



## Sliding Scale Decision Support Tool

Decision  
Support Tool

RATING  
QUESTIONS

RATIONALE

HIGH  
MODERATE  
LOW

Project:

1 What is the likelihood that the situation involves sensitive, rare, or irreplaceable **natural** resources?

2 What is the likelihood that the situation involves sensitive, rare, or irreplaceable **cultural** resources?

3 What is the likelihood of imminent and significant changes to the natural or cultural resources?

4 What is the likelihood of imminent and significant changes to **visitor experience**?

5 How will the issue affect other aspects of land management in the area or surrounding areas?

6 What is the geographic extent of the issue's impacts? Scales of impacts include: national, regional, state, local/county, and site or project.

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7 What is the relative interest of stakeholders affected by the action? Stakeholders may include: local communities, general public, special interest groups, recreational visitors, commercial users, traditional-subsistence users, tribes, and others.

8 Is the impact temporary (low) or long lasting (high)?

**CRITERIA** - Use the ratings assigned to questions 1-8 to evaluate the following 4 sliding scale criteria. Combine those criteria into a single qualitative rating (high, moderate, or low) of the project's appropriate location on the sliding scale.

	<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>	<b>HIGH MODERATE LOW</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Issue Uncertainty</b>		
<b>B</b>	<b>Impact Risk</b>		
<b>C</b>	<b>Stakeholder Involvement</b>		
<b>D</b>	<b>Level of Controversy</b>		
	<b>Location on the Sliding Scale</b>		