

BENNETT HILLS-TIMMERMAN HILLS MFP

GENERAL COORDINATION GUIDELINES FOR BENNETT HILLS BRUSH CONTROL & SEEDING PROJECTS

1. In general, wildlife objectives in regard to land treatment, unless restricted by one of the following guidelines, is to establish or maintain a vegetation composition of approximately 20% forbs, 20% shrubs, and 60% grasses. Normally 100% kill on any brush treatment should not be allowed. (WL 12.1 & 2)
2. Deer Winter Ranges: Coordinate brush treatment projects so that adequate brush is retained to provide cover and forage requirements for wintering deer. Shrub species that are utilized by both livestock and deer should be considered in seeding mixture. (WL 2.3 & 2.8)
3. Deer Summer Ranges: Include species of forbs that are palatable to both livestock and wildlife in seed mixtures where seeding is proposed as part of the land treatment. (WL 1.3)
4. Antelope Ranges: Maintain sufficient areas of sagebrush of 2 to 4 acres in size with canopy coverage over 20% to provide for antelope fawning grounds. Strive to establish and maintain 15 - 20% forbs in the vegetation composition on all antelope ranges. (WL 5.1 & 5.2)
5. Sage Grouse Habitat: Coordinate brush removal on brood rearing areas to avoid extensive brush-free areas. Open grass areas should not exceed 50 yards in width. Treatments which result in "fingering" or extensive interlacing of grass lands and brush lands are desirable. Management or treatment practice which encourages production of forbs should be considered.

Selectively control sagebrush within a 2-mile radius of strutting grounds and on sage grouse wintering areas so that adequate sagebrush is retained for sage grouse nesting and wintering purposes. (WL 6.1 & 7.1)
6. Raptor Habitat: No control of brush will be allowed:
 - (1) Within 1/4 mile of a known eyrie.
 - (2) Within 1 mile of a known eyrie where sagebrush makes up less than 20% of the vegetative composition.
 - (3) Maintain 40% of area in sagebrush within 1 mile of a known eyrie where sagebrush exceeds 20% of the vegetative composition. (WL 11.1)
7. Upland Game & Waterfowl: Maintain sagebrush 100 yards (+ or -) in irregular patterns adjacent to canals and waterways. Manage and arrange treatment practices so that a diverse vegetative composition can be provided within the leave areas. (WVL 9.2)

APPENDIX I
(Continued)

8. Visual Resources Management: Refer to Recreation Overlay No. for Classified Areas:

Class II Areas

Allow no treatment in immediate visual foreground of major roads and urban areas. Foreground is considered to be from object of consideration up to $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away. Allow background treatment, but coordinate so that the natural characteristic of the landscape is not changed. Unnatural changes in the landscape such as straight lines or mono-type vegetation should be avoided. (R 4.1)

Class III and IV Areas

Allow treatment but blend with the natural characteristics of the landscape. Avoid unnatural visual impacts such as straight lines and vegetation mono-types. (R 4.2 & 3)

Refer to 6320 Manual (Visual Contract ratings) for additional criteria.

Exchange of Use

RM 2.3 Adjust stocking rates where licenses exceed the carrying capacity of the lands offered for exchange and encourage exchange of use only for land located within the allotment boundaries.

Range Improvements - Fences

RM 1&2.4 Maintain, construct, and/or relocate fences necessary for the implementation of allotment management plans. Where possible, relocate allotment boundary fences to include adjoining tracts of public lands that are not used, or not allotted within respective allotments. Install cattleguards or gates that can be easily opened on all roads and trails, at fence corners, and at least every mile. Coordinate fence location and construction so as not to reduce or destroy visual resource quality, do not locate fences on known archaeological sites, and allow construction of fences pending classification of lands potentially valuable for agriculture.

Range Improvements - Livestock Water

RM 1&2.5 Maintain and construct water facilities necessary for proper livestock distribution and implementation of allotment management plans. Coordinate construction of water facilities with recreation so as to mitigate the impact on visual resource quality. Coordinate development of water facilities to minimize adverse impacts to archaeological values. Avoid development of water facilities that would destroy significant

archaeological sites. Allow development of water facilities on geothermal leases. Do not expend funds to develop water facilities on lands identified as potentially valuable for agriculture.

Change in Class of Livestock

RM 1&2.6 Allow conversions in class of livestock only where the stocking rate is commensurate with the carrying capacity for the class of livestock being converted to, and a grazing system is implemented that will protect and propagate the key native forage species in the allotment. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any pasture will be determined in development of the AMP, and the degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.

Season of Use

RM 2.7 Encourage establishment of grazing seasons that coincide with WL 2.5 on allotments that contain critical deer winter ranges. Coordinate grazing seasons for livestock grazing compatible with identified wildlife needs. Grazing seasons for both sheep and cattle will be determined in the formulation of the AMP.

WEST BLISS ALLOTMENT - 0403

RM 1&2.1 Implement an AMP with a rest-rotation grazing system that will provide for plant vigor, seed production, seed tromp, and seedling establishment of native key forage species. Include both sheep and cattle in the grazing system. Fence portions of the canals where major critical waterfowl nesting areas are identified, providing water gaps where feasible. Allow mineral leasing. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any pasture will be determined in development of the AMP. The degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.

RM 1&2.2 Coordinate all land treatment proposals with wildlife, watershed, and recreation activities to ensure all multiple use conflicts are mitigated. Criteria to be used in mitigating conflicts are found in Appendix I. Allow leasing of minerals with no constraints on land treatment projects. Prohibit land treatment projects on known archaeological sites.

TICESKA ALLOTMENT - 0404

RM 1&2.1 Revise the present AMP as follows:

1. Adjust the grazing system to provide for plant vigor, seed production, seed tromp, and seedling establishment of the key native forage species.

2. Adjust license flexibility to meet manual requirements, specify normal operation and maximum numbers, and limit season of use flexibility to not exceed 5 days before and after the normal operation dates.

3. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any pasture will be determined in revision of the AMP. The degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.

4. Fence portions of the canals where major critical waterfowl nesting areas are identified. Provide water gaps no further than one-half mile apart.

5. Allow disposal within Class I and II irrigation potential classification.

6. Allow mineral leasing.

RM 1&2.2 Remove brush and seed crested wheatgrass on areas of public land, subject to the following constraints.

1. Revise the AMP and implement a sound grazing system.

2. Coordinate all land treatment proposals with wildlife, watershed, and recreation activities. Criteria to be used in mitigating conflicts are found in Appendix I.

3. Propose no land treatments on Class I and II lands pending outcome of classification.

4. Allow leasing of minerals with no constraints on land treatment projects.

5. Prohibit land treatment projects on known archaeological sites.

101 ALLOTMENT - 0405

RM 1&2.1 Revise the present AMP as follows:

1. Adjust the grazing system to provide for plant vigor, seed production, seed tromp, and seedling establishment of the key native forage species.

2. Establish stocking rates that are commensurate with the carrying capacity for the season of use and area available for grazing in the grazing system, within constraints identified for wildlife and watershed.

3. Adjust license flexibility to meet BLM Manual requirements, specify the normal operation and maximum numbers, and limit season of use flexibility to not exceed five days before and after the normal operation dates.

4. Adjust the AMP to exclude the portion of the allotment which lies adjacent to the Pioneer and Burnt Ridge allotments.

5. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any pasture will be determined in the revision of the AMP. The degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.

6. Allow mineral leasing.

7. Exclude grazing on the sand blow area above the rim until it is fully stabilized.

PIONEER ALLOTMENT - 0406

RM 2.1 Defer combination of the Pioneer Allotment with the adjoining portions of the 101 and Burnt Ridge allotments until all input from the licensees has been received. Also, subject to negotiation with licensees, consider a land exchange of the SW4NW4 of Section 20, T. 5 S., R. 12 E., for the SE4SE4 of the same section.

RM 1&2.2 Revise the present AMP as follows:

1. Adjust the grazing system to one that will provide for plant vigor, seed production, seed tromp, and seedling establishment of the key native forage species.

2. Establish stocking rates that are commensurate with the carrying capacity for the season of use and area available to grazing in the grazing system and within constraints identified for wildlife and watershed.

3. Adjust license flexibility to meet BLM Manual requirements, specify the normal operation and maximum numbers, and limit season of use flexibility to not exceed five days before and after the normal operation dates.

4. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any pasture will be determined in ~~the~~ revision of the AMP. The degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.

5. Fence portions of the reservoirs and canals ^{where} for major critical waterfowl nesting areas are identified. Provide water gaps no farther than one-half mile apart.

6. Allow disposal of lands within Class I and II ^{mitigation} potential classification.

7. Allow mineral leasing.

RM 1&2.3 Conduct brush removal and seeding projects subject to the following constraints:

1. Revise the allotment management plan and implement a sound and acceptable grazing system.

2. Coordinate all land treatment proposals with wildlife, watershed, and recreation activities to ensure all multiple use conflicts are mitigated.

Criteria to be used in mitigating conflicts are found in Appendix 1.

3. Pending outcome of classification, propose no land treatments on lands that have Class I and II irrigation potential.

4. Allow leasing of minerals with no constraints on land treatment projects.

5. Prohibit land treatment projects on known archaeological sites.

RM 2.4 Combine Burnt Ridge, the adjoining part of 101, and Pioneer allotments. Then divide into individual allotments for both allottees provided that an acceptable division of allotment boundaries and acceptable grazing system can be agreed upon.

KING HILL ALLOTMENT - 0413

RM 2.1 Determine the carrying capacity of the public lands and private and State lands offered for exchange of use and adjust stocking rates accordingly.

RM 1&2.2

1.a. Combine the Hog Creek Allotment with either the King Hill or Dempsey allotment when the least economic impact will occur to the allottee.

Pending combination, manage under custodial criteria specified under custodial management recommendation RM 1&2.1.

1.b. Do not ^{allow} adjustment of spring grazing use to fall grazing use.

2.a. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any pasture will be determined in ~~the~~ revision of the AMP. The degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.

2.b. Protect wet meadows, springs, streams, and reservoirs from intensive livestock use as follows:

Springs - Coordinate protection with wildlife needs. Where significant wildlife values are identified, fence the spring source to exclude livestock and make water available for livestock outside the enclosure.

Wet Meadows - Fence to exclude livestock only where it is demonstrated after one or two grazing cycles that significant wildlife habitat is being destroyed by livestock grazing.

Streams and Reservoirs - Fence where major critical waterfowl nesting areas and fisheries habitat are identified. Provide water gaps no farther than one-half mile apart when possible.

2.c. Allow disposal of lands within Class I and II irrigation potential classification.

2.d. Allow mineral leasing.

2.e. Continue with livestock as identified in the present AMP unless adjustment is needed to reach carrying capacity of the range.

RM 1&2.3 Defer brush treatment pending in-depth analysis of the Boise MFP and additional input by involved Boise District licensee.

DEMPSEY ALLOTMENT - 0414

RM 2.1 Determine the carrying capacity for public lands and private and State lands offered for exchange of use and adjust stocking rates accordingly.

RM 1&2.2

1. Continue existing AMP and grazing system.
2. Do not allow adjustment of spring grazing use to fall grazing use.
3. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any pasture will be determined in revision of the AMP. The degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.
4. Protect wet meadows, springs, and streams from intensive livestock use.
5. Allow disposal of lands within Class I and II irrigation potential classification.
6. Allow mineral leasing.

7. Negotiate settlement of conflict between adjacent landowner and licensee in Section 10, T. 5 S., R. 12. E.

RM 1&2.3 Remove brush and seed public lands subject to the following criteria:

1. Allow no brush treatment in the allotment on areas identified as critical deer winter range, sage grouse winter range, and areas potentially valuable for agriculture.
2. Coordinate land treatment proposals within the allotment to ensure that all multiple use conflicts are mitigated prior to project implementation. Criterial to be used in mitigating conflicts are found in Appendix 1.
3. Allow mineral leasing on all lands with no constraints on land treatment projects.
4. Prohibit land treatment projects on known archaeological sites.

INDIAN ALLOTMENT - 0415

RM 2.1 Determine carrying capacity for public lands and private and state lands offered for exchange of use and adjust stocking rates accordingly.

RM 1&2.2

1. Implement an AMP with a rest-rotation grazing system that will provide

for plant vigor, seed production, seed tump, and seedling establishment of native key forage species.

2. Include both sheep and cattle in the grazing system.

3. Establish stocking rates that are commensurate with the carrying capacity for the season of use and area available for grazing in the grazing system and within constraints identified for wildlife and watershed.

4. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any pasture will be determined in ~~the~~ development of the AMP. The degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.

5. Protect wet meadows, springs, streams, and canals from intensive livestock use.

6. Allow disposal of lands within Class I and II irrigation potential classification.

7. Allow mineral leasing.

RM 1&2.3 Combine the Mink and Indian allotments when the least amount of impact will occur to the Mink Allotment licensee. Manage under custodial criteria pending combination.

Remove brush and seed public land within the allotment subject to the following criteria:

1. Implement an allotment management plan with a sound and acceptable grazing system.
2. Coordinate all land treatment proposals with wildlife, watershed, and recreation activities to ^{and} assure all multiple use conflicts are mitigated. The criteria to be used in mitigating conflicts are found in Appendix 1.
3. Allow coordinated land treatment on sage grouse winter range.
4. Propose no land treatments on lands that have Class I and II irrigation potential pending outcome of classification.
5. Allow leasing of minerals with no constraints on land treatment projects.
6. Prohibit land treatment projects on known archaeological sites.

RM 2.5 Within an area not to exceed one-half mile in width from ^{the} freeway overpass to ^{the} Bliss Canal, allow disposal of lands with Class I and II irrigation potential classification subject to reservations for public access to facilitate the need for a stock driveway.

CLOVER CREEK ALLOTMENT - 0416

RM 1&2.2 Revise the present AMP as follows:

1. Adjust the grazing system to one that will provide for plant vigor, seed production, seed tump, and seedling establishment of the key native forage species.
2. Establish stocking rates that are commensurate with the carrying capacity for the season of use and area available to grazing in the grazing system and within the constraints identified for wildlife and watershed.
3. Adjust license flexibility to meet BLM Manual requirements, and specify the normal operation and maximum numbers, and limit season of use flexibility to not exceed five days before and after the normal operation dates.
4. Include both sheep and cattle in the grazing system.
5. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any pasture will be determined in ~~the~~ revision of the AMP. The degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.
6. Protect wet meadows, springs, streams, and canals from intensive livestock use.

7. Selectively fence the Clover Creek channel to exclude livestock use.

Provide water gaps not farther than one-half mile apart.

8. Allow disposal of land within Class I and II irrigation potential classification.

9. Allow mineral leasing.

RM 2.1 Determine the carrying capacity for public lands, and private and State lands offered for exchange of use and adjust stocking rates accordingly.

RM 1&2.3 Remove brush and seed public lands subject to the following constraints:

1. Revise the AMP and implement a sound and acceptable grazing system.

2. Coordinate all land treatment proposals with wildlife, watershed, and recreation activities consistent with the criteria found in Appendix I.

3. Allow coordinated land treatment on sage grouse winter range.

4. Propose no land treatments on lands that have Class I and II irrigation potential pending the outcome of classification.

5. Allow leasing of minerals with no constraints on land treatment projects.

6. Prohibit land treatment projects on known archaeological sites.

RM 2.4 Establish administrative stock driveways not to exceed one-half mile in width as follows:

1. From ^{the} freeway overpass north of Bliss to Bray Lake open to trailing year long.

2. From Bray Lake to Christ Cabin open to trailing 5/15 to 12/31.

3. From freeway overpass to Camas Prairie via the Hill City-Bliss Road open to trailing year long.

4. Fence the stream channels and meadows of Clover Creek in the vicinity of the shearing corrals to protect wildlife and watershed values.

5. Allow disposal of lands of Class I and II irrigation potential classification without reservation for the stock driveway. Preserve public access to the remaining public lands to facilitate the need for a stock driveway.

RM 2.5 Adjust the Clover Creek Allotment boundary to exclude the area north of the shearing corrals. The proportionate amount of grazing privilege would also be adjusted in the adjoining allotment.

DAVIS MOUNTAIN ALLOTMENT - 0417

RM 2.1 Determine the carrying capacity of the public lands and private and State lands offered for exchange of use and adjust stocking rates accordingly.

RM 1&2.2 Revise the present AMP as follows:

1. Adjust the grazing system to one that will provide for plant vigor, seed production, seed tromp, and seedling establishment of the key native forage species.
2. Establish stocking rates that are commensurate with the carrying capacity for the season of use and area available to grazing in the grazing system and within constraints identified for wildlife and watershed.
3. Adjust license flexibility to meet BLM Manual requirements, and specify the normal operation, ^{and} maximum numbers, ^{and} the season of use flexibility to not exceed five days before and after normal operation dates.
4. Include both sheep and cattle in the grazing system.
5. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any pasture will be determined in ~~the~~ revision of the AMP. The degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.

6. Protect wet meadows, springs, streams, and canals from intensive livestock use.

7. Allow disposal of lands within Class I and II irrigation potential classification.

8. Allow mineral leasing.

RM 1&2.3 Remove brush and seed public lands within the allotment, subject the following constraints:

1. Revise the AMP and implement a sound and acceptable grazing system.

2. Coordinate all land treatment proposals with wildlife, watershed, and recreation activities as provided for in Appendix I.

3. Allow coordinated land treatment on sage grouse winter range.

4. Propose no land treatments on lands that have Class I and II irrigation potential pending outcome of classification.

5. Allow leasing of minerals with no constraints on land treatment projects.

6. Prohibit land treatment projects on known archaeological sites.

RM 2.5 Establish an individual allotment in the Long Gulch drainage. Provide custodial management of the area until a land exchange as recommended in RM 1&2.2 support can be implemented. Refer to custodial management recommendation RM 2.1.

BLACK CANYON ALLOTMENT - 0418

RM 2.1 Determine the carrying capacity for public lands and private and State lands offered for exchange of use and adjust stocking rates accordingly.

RM 1&2.2 Continue the existing AMP and grazing system except as follows:

1. Establish stocking rates that are commensurate with the carrying capacity for the season of use and area available to grazing in the grazing system and within constraints identified for wildlife and watershed.
2. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any pasture will be determined in evaluation and revision of the AMP. The degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.
3. Protect wet meadows, springs, streams, and canals from intensive livestock use.
4. Allow disposal of lands within Class I and II irrigation potential classification.

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5. Allow mineral leasing.

6. Leave City of Rocks open to grazing unless or until grazing proves to be a significant conflict with recreational use. Exclude livestock if conflict evolves.

RM 1&2.3 Remove brush and seed public lands subject to the following constraints:

1. Maintain the present grazing system.

2. Coordinate all land treatments projects with wildlife, watershed, and recreation activities as provided for in Appendix I.

3. Allow coordinated land treatment on sage grouse winter range and strutting grounds as provided for in Appendix I.

4. Propose no land treatments on lands that have Class I and II irrigation potential pending outcome of classification.

5. Allow leasing of minerals with no constraints on land treatment projects.

6. Prohibit land treatment projects on known archaeological sites.

RM 2.4 Establish an administrative stock driveway not to exceed one-fourth mile in width as follows:

1. From Bray Lake due east through Sections 30, 29, 28, and 27, T. 4 S., R. 14 E. to Black Canyon Creek in the North Gooding Allotment open to trailing year long.
2. From Christ Cabin to Rock Spring on Black Canyon Creek open to trailing from 5/15 to 12/31.
3. From Bowman Flat to North Gooding Allotment open to trailing 5/15 to 12/31.

NORTH GOODING ALLOTMENT - 0419

RM 2.1 Determine carrying capacity of public lands and private and State lands offered for exchange of use and adjust stocking rates accordingly.

RM 1&2.2

1. Under existing class of livestock and grazing use, implement an AMP with a deferred-rotation system that will provide for physiological requirements of the native grasses and forbs. Provide north-south access from where the trailing sheep enter the allotment (Section 26, T. 4 S., R. 14 E.) to the Little City of Rocks (Section 32, T. 3 S., R. 15 E.).
2. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any pasture will be determined in development of the AMP. The degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.

3. Protect wet meadows, spring, and streams from intensive livestock use.

RM 1&2.3

1. Prior to allowing conversion of sheep use to cattle use, implement a rest-rotation grazing system that will provide for plant vigor, seed production, seed tromp, and seedling establishment of native key forage species.

2. Include both sheep and cattle in the grazing system.

RM 1&2.4 Remove brush and seed public lands within the allotment subject to the following constraints:

1. Implement an AMP with a sound and acceptable grazing system.

2. Coordinate all land treatment proposals with wildlife, watershed, and recreation activities as provided for in Appendix I.

3. Propose no land treatments on lands that have Class I and II irrigation potential pending outcome of classification.

4. Allow leasing of minerals with no constraints on land treatment projects.

5. Prohibit land treatment projects on known archaeological sites.

RM 2.5 Subject to final negotiation with licensees, adjust allotment boundaries to exclude that part of the allotment between Highway 46 and the east boundary fence that lies adjacent to the Rattlesnake Allotment.

HASH SPRING ALLOTMENT - 0420

RM 1&2.1

1. Implement an AMP with a rest-rotation grazing system that will provide for plant vigor, seed production, seed tromp, and seedling establishment of native key forage species.
2. Include both sheep and cattle in the grazing system.
3. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any pasture will be determined in development of the AMP. The degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.
4. Protect wet meadows, springs, and streams from intensive livestock use.
5. Allow mineral leasing.

Support Needs

Improve existing access and construct additional access to improve use supervision and livestock movement due to dense sagebrush. Acquire easements on private lands.

RM 1&2.2 Remove competing brush species subject to the following constraints:

1. Implement an AMP with a sound and acceptable grazing system.
2. Implement land treatment proposals only where minimal impacts occur to other resources or which actually benefit other resources. All other resources should receive the overriding considerations. Coordinate land treatments with criteria in Appendix I.
3. Allow mineral leasing with no constraints on land treatment projects.
4. Prohibit land treatment projects on known archaeological sites.

RM 2.3 Determine carrying capacity of the public lands and private and State lands offered for exchange of use and adjust stocking rates accordingly.

RATTLESNAKE ALLOTMENT - 0421

RM 1&2.1 Subject to final negotiation with licensees, adjust the allotment boundaries to include the following areas:

1. The part of North Gooding Allotment east of Highway 46 from the settlement to the Gwin Ranch.
2. All of Turkey Butte Allotment.
3. The southwest extension of North Shoshone Allotment known as the Fredrickson Lane.
4. Unallotted or unused areas in Section 30, T. 4 S., R. 16 E., Sections 25 and 35, T. 4 S., R. 15 E., Sections 2 and 3, T. 5 S., R. 15 E.
5. All of the Highway 46 Allotment.

RM 2.2 Determine the carrying capacity for public lands and private and State lands offered for exchange of use and adjust stocking rates accordingly.

RM 1&2.3 Revise the present AMP as follows:

1. Adjust the grazing system to one that will provide for plant vigor, seed production, seed tromp, and seedling establishment of the key native forage species.

2. Establish stocking rates that are commensurate with the carrying capacity, for the season of use and area available to grazing in the grazing system and within constraints identified for wildlife and watershed.
3. Adjust license flexibility to meet BLM Manual requirements. Specify normal operation and maximum numbers and limit season of use flexibility to not exceed five days before and after the normal operation dates.
4. Include both sheep and cattle in the grazing system.
5. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any pasture will be determined in the revision of the AMP. The degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.
6. Protect wet meadows, streams, springs, and canals from intensive livestock use.
7. Allow disposal of lands within Class I and II irrigation potential classification.
8. Allow mineral leasing.
9. Arrange pasture location and grazing system so that no more than one-half, and preferably only one-third, of the critical deer winter range is situated in any pasture and grazed in the fall.

10. Remove livestock from critical deer winter ranges whenever utilization of important shrubs exceeds 40 percent.

RM 1&2.4 Remove competing cheatgrass and brush species and seed public lands to release and establish desirable perennial forage species subject to the following constraints:

1. Revise the AMP and implement a sound and acceptable grazing system.
2. Coordinate all land treatment proposals with wildlife, watershed, and recreation activities according to criteria in Appendix 1.
3. Allow coordinated land treatment on sage grouse winter range and nesting areas consistent with criteria in Appendix 1.
4. Propose no land treatments on lands that have Class I and II irrigation potential pending outcome of classification.
5. Allow leasing of minerals with no constraints on land treatment projects.
6. Prohibit land treatment projects on known archaeological sites.

NORTH SHOSHONE ALLOTMENT - 0426

RM 1&2.1 Subject to final negotiation with the licensees, adjust the Shoshone Cattle Allotment boundaries to include the following adjoining allotments:

1. Curtis Lake Allotment
2. That part of the North Shoshone Sheep Allotment which lies west of Highway 93.

Adjust the Shoshone Cattle Allotment boundaries to exclude:

1. The Fredrickson Lane, which is the southwest part of the allotment
2. Lands lying east of Highway 93.

RM 2.2 Determine the carrying capacity for public lands and private and State lands offered for exchange of use and adjust the stocking rates accordingly.

RM 1&2.3 Revise the present AMP as follows:

1. Adjust the grazing system to one that will provide for plant vigor, seed production, seed tromp, and seedling establishment of the key native forage species.
2. Establish stocking rates that are commensurate with the carrying capacity for the season of use and area available for grazing in the grazing system and within constraints identified for wildlife and watershed.
3. Adjust license flexibility to meet BLM Manual requirements. Specify

normal operation and maximum numbers and limit season of use flexibility to not exceed five days before and after the normal operation dates.

4. Include both sheep and cattle in the grazing system.

5. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any pasture will be determined in the revision of the AMP. The degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.

6. Protect wet meadows, springs, streams, and canals from intensive livestock use.

7. Allow disposal of lands within Class I and II irrigation potential classification.

8. Allow mineral leasing.

9. Arrange pasture location and grazing system so that no more than one-half and preferably only one-third of the critical deer winter range is situated in any pasture and grazed in the fall.

10. Remove livestock from critical deer winter ranges in the fall when utilization of the important shrubs exceeds 40 percent.

RM 1&2.4 Remove competing brush species and seed areas of public land to release and establish desirable perennial forage species subject to the following constraints:

1. Revise the AMP and implement a sound and acceptable grazing system.
2. Coordinate all land treatment proposals with wildlife, watershed, and recreation activities consistent with the criteria in Appendix 1.
3. Propose no land treatments on lands that have Class I and II irrigation potential pending outcome of classification.
4. Allow leasing of minerals with no constraints on land treatment projects.
5. Prohibit land treatment projects on known archaeological sites.
6. Allow no brush treatment in the allotment on areas identified as critical deer winter range.
7. Allow coordinated land treatment on sage grouse winter range and nesting grounds subject to the constraints in Appendix 1.

RM 2.5 Subject to final negotiation with the licensees, discontinue exclusive use of public lands (Thorn Creek Field) under an exchange of use license for private and State lands controlled by the Thorn Creek Association.

KINSEY BUTTE ALLOTMENT - 0430

RM 2.1

1. Combine the Kinsey Butte and Lincoln allotments.
2. Adjust the allotment boundaries to include that part of the North Shoshone Allotment east of Highway 93 with the combination of Kinsey Butte and Lincoln allotments.

RM 2.2 Determine the carrying capacity for public lands and private and State lands offered for exchange of use and adjust stocking rates accordingly.

RM 1&2.3

1. Implement an AMP with a rest-rotation grazing system that will provide for plant vigor, seed production, seed tromp, and seedling establishment of key native forage species.
2. Include both sheep and cattle in the grazing system.
3. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any use pasture will be determined in the AMP. The degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.
4. Fence canals where major critical waterfowl nesting areas are identified. Provide water gaps no farther than one-half mile apart.
5. Allow disposal of lands with Class I and II irrigation potential

classification.

6. Allow mineral leasing.

RM 1&2.4 Remove competing cheatgrass and brush species on public lands subject to the following constraints:

1. Revise the AMP and implement a sound and acceptable grazing system.
2. Coordinate all land treatment proposals with wildlife, watershed, and recreation activities consistent with the criteria in Appendix 1.
3. Allow selective sagebrush control within a two-mile radius of sage grouse strutting grounds.
4. Propose no land treatments on lands that have Class I and II irrigation potential pending outcome of classification.
5. Allow leasing of minerals with no constraints on land treatment projects.
6. Prohibit land treatment projects on known archaeological sites.

MARSH SPRINGS ALLOTMENT - 0431

RM 2.1 Determine the carrying capacity of public lands and private and State lands that are offered for exchange of use and adjust stocking rates

accordingly.

RM 1&2.2

1. Implement an AMP with a rest-rotation grazing system that will provide for plant vigor, seed production, seed tromp, and seedling establishment of the key native forage species.

2. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any pasture will be determined in development of the AMP. The degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.

3. Protect wet meadows, springs, streams, and canals from intensive livestock use.

4. Allow mineral leasing.

RM 1&2.3 Remove competing brush species on public land to release and establish desirable perennial forage species subject to the following constraints:

1. Implement a sound and acceptable grazing system.

2. Coordinate all land treatment projects with wildlife, watershed, and recreation activities consistent with the criteria in Appendix 1.

3. Allow coordinated land treatment within a two-mile radius of sage grouse strutting grounds (See criteria in Appendix 1).
4. Allow leasing of minerals with no constraints on land treatment projects.
5. Prohibit land treatment projects on known archaeological sites.

MACON FLAT ALLOTMENT - 0432

RM 2.1 Determine the carrying capacity of public lands, and private and State lands offered for exchange of use and adjust stocking rates accordingly.

RM 1&2.2 Revise the present AMP as follows:

1. Adjust the grazing system to one that will provide plant vigor, seed production, seed tump, and seedling establishment of the key native forage species.
2. Establish stocking rates that are commensurate with the carrying capacity for the season of use and area available to grazing in the grazing system and within constraints identified for wildlife and watershed.
3. Adjust license flexibility to meet BLM Manual requirements and specify the normal operation and maximum numbers allowed to graze, and limit the season of use flexibility to not exceed five days before and after the normal operation.

4. Include both sheep and cattle in the grazing system.

5. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any pasture will be determined in the revision of the AMP. The degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.

6. Protect wet meadows, springs, streams, and reservoirs from intensive livestock use.

7. Allow mineral leasing.

RM 1&2.3 Remove competing brush species and seed public land to release and establish desirable perennial forage species subject to the following constraints:

1. Revise the AMP and implement a sound and acceptable grazing system.

2. Coordinate all land treatment proposals with wildlife, watershed, and recreation activities consistent with the criteria in Appendix 1.

3. Allow coordinated land treatment on sage grouse winter range and nesting grounds (refer to criteria in Appendix 1).

4. Allow leasing of minerals with no constraints on land treatment projects.

5. Prohibit land treatment projects on known archaeological sites.

Custodial Management (CM)

Beacon - 0401, Cove Creek - 0402, The Pasture - 0408, Dunes - 0409, Fricke - 0410, Black Butte - 0427, Compound - 0428, Springdale - 0433, and Gwin Ranch - 0434.

RM 1&2.1

1. Provide custodial management on allotments above.
2. Regulate grazing use to provide, as a minimum, one of the following grazing treatments:
 - a. Defer grazing until after seed ripe each year.
 - b. Defer grazing during growing season until seed ripe time every other year.
3. Maximum allowable utilization by livestock in any pasture will be determined in development of an AMP. The degree of utilization in any use pasture will not exceed the identified needs of wildlife (food and cover) and watershed protection.
4. Protect wet meadows, springs, streams, and canals from intensive livestock use.

5. Allow disposal of lands within Class I and II irrigation potential classification.

6. Allow mineral leasing.

RM 2.2

1. Allot and regulate the grazing use in accordance with RM 2.1 on tracts of public lands that are isolated from other public lands by natural barriers or private lands.

2. Coordinate allotting and grazing management with all other resource activities. Multiple use values should be given overriding consideration.

3. Known unallotted tracts to be considered:

T. 4 S., R. 16 E., Section 25: SW4SW4

T. 4 S., R. 15 E., Section 1: W2NE4, land located south of Milner-Gooding Canal

T. 6 S., R. 14 E., Section 4 and 5 south of railroad tracks, land adjacent to Mormon Reservoir.

T. 5 S., R. 15 E., Section 1: W2NE4

RM 2.3

1. Determine the carrying capacity of public lands and private and State lands offered for exchange of use and adjust stocking rates accordingly.