

Determination

I have determined that Standards 1, 4, 7, and 8 of the applicable Standards for Rangeland Health are not meeting in the Glass Creek allotment, while Standards 2, 3, and 5 are being met. Standard 6 is not applicable to this allotment. Current livestock grazing management practices are significant factors in not meeting Standards 1, 4, 7, and 8. Livestock management practices do not conform with the applicable Livestock Grazing Management Guidelines 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.



Field Manager
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8/22/13
Date

GLUCH ALLOTMENT EVALUATION FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION

Evaluation Findings and Determination

Standard 1 (Watersheds)

Watersheds provide for the proper infiltration, retention, and release of water appropriate to soil type, vegetation, climate, and landform to provide for proper nutrient cycling, hydrologic cycling and energy flow.

Standard

- Standard does not apply
- Meeting the Standard
- Not meeting the Standard; Current livestock grazing management practices are significant factors
- Not Meeting the Standard; Making significant progress toward
- Not Meeting the Standard; Current livestock grazing management practices are not significant factors

Guidelines

- Conforms with Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management
- Does not conform with Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management; Guideline No(s).

Rationale for Evaluation Finding and Determination

Watershed indicators show some departure from expected conditions for the ecological site, though none were excessive enough to determine that Standard 1 would not be met in the Gluch

Determination

I have determined that Standards 7 and 8 of the applicable Standards for Rangeland Health are not meeting in the Gluch allotment, while Standards 1, 2, 3, and 4 are being met. Standards 5 and 6 are not applicable to this allotment. Current livestock grazing management practices are significant factors in not meeting Standards 7 and 8. Livestock management practices do not conform to applicable Livestock Grazing Management Guidelines 7 and 10.



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GLUCH FFR ALLOTMENT EVALUATION FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION

Evaluation Findings and Determination

Standard 1 (Watersheds)

Watersheds provide for the proper infiltration, retention, and release of water appropriate to soil type, vegetation, climate, and landform to provide for proper nutrient cycling, hydrologic cycling and energy flow.

Standard

- Standard does not apply
- Meeting the Standard
- Not meeting the Standard; Current livestock grazing management practices are significant factors
- Not Meeting the Standard; Making significant progress toward
- Not Meeting the Standard; Current livestock grazing management practices are not significant factors

Guidelines

- Conforms with Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management
- Does not conform with Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management; Guideline No(s). 1, 3, 4, 8

Rationale for Evaluation Finding and Determination

Current livestock grazing management practices are significant causal factors for not meeting upland watershed Standard 1 in pastures 1 and 2 of the Gluch FFR allotment; pasture 3 is not

as the season becomes drier and birds seek out vegetation communities with an abundance of forbs such as mesic areas and riparian zones. Inferring from the breeding habitat assessment, except for the forb information, conditions for sage-grouse in Pasture 3 are found to be marginal. The assessment showed that sagebrush occurrence is satisfactory but that the height is taller than desired and combined with the less than favorable occurrence of understory perennial grasses; hiding and escape cover are not being adequately provided. Therefore this pasture is not meeting Standard 8 due to the marginal upland summer habitat conditions caused by past grazing practices.

2013 Supplement to the Gluch FFR Allotment Rangeland Health Standards and Guidelines Assessment - Field Manager's Determination

Determination

I have determined that Standards 1, 4, 6, 7, and 8 of the applicable Standards for Rangeland Health are not being met in the Gluch FFR Allotment, while Standards 2, 3, 5, and 7 are not applicable for this allotment. Current livestock grazing management practices are significant factors in not meeting Standard 1, 6, 7, and 8 whereas current livestock management practices are not significant factors for not meeting Standard 4. Livestock management practices do not conform with the applicable Livestock Grazing Management Guidelines 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.



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WEST MAHER ALLOTMENT EVALUATION FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION

2013 Supplement to the West Maher FFR Allotment Rangeland Health Standards and Guidelines Assessment

Evaluation Findings and Determination

Standard 1 (Watersheds)

Watersheds provide for the proper infiltration, retention, and release of water appropriate to soil type, vegetation, climate, and landform to provide for proper nutrient cycling, hydrologic cycling and energy flow.

Standard

- Standard does not apply
- Meeting the Standard
- Not meeting the Standard; Current livestock grazing management practices are significant factors
- Not Meeting the Standard; Making significant progress toward
- Not Meeting the Standard; Current livestock grazing management practices are not

Focal Species

Sage-grouse

Breeding habitat conditions for sage-grouse in pasture 3 in the West Maher FFR allotment were found to be marginal. The breeding habitat assessments showed that the occurrence of perennial grass and height are favorable but that the canopy cover, height, and physical shape of the sagebrush overstory does not interface with the herbaceous understory adequately and reduces required nesting and hiding cover values. Because of the less-than-desirable breeding habitat conditions created by the sagebrush overstory, this allotment is providing less-than-adequate (marginal) nesting and early brood-rearing habitat conditions for sage-grouse and therefore is not meeting Standard 8 due to past grazing and annual invasive species.

Upland summer habitat provides important cover and forage for late brood-rearing sage-grouse as the season becomes drier and birds seek out vegetation communities with an abundance of forbs such as mesic areas and riparian zones. The assessment showed that combined canopy cover of perennial grasses and forbs was favorable but that the canopy cover and height of the sagebrush overstory does not interface with the herbaceous understory adequately and reduces required hiding and escape cover for late brood-rearing sage-grouse; therefore, this allotment does not meet Standard 8 due to past grazing and annual invasive species.

2013 Supplement to the West Maher Allotment Rangeland Health Standards and Guidelines Assessment – Field Manager’s Determination

Determination

I have determined that Standards 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8 of the applicable Standards for Rangeland Health are not being met in the West Maher allotment, while Standards 5 and 6 are not applicable for this allotment. Current livestock grazing management practices are significant factors in not meeting Standards 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8, whereas current livestock management practices are not significant factors for not meeting Standard 4. Livestock management practices do not conform with the applicable Livestock Grazing Management Guidelines 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12.



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WARN ALLOTMENT EVALUATION FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION

2013 Supplement to the Warn Allotment Rangeland Health Standards and Guidelines Assessment

Evaluation Findings and Determination

Standard 1 (Watersheds)

Rangeland Health Standards. Because Standards 2, 3, and 7 are not being met, stream, spring, and wetland habitat conditions are not adequate to support viable terrestrial, avian, and aquatic species populations and therefore this allotment is not meeting Standard 8 due to current livestock grazing practices.

2013 Supplement to the Warn Allotment Rangeland Health Standards and Guidelines Assessment – Field Manager's Determination

Determination

I have determined that Standards 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8 of the applicable Standards for Rangeland Health are not being met in the Warn Allotment, while Standard 4 is being met. Standards 5 and 6 are not applicable for this allotment. Current livestock grazing management practices are significant factors in not meeting Standards 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8. Livestock management practices do not conform with the applicable Livestock Grazing Management Guidelines 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12.



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Date