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This chapter supplements implementing provisions of 43 CFR Part 46 and 516 DM Chapters 1 through 4 within the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the Department of the Interior (DOI) in relation to requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The BLM's NEPA Handbook (H-1790-1) provides additional guidance on these subjects.

The 2018 Farm Bill (P.L. 115-334) amended Title VI of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to direct creation of a categorical exclusion (CE) by both BLM and U.S. Forest Service. This CE covers a range of vegetation treatments, up to 4,500 acres, across the range of the Greater sage-grouse and Mule deer.

This Departmental Manual revision also updates BLM NEPA guidance to reflect CEs created by the *Energy Policy Act of 2005* and the *National Defense Authorization Act of 2015*.

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