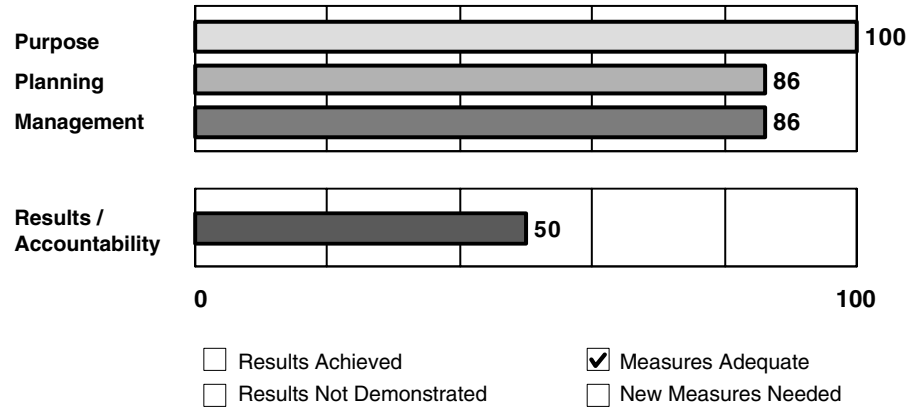


Program: Habitat Restoration Activities

Agency: Department of the Interior

Bureau: Bureau of Land Management



Key Performance Measures

Year Target Actual

Measure	Year	Target	Actual
Long-Term Measure: Percent of plant and animal species listed or proposed for listing pursuant to the Endangered Species Act with a stable or increasing trend in the resident populations (New measure)	2001	17.5%	28%
	2002	35%	34%
	2003	43.5%	
Long-Term Measure: Percent of watersheds within priority sub-basins achieving proper functioning condition or an upward trend (New measure)	2001	10%	14%
	2002	24%	23%
	2003	34%	
Efficiency measure: Measures under development			

Rating: Moderately Effective

Program Type: Direct Federal

Program Summary:

This Bureau of Land Management (BLM) program restores natural habitats. Work may include invasive weed treatments, reintroduction of native plants, or enhancements to riverbanks.

The assessment found that BLM's restoration activities are well-managed and include leveraging of significant funding from non-federal partners to get necessary work done. The agency's Challenge Cost Share program leveraged approximately \$16.4 million in 2002 with Federal funding of \$9.1 million, and BLM maintains an extensive network of volunteers for its restoration activities. BLM also emphasizes the use of performance-based contracts, conducts regular internal program evaluations, and uses funds in a timely manner. However, some weaknesses were identified in the assessment. These include:

1. Gaps in monitoring of resource conditions to support management decisions and to assess the impacts of restoration activities.
2. A lack of program performance measures that focus on efficiency.
3. Insufficient data on existing performance measures to ensure that baseline data is accurate and performance targets are aggressive.
4. Significant similarities and potential overlaps between activities conducted in BLM's restoration programs and in the Department's wildland fire management program for rehabilitation and fuels reduction.

Based on these findings, the Administration will:

1. Provide an additional \$2 million in 2004 for BLM monitoring activities to improve baseline data and track trends over time.
2. Refine existing performance measures and develop consistent efficiency measures across the Department for similar restoration activities.
3. Evaluate options for more clearly distinguishing between restoration activities funded within the Department's wildland fire program and BLM's operating programs.

Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
139	145	147