## **VEGETATION MEASUREMENTS**

- Revegetation measurement methods are detailed in Section 17.24.313.1(h)(ix). Sample adequacy is defined in Section 17.24.313.1(h)(x).
- (2) The method for calculating compliance with technical standards is explained in Section 17.24.313.1(h)(x).
- (3) Technical standards must be met during two of the last four years of the Phase III liability period. SCCC will not use any management practices that result in a deterioration of vegetation condition after bond release monitoring but prior to bond release inspection.
- (4) To comply with the Montana County Noxious Weed Control Law, SCCC adheres to the Big Horn County Noxious Weed Management Plan. Occurrences of noxious weeds are reported by mine personnel, consultants, and the Department (inspections). Chemical control occurs in spring and fall each year. When the need arises, SCCC also controls other weeds in revegetation such as annual bromes and Mexican fireweed by mowing or livestock grazing.