

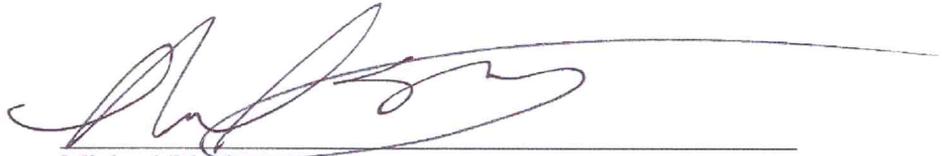
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**EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:**

These chapters establish the policies, authorities, and responsibilities for the protection, planning, administration, and monitoring of trust and restricted Indian land used for agricultural purposes under Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) jurisdiction.



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**1.1 Purpose.** This chapter describes Indian Affairs (IA) policy regarding the inventory and monitoring of rangeland and grazed forestland (together referred to as grazing land) vegetation on Indian lands.

**1.2 Scope.** This policy applies to all tribal and individually held trust and restricted Indian grazing land under Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) jurisdiction, to all IA programs and staff charged with the management of these lands, and to tribal entities acting for the United States through contracts issued under Public Law (P.L.) 93-638.

Compact tribes may not be required to abide by the policies contained in this chapter (depending on individual compact language), but are encouraged to use IA policy as guidance.

**1.3 Policy.** It is the policy of IA:

- A. To gather, maintain and apply current vegetative productivity and ecological condition data for Indian grazing lands in order to support fully informed management and administrative decisions.
- B. To include an active inventory of invasive weed species infestations as part of all vegetative surveys funded by BIA.
- C. To monitor Indian grazing lands to determine vegetation utilization and livestock distribution and to evaluate grazing land health and progress toward identified resource management objectives.
- D. To store and maintain Indian grazing land vegetation survey and monitoring records, including records of invasive weed infestations, in a Geographic Information System.

**1.4 Authority.**

- A. 25 USC § 3701 *et seq.*, American Indian Agricultural Resource Management Act of 1993, as amended
- B. 25 USC § 466 - Indian Forestry Units; Rules and Regulations
- C. Executive Order 13112, Invasive Species, February 3, 1999

**1.5 Responsibilities.**

- A. **Director, BIA** ensures compliance and capacity to comply with applicable statutes, regulations, IA policy, and the Department of the Interior's (DOI) policy.

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- B. **Deputy Director, BIA Field Operations** assigns priority to grazing land vegetation survey and monitoring, and supports budget and staffing to complete this work.
- C. **Deputy Bureau Director, BIA Office of Trust Services (OTS)** coordinates Indian grazing land inventory and monitoring activities between OTS programs, and supports inventory and monitoring budget and staffing needs.
- D. **Chief, Division of Natural Resources, OTS** is responsible for policies, standards and procedures for inventory and monitoring of Indian grazing lands.
- E. **Regional Directors (RDs)** determine budget and staffing needs, justify budget levels, and support requests through the budgeting process; provide regional guidance for grazing land vegetation inventory and monitoring; and complete responsibilities under Section 1.5 F. of this policy for agencies and field offices lacking the Superintendent position.
- F. **BIA Agency Superintendents** schedule and ensure completion of grazing land vegetation survey and monitoring with sufficient frequency to support and defend grazing management decisions and administrative actions; organize, train and assign Agency staff and resources to complete grazing land vegetation and invasive weed inventory and monitoring; and coordinate these activities with other Agency responsibilities.