

**01101 East Bennett Allotment
DETERMINATION DOCUMENT**

SECTION 1

- All Standards are met or making significant progress towards meeting and there is conformance with the guidelines. (No Determination is required, review is complete)
- One or more Standards is not being met or there is non-conformance with the guidelines. (An Authorized Officer's Determination is required, complete Section 2)

SECTION 2

1. Documentation of causal factors (other than livestock grazing).

BLM fire history records do not identify any wildfires on public lands during the period from 1957 to the present. The majority of the public lands are primarily forested with Douglas-fir, which ranges in size from sapling/pole to moderate size saw timber (up to 26-inch diameter at breast height).

2a. Is it more likely than not that existing grazing management practices or levels of grazing use are significant factors in failing to achieve the Standards or conform to the guidelines? (YES/NO) Provide rationale.

Undetermined. The current livestock grazing authorization is for 49 cattle from July 1 through September 30 for 148 Animal Unit Months (AUMs), annually. This season of use occurs at the end of the critical growth period of perennial grasses, but during seed ripening and dispersal stages. Grazing at this time can reduce the amount of plants achieving seed dispersal, thus impacting reproductive success and recruitment.

However, insufficient evidence is available to determine whether livestock grazing management practices are significant factors in the failure to achieve Standards 1 and 4. Therefore, BLM will gather data and information to determine the causal factors for not achieving these standards.

2b. Is there conformance with Idaho Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management? (YES/NO) if not list the guidelines that are not in conformance and provide evidence)

Yes.

/s/ Tate Fischer

July 31, 2015

**Authorized Officer: Tate Fischer
Four Rivers Field Manager**

Date

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION AND DETERMINATION

Check Box 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 (Do not add data or explanatory remarks here.)	STANDARDS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1) Meeting the Standard		X	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	X
2) Not Meeting the Standard, but making significant progress towards								
3) Not Meeting the Standard, current livestock grazing management practices are not significant factors								
4) Not meeting the Standard, current livestock grazing management practices are a significant factor								
5) Not meeting the Standard, cause not determined	X			X				
Guidelines for Livestock Grazing								
Conforms with Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management								Yes
If no, list the guidelines not in conformance:								