

B. Air Quality.

1. **Classification.** Under the Clean Air Act (as amended), BLM-administered lands were given Class II air quality classification, which allows moderate deterioration associated with moderate, well-controlled industrial and population growth. The BLM manages designated wilderness areas as Class II unless they are reclassified by the State as a result of the procedures prescribed in the Clean Air Act.
2. **States Reclassify.** According to the Clean Air Act, air quality reclassification is the prerogative of the States. The States must follow a process mandated by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1977, involving a study of health, environmental, economic, social, and energy effects, a public hearing, and a report to the Environmental Protection Agency.
3. **Compliance.** Administrative actions within wilderness areas must comply with the air quality classification for that specific area.