

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN  
RECOMMENDATION-ANALYSIS-DECISION

Name (MFP)	Bennett Hills-Timmerman Hill
Activity	Range Management
Overlay Reference	
Step 1	No. 1 Step 3

SHOSHONE CATTLE ALLOTMENT (0426)

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

RM 2.5  
Discontinue exclusive use of National Resource Lands (Thorn Creek Field) under an exchange of use license, for private and state lands controlled by the Thorn Creek Assn.

This arrangement is not advantageous to administration of the National Resource Land and restricts opportunity for implementation of a proper grazing system.

BLM Manual states that "Exchange of use agreements should benefit or work to the advantage of district administration by blocking up range areas...and establishing...operation advantageous to both range management and...the livestock industry. "Such agreements may be issued to applicants...of nonfederal lands that are interspersed and normally grazed in conjunction with a particular area of Federal range" (4115.21A6b) This use allows the exchange of use of lands and is not consistent with the intent of exchange of use licenses.

Multiple-Use Analysis

The recommendation would have no adverse economic impact on the users in the allotment. A positive economic impact would result from less handling of the livestock since there would be no need to separate cattle. Less handling would reduce operational costs to all allottees.

The recommendation does not conflict with any other resource activity recommendations.

It is supported by range management (0426) RM 1. & 2.3, and all other recommendations which propose improved vegetation management in the allotment.

Multiple-Use Recommendations

Accept recommendations as stated above.

NORTH SHOSHONE CATTLE ALLOTMENT

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Boundary adjustment - Brailsford - Rattlesnake

Grazing systems proposed by cattle association.

Do not meet physiological needs of vegetation and minimum requirements  
of RM 1 & 2.3

Private allotment for Thorn Creek Field.