

RESOURCE QUALITY CRITERIA
ANIMAL

Animal resources include all wild and domestic animals, both terrestrial and aquatic. Desired species are those species that the land user desires to manage, endangered or threatened animals, or species that are of significant economic or biological importance in an area.

Animal resource considerations are habitat, management, and protection.

Animal habitat criteria is established for adequacy of food, shelter or cover, and water for the desired species including domestic animals, wild animals, and/or threatened or endangered animals.

Animal management criteria is established for providing the proper balance between the number and kind of domestic and wild animals and the habitat's carrying capacity, and for ensuring adequate animal health.

Animal protection criteria is established for the protection of endangered or threatened animals and habitat for endangered or threatened animals.

Achieving quality criteria for the animal resource will ensure:

- Desired animals have adequate food, shelter, cover, and water,
- The numbers and distribution of animals are in balance with the plant resource,
- Desired animals have adequate health, and
- Endangered and threatened animals and their habitat are protected.

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RESOURCE	CONSIDERATION/PROBLEM	QUALITY CRITERIA
ANIMAL	Habitat – Food – The quantity and quality of food are not provided to meet seasonal needs of the desired species.	Criteria is met when the planned measures provide adequate food for the desired species.
ANIMAL	Habitat – Cover/Shelter - Adequate cover or shelter is not provided for the livestock or desired wildlife species.	Criteria is met when the planned measures provide adequate cover availability for the desired wildlife species.
ANIMAL	Habitat – Water - Adequate quantity and quality of water is not provided for the desired species.	Criteria is met when the planned measures include adequate water supplies of sufficient quality and quantity to meet the daily needs of the desired species and is properly distributed.
ANIMAL	Protection – Endangered and Threatened Species – Habitat for endangered or threatened animals that occupy the site.	Criteria is met when the planned actions avoid any negative impacts of the species or their habitat.
ANIMAL	Management – Population and Resource Balance – Numbers and kinds of domestic animals and wildlife are not in balance with feed, forage, space, and other habitat requirements.	Criteria is met when the planned measures balance the number and kinds of domestic and wild animals with the habitat’s capacity to provide feed, forage, space, and water.
ANIMAL	Management – Animal Health - Proper attention is not being given to the health of the animals of concern.	Criteria is met when the effects of poisonous plants, disease, parasites, and insects are reduced to acceptable levels.