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RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

RM 2.6

Develop dependable water as indicated in the AMP to provide for proper utilization and distribution of livestock.

Additional water needs to be developed to facilitate the implementation of an intensive grazing system. It is known there is a lack of water in the Northeast and Southeast pastures, and efforts should be concentrated on those two pastures. Plans for these additional waters will be developed with the revision of the AMP, and as needed for the implementation and operation of the grazing system. Any future water developments should be for season long use to facilitate livestock manipulation within the proposed grazing systems for the duration of the grazing season.

MULTIPLE-USE ANALYSIS

The recommendation conflicts with WL 6.2 which recommends to exclude livestock from spring and wet-meadow areas. This conflict should be mitigated by fencing out identified spring areas on a project by project basis after developing the water and piping it to a trough for livestock use. The wet-meadows should be identified as to the specific site needs after intensive livestock management has been implemented to see if this need can be satisfied through the manipulation of livestock within the grazing system.

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The development of dependable water supports the recommendation to implement an intensive grazing system on this allotment and benefits would accrue to both livestock and wildlife.

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Develop dependable water as indicated in the AMP and correlate the project design to mitigate as much as possible with wildlife needs.	

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RM 1, 2.7

Treat 16,092 acres of brush to release the forage species. This could be accomplished with a combination of 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 1000 AUMs of forage over the estimated present carrying capacity, which combined with management will produce an additional 2,258 AUMs. The 1000 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 16,000 acres is reduced and the remaining areas are supported and/or constrained by other accepted resource activity recommendations to the point that total acres of brush control are unknown at this time. See the Range Management Step II Overlay for location of the 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.

This recommendation in part is supported by Wildlife (WL 7.1 & 1.2) and Watershed (W 1.4) activity recommendations.

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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

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

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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.
- These recommendations can be accommodated in the present grazing system.

Multiple Use Recommendations

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Accept the above recommendation

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RATIONALE

RM 2.2

Obtain information to present carrying capacity on all State lands offered for exchange of use.

Stocking rates should be based on present carrying capacity as stated in W.O. Inst. Memo 74-397, "stocking rates for exchange of use agreements and percent use authorizations must be based on forage inventories. Exchange of use agreements that would work to the detriment of the District program should be rejected". The Bureau's range survey for this unit has been lost and there is no current record for this allotment. The State Dept. of Public Lands has recently re-surveyed most of their lands and the BLM may recognize the State's new carrying capacity on State lands offered for exchange of use. The present carrying capacity allowed for all lands offered is at 8 Ac/AUM.

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The carrying capacity data on these State and private lands needs to be updated so that the exchange of use licenses can be based on current information. There is no conflict with other resources on obtaining this data. If the carrying

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capacity of these lands in AUMs are adjusted downward, it would have an economic impact on the people controlling these lands. They would have to accept the new carrying capacities or fence these lands out of the allotment.

Multiple Use Recommendations

Reasons

Accept the recommendations as stated above and adjust the exchange of use licenses accordingly.

If the offered lands are overstocked it puts additional grazing pressure on NRLs.

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RATIONALE

RM 2.3

Increase active AUMs by extending the present grazing of 4/16 to 9/15 to 4/16 to 10/5 for the 1977 grazing season.

This increase in AUMs would amount to an additional 262 AUMs of active qualification and would bring the total authorized AUMs to 2232 AUMs. This is close to the eight year actual use average of 2106 AUMs and just about even with the actual use average for 1972 through 1975 of 2121 AUMs. This actual use along with observations and other studies indicate that this additional forage is available for use (43 CFR 4111.2-2). The 2232 AUMs would obligate the National Resource Lands at a rate of 9.5 Ac/AUM.

MULTIPLE USE ANALYSIS

This recommendation does not conflict with the other activities. The live-stock use should be monitored to insure that no more than 60% utilization is occurring in any pasture.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reason

Accept above recommendation.

This additional use can be accomodated without any negative effects on range or watershed condition, trend, or wildlife habitat.

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RATIONALE

RM 2.4

Change the 10% temporary non-renewable increase in livestock numbers that have been allowed since 1972 to active qualifications.

This proposed increase in active qualifications would be from the present active qualifications of 1775 AUMs to 1970 AUMs, which is still below the actual use average for the period of 1968 to 1975 which was 2106 AUMs. The average actual use for 1972 to 1975 was 2221 AUMs. This actual use along with information from other studies indicates that the additional forage is available for use.

MULTIPLE USE ANALYSIS

This recommendation does not conflict with the other activity recommendations. The livestock grazing use should be monitored to insure that no more than 60% utilization of the herbaceous vegetation occurs in any pasture.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reason

Accept above recommendation

This additional use has been tested since 1972 without any negative effects on watershed or range condition and trend.

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RATIONALE

RM 2.5

Allow an increase of 10% in livestock numbers for the 1977 grazing season on a temporary nonrenewable basis. This increase would amount to 220 AUMs over that of Recommendation RM 2.4.

This increase should be made on a temporary nonrenewable basis until it is determined from actual use and other studies that it could be made permanent. The total qualifications plus temporary nonrenewable use would be 2454 AUMs and would obligate the National Resource Lands at a rate of 8.6 Ac/AUM. The carrying capacity of this allotment under present management has been estimated at 8 Ac/AUM (see T.H. URA, RM Step 4 p 2) (43 CFR 4111.4-2).

MULTIPLE-USE ANALYSIS

No conflicts identified. The additional livestock use should be monitored to ensure that no more than 60% utilization of the herbaceous vegetation occurs in any pasture. If the actual use and/or the utilization studies indicate that any problems are evident as a result of this additional use it should be revoked.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reason

Accept the above recommendation

This would actually be the first increase in actual use since 1972. The allotment is improving and the increased use can be managed

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to stay within the multiple use guidelines
outlined in RM 1, 2.1 of this section.