

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN
RECOMMENDATION-ANALYSIS-DECISION

Name (MFP)	Twin Falls
Activity	Range Management
Overlay Reference	RM-1.4
Step 1	Step 3

Multiple Use Analysis

Most of these systems have been in operation for several years and are in existing AMPs. Some of them have encountered problems during the frequent recurring drought years during the last decade. The degree of use and climate have set the stage for rapid invasion of sagebrush into these ranges. It appears that there is no grazing management that can prevent this phenomenon; it is even happening in fenced livestock enclosures, often at a more rapid rate than properly grazed areas.

This recommendation to continue to use the existing deferred-rotation systems is not in conflict with any resource proposals and is supported by the wild-life recommendations to improve wetland/riparian and waterfowl nesting habitats.

(Decision)

Multiple Use Recommendation:

Accept RM-1.4 -
Continue the existing deferred-rotation grazing systems on the allotments listed in the activity recommendation.

49,322 acres
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Reasons:

Experience of grazing management as documented through various studies shows that properly managed deferred-rotation systems are adequate to maintain and improve seedings and native range. Not always as rapidly as rest-rotation on ranges suitable to rest-rotation, but at an acceptable level. These users and the allotments are suitable for the existing management and there is no reason identified showing a change is needed.

Support Needs:

R. A. Staff -
Monitoring and evaluating.

ATROW -
Easements.

Operations and Area -
Land treatment projects to periodically reduce competition from invading sagebrush.

Alternatives Considered:

1. Reject RM-1.4.
2. Use rest-rotation.
3. Use spring grazing only.
4. Use fall grazing only.
5. Reduce intensity of grazing.

Note: Attach additional sheets, if needed

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Step 1	Step 3

Multiple Use Analysis

These allotments are small isolated tracts that are not suitable for operation of multi-treatment grazing systems. The desired ecologic and range condition of these allotments will be accomplished by establishing the proper season of use, keeping grazing levels at or below the biological use limits, and by selected land and vegetation manipulation treatments as shown in recommendation RM-2.1 and analyzed through the multiple resource planning process.

This recommendation does not conflict with any of the activity recommendations.

(Decision)

Multiple Use Recommendation:

Modify RM-1.5 -
Continue to allow livestock grazing on the seasonal use allotments:

No.	Name	Acres
4031	Western Stockgrowers	23,505
4036	Moore-Lost Creek	80
4050	Rock Creek-Coiner	148
4051	Courtney	280
4063	Soldier Creek	284
4077	Salmon Tract	54
4095	Randell Iso.	103
4096	Lemmon-Ring	258
4106	Salmon Tract-Isolated	280
4109	Salmon Tract-U2	280
4121	Section 22-Salmon Tract	160
4122	Highway Unit	122
4123	East Kunkel	280
4024	Highway Kunkel	447
4074	Kunkel-Amsterdam	1,100
		<u>27,381</u>

The rationale for adding 4074 Kunkel-Amsterdam and 4031 Western Stockgrowers is contained in RM-1.1.

Support Needs:

R. A. Staff -
Monitoring and evaluating.

Reasons:

The recommendation does not conflict with any other activity recommendation.

There are no reasons to change the existing management of these tracts. Monitoring will be necessary to ensure proper stocking levels, seasons and utilization.

Alternatives Considered:

1. Reject RM-1.5.
2. Custodial Management.
3. Implement grazing systems.

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Step 1RM-1.6 Step 3

Multiple Use Recommendation:

Accept RM-1.6 -
Allow livestock grazing on the
listed allotments authorized for
custodial grazing licenses.

No.	Name
4037	North Big Creek
4059	Green Private < 4043 Frahm-VGA
4060	Salmon Tract
4072	Lost Creek
4085	Salmon Tract
4097	Cameron
4114	Squaw Joe Iso.
4119	Ridge Iso.
4125	Iso. Tracts Kunkel
4128	Hot Creek
4135	Ellis-Tews-Berger Iso. Big Creek Isolated

The rationale for adding 4097
Cameron is contained in RM-1.1.

Support Needs:

R. A. Staff -
Monitoring and evaluation.

ATROW -
Easements

SCS coordinated management plans.

Reasons:

This recommendation does not conflict
with any other activity recommenda-
tion. This authorization is currently
in effect and there apparently is no
reason to change.

Alternatives Considered:

1. Reject RM-1.6.
2. Specify seasons and numbers.
3. Implement grazing systems.

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Decision:

Modify the multiple use recommendation by adding the PVGA's Franm Allotment (No. 4043) to the list in the multiple use recommendation. See RM-1.3 for more information.

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Rationale:

These allotments on public lands fit the criteria for custodial use management by having a combination of several criteria. Some criteria are: small percentage of the allotment is public land, BLM management is burdensome to land owner, land can be more effectively managed by the land owner on a custodial license.

The Bureau will actively engage in coordinated planning on these tracts with the SCS and permittees, with the permittees having the lead responsibility for management.

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Step 1	RM-1.7
Step 3	

Recommendation:

RM-1.7 - Install the following facilities to allow implementation of intensive grazing systems and development of AMPs:

4001 Buhl Group-Berger	.75 miles pipeline 2 troughs
4012 Lanting-Berger	1 cattleguard
4013 Martens-Berger	2 cattleguards
4014 Noh-Berger	2 cattleguards
4017 Berger-Schnitker	1.25 miles pipeline 1 trough
4023 Baker-Deep Creek	1.5 miles pipeline 1 trough
4031 Western Stockgrowers	4 reservoirs 8 miles pipeline 10 troughs 2 springs
4034 Point Ranch	1.5 miles fence 1 cattleguard 1 mile pipeline 1 trough
4035 Whiskey Creek	5 cattleguards 1.5 miles pipeline 1 trough
4038 Kerr-Lost Creek	2.5 miles fence .5 mile pipeline 1 trough
4039 Noh-White Rock	1.0 mile pipeline 1 trough
4040 Noh-Sections	1 reservoir
4041 PVGA-Mule Creek	2.5 miles fence .5 mile pipeline 2 reservoirs 1 trough
4044 South Mule Creek	1 cattleguard .5 mile pipeline 2 troughs

Rationale:

The facilities portrayed in this recommendation are needed to implement the grazing systems. The fences shown will be for deferment or total rest of a part of the range in each allotment, by excluding livestock use. The water facilities will provide for the needs of the livestock and improve distribution of cattle over the range. The cattleguards will reduce the problem of unauthorized use resulting from the inability to keep gates closed.

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4049 Peters	.5 mile fence 1 spring 1 mile pipeline 3 troughs 1 mile fence
4053 Hub Butte-WSGA	1 mile pipeline
4055 Hub Butte	1 mile pipeline
4057 Fuller	1 cattleguard .75 mile pipeline 1 trough
4066 Barton-Schutte	.5 mile fence .3 miles pipeline 1 trough
4074 Amsterdam-Kunkel	1.75 miles pipeline 3 troughs 1 well 1 reservoir
4079 Lilly Grade	1.25 miles fence 2.75 miles pipeline 3 troughs
4101 Magic Common	2.25 miles pipeline 3 troughs 2.75 miles fence
4097 Cameron	1 mile fence 1 well .5 mile pipeline 1 trough
4102 Lost Creek	2 mile pipeline 1 trough
4106 Stewart	1 cattleguard
4108 Lost Creek-U2	1.25 miles pipeline 1.5 miles fence
4114 Squaw Joe	.75 miles pipeline 2 troughs 2.75 miles fence
4119 Ridge	1 reservoir
4120 Gravel Pit-Salmon Tr.	1 mile fence
4092 South Big Creek	1 mile fence 1 cattleguard

Support:

Operations: (Survey & Design, installation)
Administration: (Contracting)
Archeologist: (Cultural Clearances)

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(Decision)

Multiple Use Recommendation:

Reasons:

Modify RM-1.7 -

Analysis of the recommendations RM-1.1, RM-1.2, RM-1.3, RM 1.4, and RM-1.5 has resulted in modifications that change the needed facilities.

Install the following listed facilities to allow implementation and continuaiton of intensive grazing management.

To implement grazing systems discussed in RM-1.1 and RM-1.2 and facilitate existing operational grazing systems to realize additional livestock forage, wildlife habitat, and watershed cover from the improved vegetation cover. Facilities are needed in some seasonal use allotments to meet resource objectives, such as Western Stockgrowers.

- 4001 Buhl Group-Berger .75 mi.pipeline
2 troughs
- 4012 Lanting-Berger 1 cattleguard
- 4013 Martins-Berger 2 cattleguards
- 4014 Noh-Berger 2 cattleguards
- 4017 Schnitker-Berger 1.25 mi.pipeline
1 trough
- 4031 W. Stockgrowers 4 reservoirs
1 spring
7 mi.pipeline
1 pumping sta.
6 troughs
- 4034 Point Ranch 1 cattleguard
1.5 mi.pipeline
1 trough
- 4035 Whiskey Creek 5 cattleguards
1.5 mi.pipeline
1 trough
2.5 mi.fence
- 4038 Kerr-Lost Creek 0.5 mi.pipeline
1 trough
- 4039 Noh-White Rock 1 mi.pipeline
- 4040 Noh-Sections 1 reservoir
2.5 mi.fence
- 4041 PVGA-Mule Creek 0.5 mi.pipeline
2 troughs
1 spring
0.5 mi.fence
- 4049 Peters 1 mi.pipeline
3 troughs
1 mi.fence
- 4053 Hub Butte-WSGA 1 mi.pipeline

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4055 Hub Butte	1 mi.pipeline
4057 Fuller	1 cattleguard
	.75 mi.pipeline
	1 trough
4066 Barton-Schutte	0.5 mi.fence
	0.3 mi.pipeline
	1 trough
4074 Kunkel Amsterdam	1 reservoir
4079 Lilly Grade	2.75 mi.pipeline
	3 troughs
4092 South Big Creek	1 cattleguard
	1 mi.fence
4101 Magic Common	2.25 mi.pipeline
	3 troughs
	2.75 mi.fence
4102 Sharp Lost Creek	0.2 mi.pipeline
	1 trough
	1 cattleguard
4106 Stewart	1 cattleguard
4108 Lost Creek-U2	1.25 mi.pipeline
	1.25 mi.fence
4114 Squaw Joe	.75 mi.pipeline
	2 troughs
	.75 mi.fence
4119 Ridge	1 reservoir
4120 Gravel Pit- Salmon Tract	1 mi.fence
Total miles fence	13.75
Total miles pipeline	25.75
Total troughs	29
Total springs	2
Total reservoirs	7
Total pumping stations	1
Total cattleguards	15

Support Needs

Complete the EIS and benefit cost analysis for each project.

Operations -

Survey and design, installation, and contracting.

Alternatives Considered:

1. Reject the project proposals and continue management as present.
2. Accept only the projects in proposed system.
3. Accept only the projects in the existing systems.

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MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN - STEP 1
ACTIVITY OBJECTIVES

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Activity

Range Management

Objective Number

RM-2

Objective:

Treat over the next 15 years, 86,244 acres of public land in the Twin Falls Planning Unit to increase production of livestock forage and improve grazing conditions over the next 17 years.

Rationale:

This objective is designed to solve problems of over obligation and deteriorating range condition identified in URA Step 3 and to help meet the expected 70% increase in demand for AUM's by the year 2000 as identified in the Malad Hill PAA by providing an additional 25,695 AUM's of livestock forage. This objective fulfills the URA Step 4 opportunities for increasing production through land treatments. Analysis of the vegetative inventory, actual use, utilization and trend information shows 27 allotments producing less livestock forage than the 5 year average actual use. The proposed land treatments will increase the livestock forage production and reduce the long term social and economic impacts associated with reduction in use of public land for grazing. 86% of the respondents to the 1980 Twin Falls interview, conducted by Paul Card, indicated that it is important to help ranchers maintain their unique life style. Only 16% of the respondents were in the livestock industry.

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Response to an issue statement mailed by the Burley District showed that 64% of the respondents were in favor of land treatments by burning or spraying to increase the proportion of productive pasture on public lands. An additional 9% of the respondents were in favor of improving production by burning but not spraying.

Those areas on which the existing vegetation is predominantly big sagebrush-cheatgrass-Sandbergs bluegrass would not be expected to improve in condition from the use of grazing management. Land treatment provides the only viable proposal for improvement.

Section 2 of the Taylor Grazing Act gave as part of the Bureau's responsibility, "to provide for the orderly use, improvement and development of the Range".

Section 2(b)(2) of the Public Range Land Improvement Act states in part, "manage, maintain and improve the condition of the public rangelands so that they become as productive as feasible for all rangeland values".

BLM Manual 1603.12G3B outlines the Bureau's objective to provide forage to help meet the needs of the nation, to help stabilize the economy of the livestock industry, individual users, and dependent communities.