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The National Applied Resource Sciences Center (RS-140) is collecting information for the FY 1999 National Rangeland Inventory, Monitoring, and Evaluation Report. The report is to be completed in accordance with the guidance in BLM Handbook H-4400-1 (Rel. 4-98 and 4-100). To assist in compiling this report, an Excel spreadsheet has been sent to each State Rangeland Monitoring Program Lead through the Lotus Notes E-mail system.

The FY 1999 report will again require an additional section in Table 5. This section is for reporting the number of allotments, by category, for which all scheduled monitoring and evaluation have been completed for the reporting year in compliance with the District or Field Office Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (MEP). Allotments that are not scheduled to be monitored or evaluated during the reporting year can also be reported as completed, provided all previously scheduled monitoring and evaluations have been completed. For example, an allotment that is only scheduled for trend studies every 5 years is reported as having been monitored each year, even though the trend studies are conducted on the ground only once during the 5-year period. However, an allotment scheduled for trend and utilization studies should not be reported unless all studies have been completed.

Field offices are also to report the number of allotments and acres that are meeting rangeland health standards on Table 7. This is a requirement mandated by Washington Office Instruction Memorandum No. 98-91.

Please consolidate field office information and submit the completed Excel spreadsheet tables to Ned Habich (RS-140) by October 15, 1999. Any questions should be directed to Ned at (303) 236-0166.

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