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Range Management Specialist Report

Resource: Range Management

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Echo Allot., #4075-

The grazing preference is 5 AUM's with a grazing season of 5/15 to 8/30. There are 37.5 acres of private lands and approximately 32 acres of public lands within the allotment boundary. There is no fence between the public and private lands.

My feeling is that the grazing fees have been paid but there has been no grazing or occasionally livestock drifting onto the public lands for a short period. The grazing fees have been paid to hold the grazing lease.

Pointer Allot., #4056-

Prior to 1996, the Pointer Allot., #4056, was included with the Canyon Mt. Allot., #4115. In 1996, an individual purchased a portion of the private lands owned by the lessee of the Canyon Mountain allotment. After the purchase of the private lands, the Pointer Allot., #4056, was created.

The grazing preference is 12 AUM's and a grazing season of 4/1-11/30. There are 190 acres of private lands and approximately 100 acres of public lands. There is no fence between the public lands and the private lands.

Non-use was approved in 2002, 2001, and 2000. The grazing bill was paid in 1999, 1998, 1997, and 1996. From observing the public lands and conversations with the lessee, it has been a long period of time since any livestock have grazed the public lands. When the lessee paid the grazing bill, he did not graze his public or private lands. When the previous lessee owned the lease, it appears that no livestock grazed the public lands.

The lessee would like to initiate a grazing system incorporating both the public lands and the private lands. It would depend upon if it would be authorized and the construction of a fence on the east side of Little Pine Creek. His proposal is to graze approximately 12 head on both the public and private lands in a rotation grazing system for a short period of time. The length of grazing season would be determined by the Bureau of Land Management.

The lessee has proposed to fence off Little Pine Creek, approximately 1 mile, so that livestock would not graze Little Pine Creek.

He would be willing to provide the labor if the BLM provided the materials for the fence and to develop off-stream water.

There are potential spring sites on the BLM lands.

The lessee would initiate a rotation grazing system, 10 to 12 head of livestock total, incorporating the private and the public lands. I know that there has been no livestock grazing since 1995.

The livestock would be grazing the public lands for a shorter season than the grazing season authorized in the land use plan, 4/1-11/30.

The boundary fences between the BLM and Forest Service I have not checked. Because of the topography, developing off-stream water, and a shorter grazing season, I don't think the livestock would drift onto the Forest Service lands.