

BLM STUDY REVIEW of HELLS CANYON COMPLEX STUDIES

Movements, Habitat Use and Population
Characteristics of Mountain Quail in West
Central Idaho; Big Canyon Creek

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1. INTRODUCTION

This is a pilot study for surveying Mountain Quail.

2. CONCLUSION

No conclusions were drawn except they found no quail on the study area. The notes written by J.H. Ormiston describe habitats in 1964 and 1996 and changes. Mountain Quail were present in 1964 but not in 1996.

3. STUDY ADEQUACY

This study produced little information other than Mountain quail no longer exist in the study area. The only real information is Ormiston's notes.

4. BLM CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

CONCLUSIONS

Ormiston's field notes are useful as they describe habitat condition when mountain quail were present and when they were not. Seems that some grazing to reduce shrub density may be necessary. I also observed the same habitats in the 1960's and then in the 1990's.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Ormiston's notes would be an aid for future research. Moderate grazing may be necessary to reduce shrub density.