

COYOTE LAKE ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

I. Introduction

The purpose of the Allotment Management Plan (AMP), is to establish specific pasture objectives and allotment terms and conditions for implementation of a grazing system to meet the objectives.

II. Management Plan Objectives

A. Guidelines from Land Use Plan

Grazing systems will be determined on the ecological condition of the pastures, riparian considerations, and wildlife habitat requirements.

B. Specific Allotment Objectives

1. Coyote Lake Pasture

Present Condition - Middle

Short Term Objectives

-Maintain ecosite condition

2. Sand Gap Pasture

Present Condition - Middle

Short Term Objectives

-Maintain ecosite condition

III. Grazing Management

A. Preference

Operator	Active Preference	Suspended Preference	Total Preference
Whitehorse Ranch	2519	381	2900
Stoddart Ranch	300	-	300
Totals	<u>2,819</u>	<u>381</u>	<u>3,200</u>

B. Proposed Management

1. Key species and Critical Growing Period

<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Key Species</u>	<u>Critical Period</u>
Coyote Lake	Sihiy	5/20-6/20
Sand Gap	Sihiy	5/20-6/20

2. Constraints

Utilization not to exceed 50%.

3. Grazing System

-Winter use only. Season of use is from October 16 to March 31. No formal grazing system will be developed.

4. Flexibility

-Changes in licensed use may be made with prior approval

-With prior approval, use may be extended until April 15th to accommodate drift to or deferment of the 15 Mile Community, Sheepshead, or Willow Creek Allotments providing AUMs do not exceed licensed use and/or the maximum utilization level of 50 percent.

C. Range Improvements

1. Existing (Refer to Cooperative Agreements)

2. Proposed Projects

Projects that were proposed for this allotment were analyzed in the land use plan and on an overall basis were found to have a greater cost than benefit and were therefore dropped from further study.

D. Billing Procedure

1. Grazing licenses will be issued prior to turnout. Fees will be paid in full prior to grazing use. Grazing fees may be refunded/credited where application for change of licensed use made prior to the period of use for which the refund was requested. This refund/credited use will be apportioned at the close of the season of use.

2. Livestock brought into the allotment will be licensed for a minimum of 14 days.

IV. Monitoring/Evaluation

A. Upland Vegetation

1. Condition

The present condition class designation for each pasture was determined in 1980 using an inventory based on range site classification. The condition class designated is the condition class representing the majority of the pasture. In order to determine if a pasture has met a condition class objective the condition classes for each range site in a pasture will have to be redetermined using appropriate methodology as determined in the District Monitoring Plan.

2. Trend

Trend data will be gathered from permanently established studies in each key area. This information will give some indication whether the vegetation condition is moving toward or away from our ecological condition objectives.

3. Utilization

Utilization will be gathered on the key species in each pasture after the livestock have been removed. The key forage plant method will be used and appropriate records maintained.

4. Actual Use

Actual Use records will be kept by the operators on forms furnished by the BLM. These records will be given to the BLM within 15 days of the end of the authorized grazing season.

5. Climate

The Burns Junction weather station will be the source of climatic data used in the allotment evaluations. The range forage index from Squaw Butte Experiment Station will be used to adjust utilization levels.

B. Evaluation

Periodic evaluations of monitoring data will be done to determine if resource objectives are being met and if any changes should be made.

Agreement

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to and accept the Coyote Lake Allotment Management Plan. We understand that the grazing privileges to so authorized herein are subject to the provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR 4110) which deals with grazing use on the public lands. It is also agreed that the terms and conditions of this agreement shall be binding upon the permittee, their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors in interest or assigns.

This plan may be updated or modified periodically to accomplish the objectives set forth in the plan. All changes will be made with the concurrence of the range users and Bureau of Land Management.

Name

Date

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