

DETERMINATION & RECOMMENDATIONS

Achieving Standards for Rangeland Health And Conforming with Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management

Resource Area: BAKER

GU: HOMESTEAD #6

Grazing Allotment Name/Number: DOYLE GULCH #03004, HUNSAKER #03005,
HOMESTEAD #03006, COPPERFIELD #03007

Public Land (acres): 12,431

Assessment Participants (Name & Discipline or Interest):

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Standard 1: Watershed Function - Uplands

Standard Met HOMESTEAD Standard Not Met DOYLE GULCH Standard Not Present _____
Livestock a significant factor X
Standard Not Met HUNSAKER _____
Livestock a significant factor X
Standard Not Met COPPERFIELD _____
Livestock a significant factor X

Upper one third of the slopes are very steep and show very little or no use by livestock. Most use is by wildlife. Most of the past livestock use, both cows and sheep was in the lower bench areas and still show some minor areas of annual grasses. Adjustments in livestock numbers and grazing time were done in the past to better move towards proper carrying capacities for each allotment. Key species are present just not in the percentages identified by the soil site profiles. The proposed action is to address these resource issues with continued monitoring and modifications to the grazing permits either in livestock numbers or grazing time where needed. Copperfield allotment has been rested for the past five years. Continued improvements in the riparian areas should carry over to slow improvements in the uplands. Changes that are made will become the new terms and conditions of the new grazing permits.

Standard 2: Watershed Function – Riparian/Wetland Areas

Standard Met X Standard Not Met _____ Standard Not Present _____
Livestock not a significant factor _____

