to the decision area.