

3. Allotments where an increase in numbers appears to be justified.
4. Allotments where range condition, trend, capacity and management is satisfactory, but resource information and data needs to be updated.

C. The following guidelines apply to establishment of priorities for range examination:

1. Allotments or areas where unauthorized grazing is known or suspected.
2. Problem allotments where management and proper stocking is lacking and priority for range allotment analysis and production/utilization surveys are high.
3. Allotments where agreed-upon management is in effect, management levels B, C and D (See Appendix D).

- D01, D02 Update six allotment management plans per year.
- D02 Check permit compliance on a minimum of 30 percent of The allotments annually.
- D02 Protect and maintain 14 range study plots to insure their continued information value for range management.
- D02 Maintain Forest Service horse pastures in fair or better range condition.
- D02 Actively pursue opportunities to combine allotments into more efficient unities need to do this is greatest on Smokey Bear and Mayhill Districts.
- D02 Forage utilization will not exceed 40 percent in riparian areas.
- D02 In cooperation with New Mexico Livestock Board provide for removal of feral animals.
- D02, C12 Allow predator control measures where livestock losses are documented. **Control measures include preventative and corrective measures for all classes of livestock. Documented losses are predator-caused livestock losses which have been investigated and confirmed in writing by USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service.**
- D03, D05 Meet T&E species requirements in all range or grazing activities.
- D03, D05 Prohibit forage improvement activities which disturb the integrity of prairie dog burrows and towns.
- D02 Develop a plan to monitor acreage change by management levels. This will be accomplished as allotment management plans are developed or modified.