

<b>REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY</b>		LEAVE BLANK (NARA use only)	
		JOB NUMBER <i>NI-049-09-11</i>	
To NATIONAL ARCHIVES & RECORDS ADMINISTRATION 8601 ADELPHI ROAD COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740-6001		Date received <i>9/11/09</i>	
4 FROM (Agency or establishment) U S Department of Interior		NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY In accordance with the provisions of 44 U S C 3303a, the disposition request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10	
2 MAJOR SUBDIVISION Bureau of Land Management			
3 MINOR SUBDIVISION Renewable Resource and Planning Directorate			
4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER Michelle F Thomas	5 TELEPHONE NUMBER (202) 912-7557	DATE <i>10/14/12</i>	ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES <i>[Signature]</i>
6 AGENCY CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached ___ page(s) are not needed now for the business for this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified, and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies,  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X is not required <input type="checkbox"/> is attached, or <input type="checkbox"/> has been requested			
DATE 9/4/09	SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE <i>Michelle F. Thomas</i>		TITLE Bureau Records Administrator
7 ITEM NO	8 DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION	9 GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10 ACTION TAKEN (NARA USE ONLY)
1	Range Improvement Project System (RIPS) (see attached sheets)		

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
Renewable Resource and Planning Directorate  
SF115 Attachment  
**N1-049-09-11**

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### **Rangeland Improvement Project System (RIPS)**

#### **Description of System:**

The Rangeland Improvement Project System (RIPS) tracks range improvement funds collected by BLM from fees paid by those who graze their livestock on BLM land. It also provides management data regarding range improvements such as spring developments, cattle guards, exclosures, and others. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 USC 1701-1784) states that the funds are to be used for projects-such as fencing, weed control, and water development-that benefit rangeland resources, including wildlife, watersheds, and livestock. In 1993, the General Accounting Office reported to congress that BLM's range improvement project database was incomplete and inaccurate, which lead to further development of the RIPS system to better record and track range improvement projects on BLM administered lands. Instruction Memorandum (IM) 2001-27 established a policy that all projects must be entered into RIPS, excluding projects regarding facility asset management, abandoned mine lands, HazMat, natural resource damage assessment, and threatened and endangered species. This policy also established the use of fee-for-service (FFS) codes to link RIPS projects to BLM financial systems.

**1.a. Master File.** Rangeland Improvement Project System (RIPS) tracks range improvement funds collected by BLM and provides management data regarding range improvements such as spring developments, cattle guards, exclosures, and others. It links RIPS projects to BLM financial systems.

Disposition: **PERMANENT**

Transfer a copy of the master file to NARA upon approval of this schedule, along with the technical documentation, in accordance with 36 CFR 1235.44-50. Thereafter, transfer a copy every 5 years, along with the current technical documentation.