

DEPARTMENTAL MANUAL



TRANSMITTAL SHEET

PART 604 DM 1 - 2	SUBJECT PUBLIC LANDS Landscape-Level Management Implementing Landscape-Level Approaches to Resource Management Conservation and Restoration of the Sagebrush Biome	RELEASE NUMBER 4071-4072
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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

This Departmental Manual Release includes two new chapters: 604 DM 1 Implementing Landscape-Level Approaches to Resource Management and 604 DM 2 Conservation and Restoration of the Sagebrush Biome. The policy and requirements in the Chapters incorporate requirements from Secretary's Orders: 3330 Improving Mitigation Policies and Practices of the Department of the Interior, dated October 31, 2013; and 3336 Rangeland Fire Prevention, Management and Restoration, dated January 5, 2015. Highlights of the chapters are provided below:

604 DM 1

Establishes Departmental policy and provides guidance to bureaus/offices on implementing landscape-level approaches to resource management. Includes definitions for Landscape and Landscape-Level Approach. Provides guidance and requirements for bureaus/offices to use landscape-level approaches for activities such as planning, permit decisions and authorizations, mitigation, science production and delivery, and resource management to achieve statutory responsibilities of the bureau and mission and goals of the Department.

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Provides policy and guidance for preventing and suppressing rangeland fire and restoring landscapes impacted by wildland fire and the spread of cheatgrass and other invasive nonnative plant species throughout the sagebrush biome; and reaffirms the Department's authority to utilize a landscape-level approach that considers the best-available science and technical information, particularly the concept of ecological resistance and resilience, in ecosystem management, fuels treatment and restoration projects, including invasive nonnative plant management.

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