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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN
RECOMMENDATION-ANALYSIS-DECISION

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MULTIPLE-USE ANALYSIS

Analysis of the other resource activities' Step 1 recommendations reveals an adamant attitude that intensive livestock management is needed on this allotment. The following recommendations lend support to this recommendation for a minimum grazing system design: WL 5.1, WL 6.1, WL 6.4, WL 8.2, WL 8.3, WL 12.1, R. 2.1, R 3.2, W 1.2, & W 1.3.

These recommendations relate the following constraints on the development of the grazing system and establish guidelines for allowable livestock grazing within that system.

1. Insure that no more than 60 percent of the herbaceous vegetation is utilized by livestock in any pasture and implement a grazing system to establish and maintain a diverse vegetation composition of 20 - 25 percent forbs, 55 - 60 percent grasses, and 15 - 20 percent shrubs.
2. Establish livestock grazing systems that will enhance the reproduction and forage availability of forbs.
3. Meet the physiological needs of herbaceous vegetation so that it will prosper and increase to the greatest ground cover the soils are capable of supporting.

While these recommendations do effect the design of the grazing system and location of improvements, they can be worked in with this recommendation for a revised grazing system.

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Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reasons

Revise the present grazing system to at least the minimum standards depicted in the above recommendation and allow for inclusion of items 1 through 3 in the Multiple-Use Analysis in the grazing system design and application.

Waterfowl habitat, sage grouse strutting grounds, and antelope summer range fall within this allotment. It is necessary that intensive livestock management be implemented to preserve and improve these values and to improve range and watershed conditions.

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RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

RM 1, 2.2

Treat 900 acres of brush to release the forage species. This could be accomplished by spraying.

This treatment is needed to improve the quality or quantity of forage for the present active qualifications and present grazing season. This treatment will produce an additional 50 AUMs of forage over the estimated present carrying capacity, which combined with management will produce an additional 135 AUMs. The 50 AUMs would be realized in 6 to 8 years after treatment. (See also Timmerman Hills URA, RM, Step 4, p. 2).

MULTIPLE-USE ANALYSIS

This recommendation for 900 acres is reduced and the remaining areas are supported and/or constrained by other accepted resource activity recommendations to point that total acres of brush control are unknown at this time. See the Range Management Step II Overlay for location of and type of constraints on brush control projects within this allotment. See also the General and Specific Guidelines for Brush Control that are contained in Appendix II of this section.

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Multiple-Use Recommendation

Selectively control sagebrush to increase livestock forage, improve watershed conditions, and improve species composition for sage grouse brood rearing within the accepted guidelines (RM Appendix II) for sagebrush control

Reasons

The Wildlife, Watershed, and Range Management programs can be enhanced by doing selective sagebrush control projects.