

Decision. Since then, there have been no significant changes in the range program that would warrant publishing a RPS update at this time.

The range program also collects inventory data and monitors range conditions on public lands. Information on vegetation utilization levels and trend are collected and evaluated to determine whether allotment goals and objectives are being met. For additional information on the range management program or to obtain a copy of the Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision, contact Bill Lindsey at 541-885-4140.

FY95 Plan Accomplishments

- * Constructed additional fencing along the Duncan Springs/Antelope creek grazing enclosure to help preclude livestock access.
- * Continued to monitor grazing use on all utilized I and M category allotments by re-reading and/or establishing additional rangeland monitoring studies on high priority allotments. Studies include upland photo and frequency trend, ecological condition, key area utilization and use pattern mapping, and riparian photo trend (and other riparian related studies - see the riparian section).
- * Maintained all riparian fences that are BLM responsibility including several spring enclosures and other facilities in the Gerber area.
- * Did evaluations of allotment monitoring information on 6 different grazing allotments. Three were evaluated as part of the consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in regards to grazing and the endangered shortnose sucker in the Gerber Reservoir area. Provided the USFWS with a detailed end-of-year report of 1995 grazing activities within the 3 consultation allotments. Three other allotments were evaluated as part of the Spencer Creek Pilot Watershed Analysis. All 6 evaluations affirmed that current livestock management was appropriate for the areas, with a few minor management changes or enhancements.

FY96 Projects Planned or Accomplished

- * Klamath Rim Gap Fence: a two part project, this included the Rock Creek fence which was originally scheduled for FY95 construction.
- * Rock Creek Fence: 1 mile of fencing planned to inhibit cattle from drifting from private lands in California back into the Klamath River Canyon during the late summer and fall (EA#OR-014-94-14).
- * Ben Hall Riparian Pasture Fence Extension: construct an additional 1.5 miles of fence around Ben Hall Creek immediately above the existing Ben Hall riparian pasture (in the Dry Prairie pasture of the Dry Prairie allotment).
- * Constructed a new fence and renovated an existing fence - totaling 1 mile - along an allotment boundary immediately adjacent to Miller Creek (just south of Gerber Reservoir). Project was completed in October 1995.
- * Barnes Valley BLM/USFS Boundary Fence Rehabilitation: rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of up to 2 miles of old, dilapidated boundary fencing between the Norcross pasture of the Horsefly