



## Current Rangeland Management

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) each manage grazing according to agency guidance and existing resource management plans. Terminology may differ, but the common goal is to support sustainable grazing programs through healthy productive rangelands and watersheds. Successful grazing is a collaborative effort of permittees, landowners, land managers, other agencies, state and local governments, researchers, and the public.

To achieve desired conditions on public lands, the BLM uses *Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management for BLM Lands in Utah*. The *Monticello Resource Management Plan* identifies lands that are available and unavailable for grazing and describes general and allotment-specific decisions, such as the following:

- Continue to authorize current active permitted grazing use unless monitoring data or other factors indicate a need for change.
- Desired utilization levels as management guidelines for key forage species will be identified as needed to monitor use levels on an allotment specific basis to achieve Desired Future Condition.
- Where utilization levels have not been established, a use level of 50% will be the management guideline. Utilization is the proportion or degree of current year's forage production that is consumed or removed by animals (including insects). Utilization data should be analyzed in conjunction with climate, actual grazing use, current or historic impacts (wildfire, livestock, wildlife, insects, etc.), and long-term trend data to help evaluate existing and design future management actions.
- The BLM will develop seasonal restrictions, closures, and/or forage utilization limits on grazing in riparian areas deemed Functioning at Risk and/or Non-functional.

### Indian Creek Unit

The Indian Creek Unit overlaps portions of four allotments. All allotments extend beyond the boundaries of the Indian Creek Unit. The table below contains useful information about the allotments.

**Table 1. Allotments in the Indian Creek Unit**

Allotment	Number of Acres in Indian Creek Unit	Total Allotment Acres	Percent of Allotment in Indian Creek Unit	Class of Livestock
Indian Creek	52,870	228,184	23%	Cattle
Hart's Draw	12,402	28,760	43%	Cattle
Hart Point	2,841	17,738	16%	Cattle
Lone Cedar	3,777	18,426	20%	Cattle

The following areas are unavailable for grazing:

- Bridger Jack Mesa (near relict vegetation)
- Lavender Mesa (relict vegetation)
- Developed recreation sites

The following areas are available to livestock trailing only:

- Indian Creek from Kelly Ranch vicinity to USFS boundary
- Shay Canyon ACEC

## Shash Jáa Unit

The Shash Jáa Unit overlaps portions of nine BLM allotments and three USFS allotments. All allotments extend beyond the boundaries of the Shash Jáa Unit. The table below contains useful information about the allotments.

**Table 2. Allotments in the Shash Jáa Unit**

Allotment	Number of Acres in Shash Jáa Unit	Total Allotment Acres	Percent of Allotment in Shash Jáa Unit	Class of Livestock
BLM Allotments				
Comb Wash	29,552	65,398	45%	Cattle
Cottonwood	10,684	33,404	32%	Cattle
Lake Canyon	2,197	395,882	0.6%	Cattle/horses
Perkins North	13,258	56,660	23%	Cattle
Perkins South	3,417	41,199	8%	Cattle
Slickhorn	2,614	128,625	2%	Cattle/horses
Tank Bench-Brushy Basin	9,366	66,755	14%	Cattle
Texas-Muley	21,348	61,276	35%	Cattle/horses
White Mesa	4,713	50,304	9%	Cattle/horses
USFS Allotments				
Bears Ears	14,767	15,883	93%	Cattle/horses
Babylon	14,863	41,153	36%	Cattle/horses
Twin Springs	2,900	78,342	0.4%	Cattle/horses

Grazing in the riparian area of the San Juan River Special Recreation Management Area will be restricted to October 1–May 31, must meet or exceed Proper Functioning Condition, and incorporate rest-rotation and/or deferment systems. This will include the Perkins North and South Allotments.

The following areas are unavailable for grazing:

- Comb Wash side canyons (Mule Canyon south of Utah State Route 95, Arch Canyon, Fish Canyon, Owl Canyon, and Road Canyon)
- Developed recreation sites (currently developed and proposed sites listed in the *Monticello Resource Management Plan*)
- Portions of West Butler Wash canyons