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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN  
RECOMMENDATION-ANALYSIS-DECISION

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

KIME ALLOTMENT 0608

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

RM 1, 2.3  
Treat 720 acres of brush to release the forage species. This could be accomplished by spraying or burning.

This treatment is needed to improve quality and quantity of forage for the present active qualifications. This will produce an additional 39 AUMs of forage over the estimated present carrying capacity, which combined with management will produce an additional 79 AUMs. The 39 AUMs would be realized in 6 to 8 years after treatment. (See also T. H., URA, RM Step 4, page 2.)

Multiple-Use Analysis

This recommendation for 720 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.

Multiple Use Recommendation

Reason

Selectively control sagebrush to increase livestock forage, improve watershed condition within the accepted guidelines (RM Appendix II) for sagebrush control.

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

Note: Attach additional sheets, if needed

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HILL CITY BRANCH ALLOTMENT 0609

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

RM 1, 2.1

Implement a grazing system by developing an AMP with the following grazing formula:

Treatment	4/16	7/20	9/30
A	GRAZE		
B	REST	GRAZE	
C	R E S T		

The implementation of this grazing system will improve range conditions and the quality and quantity of livestock forage. The livestock forage is expected to increase under this type of management by 35 AUMs over the present estimated carrying capacity. (See T.H., RUA, RM, Step 4, pages 2, 29 and 30.)

Multiple-Use Analysis

The following recommendations made by other resource activity specialists lend support to this recommendation for R 2.1, 3.2; W 1.2 and W 1.3.

These recommendations relate the following constraints on this 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.

There is also a recommendation to combine this allotment with the Kime Allotment and then develop one grazing system for both allotments.

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Multiple Use Recommendation

Implement the above grazing system by either fencing, a one pasture treatment, or combining with the Kime Allotment.

Reason

No final decision as to just how the system is to be applied to the allotment has been made. This will be worked out with the licensees.

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HILL CITY BRANCH 0609

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

RM 1, 2.2  
 Treat 695 acres of brush to release the forage species. This could be accomplished by either spraying or burning.

This treatment is needed to improve the quality and quantity of forage for the present active qualifications. This treatment will produce an additional 35 AUMs of forage over the estimated present carrying capacity, which combined with management will produce an additional 70 AUMs. The 35 AUMs by treatment would be realized in 6 to 8 years after treatment. (See also T.H., URA, RM, Step 4 page 2.)

Multiple-Use Analysis

This recommendation for 695 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.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reasons

Selectively control sagebrush to increase livestock forage and improve watershed conditions within the accepted guidelines (RM Appendix II) for sagebrush control.

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

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HILL CITY BRANCH ALLOTMENT 0609

RECOMMENDATION

RM 2.3  
Construct fences to allow for implementation of a grazing system.

RATIONALE

The fences needed for this allotment will depend upon how the proposed grazing system is applied. Some boundary fence will be needed and/or one or two cattleguards. The exact location of these facilities has not been determined. Plans for these facilities will be developed with the writing of the AMP.

Multiple-Use Analysis

All fences proposed and existing have conflicts with some of the Recreation (R 8.3) and Wildlife (WL 5.3) activity recommendations, but are also recognized as a necessary evil to accomplish livestock manipulation to implement intensive livestock management which will help to accomplish many of the range management, watershed, wildlife, and recreation activity recommendations.

All new fences should be constructed to specifications presented in the 1737 Fencing Manual. The fences should be located so as to blend in with the natural environment as much as possible. Gates and/or cattleguards should be located on roads and trails and/or at least every mile in gentle terrain and at least every one-half mile in rough terrain to accommodate the public use of the National Resource Lands.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Construct new fences needed for implementation of the AMP. Specifications for fence construction will be in accordance with above analysis.

Reason

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KIME ALLOTMENT 0608 & HILL CITY BRANCH ALLOTMENT 0609

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

RM 2.1

Combine these two small allotments and write an AMP with the grazing formula recommended for the Hill City Branch Allotment.

If these two allotments were combined the proposed grazing system could be implemented on National Resource Land at less cost while providing a pasture for each treatment each year. Otherwise the only way to implement the individual grazing system may be to use one pasture with three treatments applied to it. (See T.H., URA, RM, Step 4, pages 5, 27-30.)

Multiple-Use Analysis

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

It may be desirable to combine these allotments to implement the grazing system, but as of this date we have not conferred with the licensees to determine if a combining would suit their operations. After talking to them a final decision will be made on this recommendation.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reason

Combine these allotments if the proposed grazing system can best be implemented by the combination.

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ENTIRE UNIT - ISOLATED TRACTS

RECOMMENDATIONS

RATIONALE

RM 2.1  
 Identify the several semi-isolated tracts of National Resource Land within the unit that need some sort of management to maintain and/or improve range conditions.

There are several isolated tracts of National Resource Lands within the unit that are presently not being licensed under regular procedures. These tracts should at least receive custodial management to insure adequate protection of range conditions.

These lands might also be used in an exchange of land program to block up National Resource Land within allotment boundaries.

Multiple-Use Analysis

This recommendation does not by itself conflict with other activities recommendations. At present it is known that some grazing use is made on some of these lands, but it is not known at this time whose livestock graze on them. There may be some sort of agreement between the BLM and private individuals on these tracts which will have to be identified.

Multiple-Use Recommendations

Reason

Accept the recommendation as stated above.

The Wildlife, Watershed, and Range Management programs can be enhanced by getting some sort of management on these isolated tracts of land.

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UNIT WIDERECOMMENDATION

RM 1, 2.1  
The season of use in the Timmerman Unit should be established as 4/16 to 12/15.

RATIONALE

The present grazing seasons vary for each allotment, some of which are different than the present actual use. All of the present seasons were established to satisfy the apparent desires of the livestock operators and not the physiological needs of the forage plants. If the proper season of use is changed to 4/16 to 12/15 it would allow for management flexibility in determining what grazing seasons could be proposed in allotment management plans and grazing systems. The users should be encouraged to use more of their active use in the summer and fall portions of the grazing season to better facilitate meaningful grazing systems. (See T.H., URA, RM, Step 4, page 5.)

Multiple-Use Analysis

There are two wildlife recommendations (WL 2.4 and WL 2.5) that conflict on specific areas within the unit with this recommendation. They are to allow no more than 1/3 of the critical winter range to be grazed by livestock in the fall (after 8/15) and to defer livestock grazing on the critical deer winter range until after May 1.

These recommendations can probably be accommodated in the development of the Picabo Hills AMP. These are the only conflicts with the other activity recommendations.

There could be an adverse economic impact on the licensees if in any allotment the season of use that is written into the proposed AMP is different than the actual seasons that they are presently using. This could result in additional feeding costs, revising their basic operations, etc.

Intensive grazing systems are proposed for all allotments in the unit and if they are implemented and season of use determined on an allotment basis within the maximum season of 4/16 to 12/15, the physiological requirements of the plants can be met.

Multiple-Use RecommendationReason

Accept the above recommendation.

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