

**Allotment:** Jake’s Canyon

**Proposed Action(s):** Jake’s Canyon Allotment Grazing Permit #06241; Jake’s Canyon Vegetation Treatment

**Changes to Proposed Action(s) from Final Biological Assessment:**

Jake’s Canyon Allotment Grazing Permit #06241

The permit will authorize 40 head of cattle as the maximum number/kind of livestock as a mandatory term and condition, not as the first of the “Other Terms and Conditions”. The remaining terms and conditions will not change. The grazing period is now portrayed as the “Maximum Grazing Period”. This allows the permittee the same flexibility to adjust numbers and time to graze within the Maximum Active Preference as was previously authorized under the first of the “Other Terms and Conditions” and is merely an administrative modification to how the grazing permit information is portrayed. There is no change to the maximum amount of use that can occur. The “Other Terms and Conditions” were revised to address Terms and Conditions from the NMFS draft biological opinion for Jake’s Canyon Allotment, and the requirements for objectives related to vegetation treatments in the BLM’s interim policy for sage grouse habitat management.

Proposed Action as Described In Canyon-Big Timber Final BA:

Permit	Number/Kind	Grazing Period	% Public Land	Active Use (AUM)s	Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	21 Cattle	5/20-7/15	100%	31	31	31	62

Other Terms and Conditions:

- Cattle numbers may be increased up to a total of 40 cattle and the grazing period can be decreased as long as Active Preference AUMs are not exceeded.
- Livestock grazing of the South Pasture will be limited to a total of 9 AUMs and will not occur after 7/1.
- In two out of three years, grazing of the North Pasture will not occur before 7/1.
- The allotment will not be grazed for two years following seeding.

Amended Proposed Action as Currently Described in Proposed Decision:

Permit	Maximum Number/Kind	Maximum Grazing Period	% Public Land	Maximum Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	40 Cattle	5/20-7/15	100%	31	31	62

Other Terms and Conditions:

1. Livestock grazing of the South Pasture will be limited to a total of 9 AUMs and will not occur after 7/1.
2. If an adult steelhead or steelhead redd is found in the allotment, livestock will not be allowed in the South Pasture after 5/31 for that year.
3. In two out of three years, grazing of the North Pasture will not occur before 7/1.

4. After seeding, the allotment will not be grazed until bluebunch wheatgrass is established. Bluebunch will be considered established when the plants are well-rooted (not easily pulled out of ground by hand) and/or are producing reproductive stems. The seeding may require two or more growing seasons for establishment.

There are no proposed livestock crossing authorizations associated with this allotment.

#### Jake's Canyon Vegetation Treatment

There is no change to the proposed action.

**Changes in Effects to Environmental Baseline from Revised Action(s):** Given that up to 40 head of cattle were previously authorized under the "Other Terms and Conditions", there is, in effect, no change to the action or its potential effects on the environmental baseline. Based on the draft biological opinion from NMFS and subsequent discussions with Chad Fealko (NMFS Level 1 representative), the second term and condition should ensure that the action has no additional effects beyond those analyzed or expected.

**Changes in Determination:** The amended proposed action is not expected to change any of the previously made determinations for species or habitat, and should help ensure compliance with the intent of the Terms and Conditions from the Jakes Canyon biological opinion to reduce the potential for take.

**Allotment:** Leadville

**Proposed Action(s):** Leadville Allotment Grazing Permit #06303; Livestock Crossing Authorizations; Rocky Canyon Fence Relocation

**Changes to Proposed Action(s) from Final Biological Assessment:**

Leadville Allotment Grazing Permit #06303

The permit will authorize 500 head of cattle as the maximum number/kind of livestock as a mandatory term and condition, eliminating the multiple lines of authorized numbers, and eliminating the need for what was portrayed as the third “Other Terms and Conditions” in the proposed action analyzed in the BA. The remaining terms and conditions will not change, including the limitations on use in the Canyon Creek pasture from May 1 to May 31. The grazing period is now portrayed as the “Maximum Grazing Period”. This allows the permittee the same flexibility to adjust numbers and time to graze within the Maximum Active Preference as was previously authorized under the first of the “Other Terms and Conditions” and is merely an administrative modification to how the grazing permit information is portrayed. There is no change to the maximum amount of use that can occur or the season of use.

Proposed Action as Described In Canyon-Big Timber Final BA:

Permit	Number/Kind	Grazing Period	% Public Land	Active Use (AUM)s	Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	500 Cattle	5/1-5/31	100%	510	528	398	926
	16 Cattle	9/1-9/30	100%	16			
	5 Cattle	6/1-9/30	100%	20			

Other Terms and Conditions:

- Livestock grazing will only occur in the Canyon Creek Pasture from May 1 to May 31 with a maximum of 115 AUMs.
- The Lower Pasture of the Allotment will not be grazed, except for trailing, until at least 2013 to allow establishment of the Leadville seeding.
- For the purposes of trailing livestock through the allotment between 9/1 and 9/30, cattle numbers may be increased up to a total of 500 cattle and the grazing period can be decreased as long as Active Preference AUMs are not exceeded.

Amended Proposed Action as Currently Described in Proposed Decision:

Permit	Maximum Number/Kind	Maximum Grazing Period	% Public Land	Maximum Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	500 Cattle	5/1-9/30	96%	528	398	926

Other Terms and Conditions:

1. Livestock grazing will only occur in the Canyon Creek Pasture from May 1 to May 31 with a maximum of 115 AUMs.
2. The Lower Pasture of the allotment will not be grazed, except for trailing, until 2013 to allow establishment of the Leadville seeding.

### Livestock Crossing Authorizations

The livestock crossing authorization was amended to include the statement that “Cattle will only be authorized to cross the allotment from 4/15-12/1”. Instead of annual authorizations, the revised action will authorize the crossing for the same 10 year period as the permit.

### Rocky Canyon Fence Relocation

There is no change to the proposed action.

**Changes in Effects to Environmental Baseline from Revised Action(s):** Given that there is no change to the maximum potential amount of use (Active Preference), and the multiple lines of livestock were identified only to authorize livestock crossing within the permit, there is, in effect, no change to the action or its potential effects on the environmental baseline.

**Changes in Determination:** The amended proposed actions are not expected to change any of the previously made determinations for species or habitat.

**Allotment:** Freestrip Allotment

**Proposed Action(s):** Freestrip Allotment Grazing Permit #06301

**Changes to Proposed Action(s) from Final Biological Assessment:** The permit will authorize 550 head of cattle as the maximum number/kind of livestock as a mandatory term and condition, eliminating the need for what was portrayed as the first “Other Terms and Conditions” in the proposed action analyzed in the BA. The remaining terms and conditions will not change, including the limitations on use in the Bell Field and Free Strip pastures from June 1 to July 15. The grazing period is now portrayed as the “Maximum Grazing Period”. This allows the permittee the same flexibility to adjust numbers and time to graze within the Maximum Active Preference as was previously authorized under the first of the “Other Terms and Conditions” and is merely an administrative modification to how the grazing permit information is portrayed. There is a reduction of 6 AUMs in the maximum amount of use that can occur. The percent public land was reduced from 92% to 79% to accurately reflect forage on private and state lands that are fenced in with the allotment.

Proposed Action as Described In Canyon-Big Timber Final BA:

Permit	Number/Kind	Grazing Period	% Public Land	Active Use (AUM)s	Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	104 Cattle	6/1-10/31	92%	481	481	557	1038

Other Terms and Conditions:

- Cattle numbers may be increased up to a total of 550 cattle and the grazing period can be decreased as long as Active Preference AUMs are not exceeded.
- The Freestrip Pasture will not be grazed more than three years out of four.
- Use in Freestrip and Bell Field pastures will only occur between 6/1 and 7/15.
- Livestock grazing in the Bell Field Pasture will not exceed 35 AUMs in a year.

Amended Proposed Action as Currently Described in Proposed Decision:

Permit	Maximum Number/Kind	Maximum Grazing Period	% Public Land	Maximum Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	550 Cattle	6/1-10/31	79%	475	563	1038

Other Terms and Conditions:

1. The Free Strip Pasture will not be grazed more than three years out of four.
2. Use in Free Strip and Bell Field Pastures will only occur between 6/1 and 7/15.
3. Livestock grazing in the Bell Field Pasture will not exceed 35 AUMs in a grazing period.

There are no proposed projects or livestock crossing authorizations associated with this allotment.

**Changes in Effects to Environmental Baseline from Revised Action(s):** Given that up to 550 head of cattle were previously authorized under the “Other Terms and Conditions”, there is, in effect, no change to the action or its potential effects on the environmental baseline, even with the 6 AUM reduction in potential use.

**Changes in Determination:** The amended proposed action is not expected to change any of the previously made determinations for species or habitat.

**Allotment:** Center Ridge

**Proposed Action(s):** Center Ridge Allotment Grazing Permit #06309; Poison Spring Exclosure

**Changes to Proposed Action(s) from Final Biological Assessment:**

Center Ridge Allotment Grazing Permit #06309

The permit will authorize 500 head of cattle as the maximum number/kind of livestock as a mandatory term and condition, eliminating the need for what was portrayed as the second of the “Other Terms and Conditions” in the proposed action analyzed in the BA. A line was added to the permit showing the suspended sheep use per current policy. The upland monitoring term and condition was removed. The remaining term and condition, limiting use on the A Pasture, the riparian pasture, to before July 15 did not change. The grazing period is now portrayed as the “Maximum Grazing Period”. This allows the permittee the same flexibility to adjust numbers and time to graze within the Maximum Active Preference as was previously authorized under the first of the “Other Terms and Conditions” and is merely an administrative modification to how the grazing permit information is portrayed. There is a reduction of 223 AUMs in the maximum amount of use that can occur. The percent public land was reduced from 100% to 98% to accurately reflect forage on private and state lands that are fenced in with the allotment.

**Proposed Action as Described In Canyon-Big Timber Final BA:**

Permit	Number/Kind	Grazing Period	% Public Land	Active Use (AUM)s	Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
James Whittaker**	407 Cattle	5/24-11/1	100%	2168	2170	1361	3534

\*\* Permittee has Applicant Status

**Other Terms and Conditions:**

If more than 1,274 AUMs are utilized in a given year, the BLM will monitor the grass canopy cover on the allotment the following year. If the native, deep-rooted perennial grasses on the allotment fall below 10% canopy cover then the yearly grazing use on the allotment would be held at a maximum of 1,151 AUMs for the remainder of the ten-year permit.

**Other Terms and Conditions:**

- Cattle numbers may be increased up to a total of 500 cattle and the grazing period can be decreased as long as Active Preference AUMs are not exceeded.
- Livestock grazing of the A Pasture will not occur after 7/15.

**Amended Proposed Action as Currently Described in Proposed Decision:**

Permit	Maximum Number/Kind	Maximum Grazing Period	% Public Land	Maximum Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	Sheep	NA	NA	0	166	166
B	500 Cattle	5/24-11/1	98%	1947	1584	3531

**Other Terms and Conditions:**

1. Livestock grazing of the A Pasture will not occur after 7/15.

There are no proposed livestock crossing authorizations associated with this allotment.

Poison Spring Exclosure

There is no change to the proposed action.

**Changes in Effects to Environmental Baseline from Revised Action(s):** Given that the sheep permit will be suspended (no use allowed), and up to 500 head of cattle were previously authorized under the “Other Terms and Conditions”, there is, in effect, no change to the action or its potential effects on the environmental baseline, from changed numbers. The 223AUM reduction in Maximum Active Preference is approximately a 10% reduction in overall potential use. Eighteenmile Creek flows through the A Pasture, the only pasture with potential riparian/aquatic habitat impacts, and is currently in Proper Functioning Condition. The proposed action would not allow livestock grazing in the A Pasture after July 15<sup>th</sup>. This slight reduction in potential use, combined with the early season of use on the A Pasture will result in continued upward, and perhaps even accelerated, trend in conditions from the action as analyzed in the BA. The reduced use should further reduce the already very low probability that livestock grazing in the action area would have measureable impacts to adult spawning downstream in the Lemhi River.

**Changes in Determination:** The amended proposed action is not expected to change any of the previously made determinations for species or habitat.

**Allotment:** Chamberlain Creek

**Proposed Action(s):** Chamberlain Creek Allotment Grazing Permit #06308; McGinty Creek Division Fence; McGinty Creek Pipeline; Eighteenmile Creek Habitat Improvement Project

**Changes to Proposed Action(s) from Final Biological Assessment:**

Chamberlain Creek Allotment Grazing Permit #06308

The maximum cattle numbers on the allotment will increase by 60 and the percent public land decrease from 77% to 66% to accurately reflect forage on private and state lands that are fenced in with the allotment; these will not affect the AUMs authorized on BLM lands (Active Preference). There are no changes to any of the terms and conditions. The second “Other Terms and Conditions” was revised to utilize grazing use indicators as management tools to reduce impacts to Eighteenmile and Pass Creeks within the Wilderness Study Area instead of livestock numbers.

Proposed Action as Described In Canyon-Big Timber Final BA:

Permit	Number/Kind	Grazing Period	% Public Land	Active Use (AUM)s	Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	350 Cattle	6/1-9/30	77%	1081	1081	1493	2580

Other Terms and Conditions:

- Only the Big Bend Pasture can be grazed after 8/15.
- No more than 35 cattle will be in the Eighteenmile Pasture at one time.
- The McGinty Creek Pasture will not be grazed after 6/30. *(This pasture is part of the new proposed action which portions out the segment of the intermittent stream channel in the Big Bend Pasture on the adjacent southern ridge.)*

Amended Proposed Action as Currently Described in Proposed Decision:

Permit	Maximum Number/Kind	Maximum Grazing Period	% Public Land	Maximum Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	410 Cattle	6/1-9/30	66%	1081	1493	2580

Other Terms and Conditions:

1. Only the Big Bend Pasture can be grazed after 8/15.
2. If in-season monitoring on any key area finds > 15% alteration or <4” of stubble height livestock will be removed from the pasture with the key area for the rest of the season.
3. The McGinty Creek Pasture will not be grazed after 6/30.

There are no livestock crossing authorizations associated with this allotment.

McGinty Creek Division Fence & McGinty Creek Pipeline

There are no changes to these proposed actions.

Eighteenmile Creek Habitat Improvement Project

This project is no longer being considered under the proposed action due to Wilderness Study Area management concerns.

**Changes in Effects to Environmental Baseline from Revised Action(s):** Although the livestock numbers may increase, the potential use (Active Preference) will not increase, thus there will be no potential for measureable changes to the effects on the environmental baseline from that analyzed in the BA. The revised limitations on use on the riparian areas will result in the same expected upward trend in conditions as analyzed in the BA, but should reduce the management workload at these sites. The elimination of the Eighteenmile Creek habitat improvement project will preclude the desired increase in LWD that has been lost as a result of changes in beaver activity, but will not change conditions from the current baseline.

**Changes in Determination:** The amended proposed actions are not expected to change any of the previously made determinations for species or habitat, even with the decision to not implement the habitat improvement project as it had no bearing on the prior determinations.

**Allotment:** Powderhorn

**Proposed Action(s):** Powderhorn Allotment Grazing Permit #06307; Livestock Crossing Authorizations; Powderhorn Pipeline; Clear Creek Fence

**Changes to Proposed Action(s) from Final Biological Assessment:**

The permit will authorize 782 (Permit A) and 200 (Permit B) head of cattle as the maximum number/kind of livestock as a mandatory term and condition, eliminating the need for what was portrayed as the individual “Other Terms and Conditions” for Permits A and B in the proposed action analyzed in the BA. There is no change in the potential amount of use (Active Preference) than was analyzed in the BA. The grazing period is now portrayed as the “Maximum Grazing Period”. This allows the permittee the same flexibility to adjust numbers and time to graze within the Maximum Active Preference as was previously authorized under the first of the “Other Terms and Conditions” and is merely an administrative modification to how the grazing permit information is portrayed. The percent public land was reduced from 83% to 82% for Permit A to accurately reflect forage on private lands that are fenced in with the allotment. The “Other Terms and Conditions” were modified from a time limitation on riparian grazing to a restriction on utilization to reduce the management workload.

**Proposed Action as Described In Canyon-Big Timber Final BA:**

Permit	Number/Kind	Grazing Period	% Public Land	Active Use (AUM)s	Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	447 Cattle	4/15-12/12	83%	2952	2954	4212	7277
B	69 Cattle	4/15-12/12	100%	549	563	831	1394

**Other Terms and Conditions (A and B):**

The Clear Creek Pasture will be grazed for a maximum of 3 weeks and no grazing will occur after 8/15 in the Pasture. The Clear Creek Drainage in the Clear Creek Pasture will not be grazed for more than 7 days. The Clear Creek Pasture consists of the Upper Tenmile and Poison/Upper Poison Creek Pastures.

**Other Terms and Conditions (A):**

Cattle numbers may be increased up to a total of 782 cattle and the grazing period can be decreased as long as Active Preference AUMs are not exceeded.

**Other Terms and Conditions (B):**

Cattle numbers may be increased up to a total of 200 cattle and the grazing period can be decreased as long as Active Preference AUMs are not exceeded.

**Amended Proposed Action as Currently Described in Proposed Decision:**

Permit	Maximum Number/Kind	Maximum Grazing Period	% Public Land	Maximum Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	782 Cattle	4/15-12/12	82%	2954	4212	7277
B	200 Cattle	4/15-12/12	100%	563	831	1394

**Other Terms and Conditions:**

1. The Clear Creek Pasture will be grazed for a maximum of 3 weeks and no grazing will occur after 8/15 in the pasture.
2. If in-season monitoring on any key area in the Clear Creek Pasture finds >15% alteration or <6" of stubble height livestock will be removed from the pasture for the rest of the season.

#### Livestock Crossing Authorizations

The livestock crossing authorization was amended to include the statement that "Cattle will only be authorized to cross the allotment from 5/15-10/15". Instead of annual authorizations, the revised action will authorize the crossing for the same 10 year period as the permit.

#### Powderhorn Pipeline & Clear Creek Fence

There are no changes to these proposed actions.

**Changes in Effects to Environmental Baseline from Revised Action(s):** Given that the 782 and 200 head of cattle were previously authorized under the "Other Terms and Conditions", there is, in effect, no change to the action or its potential effects on the environmental baseline, as the maximum potential use (Active Preference) does not change. The changes to the "Other Terms and Conditions" from what was presented in the BA are expected to have the same effect for maintaining/improving riparian habitat conditions with a reduced monitoring workload.

**Changes in Determination:** The amended proposed actions are not expected to change any of the previously made determinations for species or habitat.

**Allotment:** Hawley Creek

**Proposed Action(s):** Hawley Creek Allotment Grazing Permit #06304; Livestock Crossing Authorizations

**Changes to Proposed Action(s) from Final Biological Assessment:**

Hawley Creek Allotment Grazing Permit #06304

The permit will authorize 316 (permit A) and 300 (permit B) head of cattle as the maximum number/kind of livestock as a Mandatory term and condition, eliminating the need for what was portrayed in the individual “Other Terms and Conditions” for Permits A and B as the proposed action analyzed in the BA. There is no change in the potential amount of use (Active Preference) than was analyzed in the BA. The grazing period is now portrayed as the “Maximum Grazing Period”. This allows the permittee the same flexibility to adjust numbers and time to graze within the Maximum Active Preference as was previously authorized under the first of the “Other Terms and Conditions” and is merely an administrative modification to how the grazing permit information is portrayed. The other terms and conditions did not change.

**Proposed Action as Described In Canyon-Big Timber Final BA:**

Permit	Number/Kind	Grazing Period	% Public Land	Active Use (AUM)s	Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	7 Cattle	6/1-10/1	100%	28	30	0	30
B	141 Cattle	5/15-6/30	100%	218	438	164	602
	193 Cattle	9/15-10/31	100%	218			

**Other Terms and Conditions (A):**

- Cattle numbers may be increased up to a total of 316 cattle and the grazing period can be decreased as long as Active Preference AUMs are not exceeded. Cattle will not be left on the allotment overnight; they will be actively trailed across the allotment.
- Trailing will only occur in the Hawley Creek Pasture.
- The two corrals at the mouth of the Hawley Creek Canyon (located outside of the RHCA and uphill from the Hawley Creek Road) can be used for two days to sort cattle.

**Other Terms and Conditions (B):**

- Cattle numbers may be increased up to a total of 300 cattle and the grazing period can be decreased as long as Active Preference AUMs are not exceeded.
- Livestock grazing in the Eighteenmile Creek Pasture will not occur after 6/30.
- The two corrals at the mouth of the Hawley Creek Canyon can be used for two days to sort cattle.

Amended Proposed Action as Currently Described in Proposed Decision:

Permit	Maximum Number/Kind	Maximum Grazing Period	% Public Land	Maximum Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	316 Cattle	6/1-10/1	100%	30	0	30
B	300 Cattle	5/15-6/30	100%	438	164	602
	300 Cattle	9/15-10/31	100%			

Other Terms and Conditions (A):

1. Cattle will not be left on the allotment overnight; they will be actively trailed across the allotment.
2. Trailing will only occur in the Hawley Creek Pasture.
3. The two corrals at the mouth of the Hawley Creek Canyon can be used for two days to sort cattle.

Other Terms and Conditions (B):

1. Livestock grazing in the Eighteenmile Creek Pasture will not occur after 6/30.
2. The two corrals at the mouth of the Hawley Creek Canyon can be used for two days to sort cattle.

Livestock Crossing Authorizations

Instead of annual authorizations, the revised action will authorize the crossing for the same 10 year period as the permit.

There are no proposed projects associated with this allotment.

**Changes in Effects to Environmental Baseline from Revised Action(s):** Given that the 316 (permit A) and 300 (permit B) head of cattle were previously authorized under the “Other Terms and Conditions”, there is, in effect, no change to the action or its potential effects on the environmental baseline.

**Changes in Determination:** The amended proposed actions are not expected to change any of the previously made determinations for species or habitat.

**Allotment:** Tex Creek

**Proposed Action(s):** Tex Creek Allotment Grazing Permit #06306; Tex Creek Ponds Exclosure

**Changes to Proposed Action(s) from Final Biological Assessment:**

Tex Creek Allotment Grazing Permit #06306

The permit will authorize 150 (Permit A) and 25 (Permit B) head of cattle as the maximum number/kind of livestock as a mandatory term and condition, eliminating the need for what was portrayed in the individual “Other Terms and Conditions” for Permits A and B as the proposed action analyzed in the BA. There is a 1 AUM increase in the potential amount of use (Active Preference) for Permit B than was analyzed in the BA, as a result of how the AUMs are calculated with the revised numbers. The grazing period is now portrayed as the “Maximum Grazing Period”. This allows the permittee the same flexibility to adjust numbers and time to graze within the Maximum Active Preference as was previously authorized under the “Other Terms and Conditions” and is merely an administrative modification to how the grazing permit information is portrayed. The remaining term and condition restricting use of the Tex Creek ponds did not change.

**Proposed Action as Described In Canyon-Big Timber Final BA:**

Permit	Number/Kind	Grazing Period	% Public Land	Active Use (AUM)s	Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	105 Cattle	5/12-7/15	100%	224	224	174	398
B	17 Cattle	5/12-7/15	100%	36	37	50	87

**Other Terms and Conditions (A and B):**

Until the Tex Creek Pond Exclosure is constructed, livestock will not graze the Allotment after 6/15.

**Other Terms and Conditions (A):**

Cattle numbers may be increased up to a total of 150 cattle and the grazing period can be decreased as long as Active Preference AUMs are not exceeded.

**Other Terms and Conditions (B):**

Cattle numbers may be increased up to a total of 25 cattle and the grazing period can be decreased as long as Active Preference AUMs are not exceeded.

**Amended Proposed Action as Currently Described in Proposed Decision:**

Permit	Maximum Number/Kind	Maximum Grazing Period	% Public Land	Maximum Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	150 Cattle	5/12-7/15	100%	224	174	398
B	25 Cattle	5/12-7/15	100%	38	49	87

**Other Terms and Conditions:**

1. Until the Tex Creek Pond Exclosure is constructed, livestock will not graze the allotment after 6/15.

There are no livestock crossing authorizations associated with this allotment.

Tex Creek Ponds Exclosure

There are no changes to this proposed action.

**Changes in Effects to Environmental Baseline from Revised Action(s):** Given that the 150 (Permit A) and 25 (Permit B) head of cattle were previously authorized under the “Other Terms and Conditions”, there is, in effect, no change to the action or its potential effects on the environmental baseline, even with the 1 AUM increase in maximum potential use (Active Preference).

**Changes in Determination:** The amended proposed action is not expected to change any of the previously made determinations for species or habitat.

**Allotment:** Leadore Hill

**Proposed Action(s):** Leadore Hill Allotment Grazing Permit #06225; Livestock Crossing Authorizations

**Changes to Proposed Action(s) from Final Biological Assessment:**

Leadore Hill Allotment Grazing Permit #06225

The permit will authorize 85 head of cattle as the maximum number/kind of livestock as a mandatory term and condition. There is no change in the potential amount of use (Active Preference) than was analyzed in the BA. The grazing period is now portrayed as the “Maximum Grazing Period”. This allows the permittee the flexibility to adjust numbers and time to graze within the Maximum Active Preference and is merely an administrative modification to how the grazing permit information is portrayed. The percent public land was reduced from 94% to 91% to accurately reflect the current ownership of the permittee.

Proposed Action as Described In Canyon-Big Timber Final BA:

Permit	Number/Kind	Grazing Period	% Public Land	Active Use (AUM)s	Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	80 Cattle	5/16-6/30	94%	114	114	18	132

Amended Proposed Action as Currently Described in Proposed Decision:

Permit	Maximum Number/Kind	Maximum Grazing Period	% Public Land	Maximum Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	85 Cattle	5/15-6/30	91%	114	18	132

Livestock Crossing Authorizations

Instead of annual authorizations, the revised action will authorize the crossing for the same 10 year period as the permit.

There are no proposed projects associated with this allotment.

**Changes in Effects to Environmental Baseline from Revised Action(s):** Given that there is no change in maximum potential use (Active Preference), the increase of five head of cattle than were previously analyzed in the BA will not result in a change to the potential effects on the environmental baseline.

**Changes in Determination:** The amended proposed action is not expected to change any of the previously made determinations for species or habitat.

**Allotment:** Timber Creek

**Proposed Action(s):** Timber Creek Allotment Grazing Permit #06224; Livestock Crossing Authorizations; Swan Basin Rangeland Restoration; Swan Basin Aspen Restoration

**Changes to Proposed Action(s) from Final Biological Assessment:**

Timber Creek Allotment Grazing Permit #06224

The second line of Permit C will now authorize 245 head of cattle as the maximum number/kind of livestock as a mandatory term and condition. A line was added to the permit showing the suspended sheep use per current policy. There is no change in the potential amount of use (Active Preference) than was analyzed in the BA, and the grazing period is now portrayed as the “Maximum Grazing Period”. This allows the permittee the flexibility to adjust numbers and time to graze within the Maximum Active Preference and is merely an administrative modification to how the grazing permit information is portrayed. The first term and condition, the upland vegetation adaptive management term and condition, was eliminated.

**Proposed Action as Described In Canyon-Big Timber Final BA:**

Permit	Number/Kind	Grazing Period	% Public Land	Active Use (AUM)s	Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total AUMs
A	100 Cattle	5/6-6/15	100%	135	134	52	186
B	75 Cattle	5/6-6/30	100%	138	138	17	155
Merrill Beyeler**	268 Cattle	5/6-6/15	100%	361	398	163	561
	5 Cattle	8/15-9/30	100%	8			
	5 Horse	5/6-10/31	100%	29			

\*\* Permittee has applicant status

**Other Terms and Conditions (A, B, & C):**

If more than 569 AUMs are utilized on the allotment in a given year, the BLM will monitor the grass canopy cover on the allotment the following year. If the native, deep-rooted perennial grasses on the allotment fall below 10% canopy cover then the yearly grazing use on the allotment would be held at a maximum of 522 AUMs for the remainder of the ten-year permit.

**Other Terms and Conditions (C):**

- Between 8/15 and 9/30 cattle numbers may be increased up to a total of 245 cattle and the grazing period can be decreased as long as Active Preference AUMs are not exceeded.
- After 6/15 cattle will not be left on the allotment overnight; they will be actively trailed across the allotment.

Amended Proposed Action as Currently Described in Proposed Decision:

Permit	Maximum Number/Kind	Maximum Grazing Period	% Public Land	Maximum Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	100 Cattle	5/6-6/15	100%	134	52	186
B	75 Cattle	5/6-6/30	100%	138	17	155
C	268 Cattle	5/6-6/15	100%	398	163	561
	245 Cattle	8/15-9/30	100%			
	5 Horse	5/6-10/31	100%			
D	Sheep	NA	NA	0	239	239

Other Terms and Conditions (C):

1. After 6/15 cattle cannot be left on the allotment overnight. All cattle must be actively trailed across the allotment.

Livestock Crossing Authorizations

Instead of annual authorizations, the revised action will authorize the crossing for the same 10 year period as the permit.

Swan Basin Rangeland Restoration & Swan Basin Aspen Restoration

There is no change to the proposed actions.

**Changes in Effects to Environmental Baseline from Revised Action(s):** Given that the sheep permit will be suspended (no use allowed), and there is no change in livestock numbers or potential use levels, there will be no change in effects to the environmental baseline from that analyzed in the BA.

**Changes in Determination:** The amended proposed action is not expected to change any of the previously made determinations for species or habitat.

**Allotment:** Nez Perce

**Proposed Action(s):** Nez Perce Allotment Grazing Permit #06317

**Changes to Proposed Action(s) from Final Biological Assessment:** The permit will authorize 142 (Permit A) and 722 (Permit B) head of cattle as the maximum number/kind of livestock as a mandatory term and condition, an increase of 17 head in allowable numbers for permit A. However, the revised proposed action reduces the Maximum Active Preference for Permit A by 75 AUMs, and Permit B by 436 AUMs, for an overall reduction of 511 AUMs from the proposed action analyzed in the BA. The number of livestock authorized is now identified as the maximum number/kind of livestock as a Mandatory term and condition, removing the need for additional terms and conditions establishing how many livestock could be used and the need for additional upland vegetation adaptive management term and condition. Under the revised proposed action, there are now no Other Terms and Conditions proposed for this allotment. The grazing period is now portrayed as the “Maximum Grazing Period”. This allows the permittee the same flexibility to adjust numbers and time to graze within the Active Preference as was previously authorized, and is merely an administrative modification to how the grazing permit information is portrayed. The percent public land numbers changed from 26% to 11% (Permit A) and from 26% to 15% (Permit B) to accurately reflect forage on private and state lands that are fenced in with the allotment.

Proposed Action as Described In Canyon-Big Timber Final BA:

Permit	Number/Kind	Grazing Period	% Public Land	Active Use (AUM)s	Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
Carl Ellsworth(lease)	125 Cattle	5/20-10/1	26%	144	144	119	263
Carl Ellsworth**	722 Cattle	5/20-10/1	26%	833	833	687	1520

\*\* Permittee has applicant status

Other Terms and Conditions:

If more than 632 AUMs are utilized on the allotment in a given year, the BLM will monitor the grass canopy cover on the allotment the following year. If the native, deep-rooted perennial grasses on the allotment fall below 10% canopy cover then the yearly grazing use on the allotment would be held at a maximum of 509 AUMs for the remainder of the ten-year permit.

Amended Proposed Action as Currently Described in Proposed Decision:

Permit	Maximum Number/Kind	Maximum Grazing Period	% Public Land	Maximum Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	142 Cattle	5/20-10/1	11%	69	194	263
B	722 Cattle	5/20-10/1	15%	397	1123	1520

There are no proposed projects or livestock crossing authorizations associated with this allotment.

**Changes in Effects to Environmental Baseline from Revised Action(s):** The reductions in allowable use from the action analyzed in the BA would likely result in less use on the riparian shrub community along Texas Creek than would have occurred under the previously proposed action. This would further enhance the riparian shrub community, increase shading and instream cover, and decrease erosion and sedimentation to the stream channel which would decrease fine sediment in the substrate. Since the BLM portions of this allotment intermingle with the much larger private land portion of the allotment along Texas Creek, the overall reduction in potential use may result in a greater long-term upward trend in conditions along the entire reach of stream within the allotment boundary.

**Changes in Determination:** Although the reduction in potential use of 511 AUMs from the proposed action analyzed in the BA will likely result in greater baseline condition improvements than analyzed in the BA, the amended proposed action is not expected to change any of the previously made determinations for species or habitat.

**NO EFFECT ACTIONS**

**Allotment:** Bull Creek

**Proposed Action(s):** Bull Creek Allotment Grazing Permit #06305

**Changes to Proposed Action(s) from Final Biological Assessment:**

The permit will authorize 350 head of cattle as the maximum number/kind of livestock as a mandatory term and condition, the same number that was previously authorized in the individual “Other Terms and Conditions” as the proposed action analyzed in the BA. There is no change in the potential amount of use (Active Preference) than was analyzed in the BA. The grazing period is now portrayed as the “Maximum Grazing Period”. This allows the permittee the same flexibility to adjust numbers and time to graze within the Maximum Active Preference as was previously authorized under the “Other Terms and Conditions” and is merely an administrative modification to how the grazing permit information is portrayed.

**Proposed Action as Described In Canyon-Big Timber Final BA:**

Permit	Number/Kind	Grazing Period	% Public Land	Active Use (AUM)s	Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	48 Cattle	5/1-9/15	69%	150	150	0	150

**Other Terms and Conditions:**

Cattle numbers may be increased up to a total of 350 cattle and the grazing period can be decreased as long as Active Preference AUMs are not exceeded.

Corral in the northwest corner of the Bull Creek Pasture can be used for two days to sort cattle.

**Amended Proposed Action as Currently Described in Proposed Decision:**

Permit	Maximum Number/Kind	Maximum Grazing Period	% Public Land	Maximum Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	350 Cattle	5/1-9/15	53%	150	0	150

**Other Terms and Conditions:**

1. The corral in the northwest corner of the Bull Creek Pasture can be used for two days to sort cattle.

There are no proposed projects or livestock crossing authorizations associated with this allotment.

**Changes in Effects to Environmental Baseline from Revised Action(s):** Given that there is no occupied or designated critical habitat within the allotment, that there no change in maximum potential use (Active Preference), and the same maximum number of cattle was previously analyzed in the BA, the amended proposed action will not result in a change to the potential effects on the environmental baseline.

**Changes in Determination:** The amended proposed action is not expected to change any of the previously made “No Effect” determinations for species or habitat.

**Allotment:** Dump

**Proposed Action(s):** Dump Allotment Grazing Permit #06219

**Changes to Proposed Action(s) from Final Biological Assessment:**

The permit will authorize 90 head of cattle as the maximum number/kind of livestock as a mandatory term and condition, the same number that was previously authorized in the individual “Other Terms and Conditions” as the proposed action analyzed in the BA. There is a 5 AUM decrease in the potential amount of use (Active Preference) than was analyzed in the BA. The grazing period is now portrayed as the “Maximum Grazing Period”. This allows the permittee the same flexibility to adjust numbers and time to graze within the Maximum Active Preference as was previously authorized under the “Other Terms and Conditions” and is merely an administrative modification to how the grazing permit information is portrayed. There are no longer any additional terms and conditions.

**Proposed Action as Described In Canyon-Big Timber Final BA:**

Permit	Number/Kind	Grazing Period	% Public Land	Active Use (AUM)s	Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	20 Cattle	6/1-7/15	100%	30	30	0	30

Other Terms and Conditions:

Cattle numbers may be increased up to a total of 90 cattle and grazing period can be decreased as long as Active Preference AUMs are not exceeded.

**Amended Proposed Action as Currently Described in Proposed Decision:**

Permit	Maximum Number/Kind	Maximum Grazing Period	% Public Land	Maximum Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	90 Cattle	6/1-7/15	100%	25	5	30

There are no proposed projects or livestock crossing authorizations associated with this allotment.

**Changes in Effects to Environmental Baseline from Revised Action(s):** Given that there is no occupied or designated critical habitat within the allotment, that there is a 5 AUM reduction in maximum potential use (Active Preference), and the maximum number of cattle was previously analyzed in the BA, the amended proposed action will not result in a change to the potential effects on the environmental baseline.

**Changes in Determination:** The amended proposed action is not expected to change any of the previously made “No Effect” determinations for species or habitat.

**Allotment:** Purcell Creek

**Proposed Action(s):** Purcell Creek Allotment Grazing Permit #06216; Livestock Crossing Authorizations

**Changes to Proposed Action(s) from Final Biological Assessment:**

Purcell Creek Allotment Grazing Permit #06316

The permit will authorize 200 head of cattle as the maximum number/kind of livestock as a mandatory term and condition, the same number that was previously authorized in the individual “Other Terms and Conditions” as the proposed action analyzed in the BA. There is no change in the potential amount of use (Active Preference) than was analyzed in the BA. The grazing period is now portrayed as the “Maximum Grazing Period”. This allows the permittee the same flexibility to adjust numbers and time to graze within the Maximum Active Preference as was previously authorized under the “Other Terms and Conditions” and is merely an administrative modification to how the grazing permit information is portrayed. There are no longer any additional terms and conditions.

Proposed Action as Described In Canyon-Big Timber Final BA:

Permit	Number/Kind	Grazing Period	% Public Land	Active Use (AUM)s	Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	14 Cattle	5/1-6/30	100%	28	28	0	28

Other Terms and Conditions:

Cattle numbers may be increased up to a total of 200 cattle and the grazing period can be decreased as long as Active Preference AUMs are not exceeded.

Amended Proposed Action as Currently Described in Proposed Decision:

Permit	Maximum Number/Kind	Maximum Grazing Period	% Public Land	Maximum Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	200 Cattle	5/1-6/30	100%	28	0	28

Livestock Crossing Authorizations

Instead of annual authorizations, the revised action will authorize the crossing for the same 10 year period as the permit, and cattle will only be authorized to cross the allotment from 3/1-12/19.

There are no proposed projects associated with this allotment.

**Changes in Effects to Environmental Baseline from Revised Action(s):** Given that there is no occupied or designated critical habitat and that the maximum number of cattle was previously analyzed in the BA, the amended proposed action will not result in a change to the potential effects on the environmental baseline.

**Changes in Determination:** The amended proposed action is not expected to change any of the previously made “No Effect” determinations for species or habitat.

**Allotment:** Spring Canyon

**Proposed Action(s):** Spring Canyon Allotment Grazing Permit #06310; Gilmore Summit Rangeland Restoration; Gilmore Hazardous Fuel Reduction

**Changes to Proposed Action(s) from Final Biological Assessment:**

Spring Canyon Allotment Grazing Permit #06310

The permit will authorize 720 head of cattle as the maximum number/kind of livestock as a mandatory term and condition, the same number that was previously authorized in the individual “Other Terms and Conditions” as the proposed action analyzed in the BA. There is a 787 AUM decrease in the potential amount of use (Active Preference) than was analyzed in the BA with the proposed elimination of the sheep from the permit. The grazing period is now portrayed as the “Maximum Grazing Period”. This allows the permittee the same flexibility to adjust numbers and time to graze within the Maximum Active Preference as was previously authorized under the “Other Terms and Conditions” and is merely an administrative modification to how the grazing permit information is portrayed. There are no longer any additional terms and conditions. The percent public land has been adjusted from 83% to 79% to accurately reflect the ownership of the current permittee. With the reduction in active use, the upland vegetation adaptive management term and condition has been eliminated.

Proposed Action as Described In Canyon-Big Timber Final BA:

Permit	Number/Kind	Grazing Period	% Public Land	Active Use (AUM)s	Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	548 Cattle	5/15-10/31	83%	2542	3329	988	4317
	1200 Sheep	6/14-10/11	83%	786			

Other Terms and Conditions:

- Cattle numbers may be increased up to a total of 720 cattle and the grazing period can be decreased as long as Active Preference AUMs are not exceeded.
- If more than 1,436 AUMs are utilized in a given year, the BLM will monitor the grass canopy cover on the allotment the following year. If the native, deep-rooted perennial grasses on the allotment fall below 10% canopy cover then the yearly grazing use on the allotment would be held at a maximum of 1,400 AUMs for the remainder of the ten-year permit.

Amended Proposed Action as Currently Described in Proposed Decision:

Permit	Maximum Number/Kind	Maximum Grazing Period	% Public Land	Maximum Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	720 Cattle	5/15-10/31	79%	2542	1775	4317

There are no livestock crossing authorizations associated with this allotment.

Gilmore Summit Rangeland Restoration & Gilmore Hazardous Fuel Reduction

There are no changes to the proposed actions from that analyzed in the BA.

**Changes in Effects to Environmental Baseline from Revised Action(s):** Given that there is no occupied or designated critical habitat within the allotment, the amended proposed action will not result in a change to the potential effects on the environmental baseline.

**Changes in Determination:** The amended proposed action is not expected to change any of the previously made “No Effect” determinations for species or habitat.

**Allotment:** Leadore

**Proposed Action(s):** Leadore Allotment Grazing Permit #06302; Big Timber Creek Enclosure Fence

**Changes to Proposed Action(s) from Final Biological Assessment:**

Leadore Allotment Grazing Permit #06302

The permit will authorize 60 head of cattle as the maximum number/kind of livestock as a mandatory term and condition, an increase of 28 from what the proposed action analyzed in the BA. This is as a result of the change in percent public land from 53% to 29% and the proposed fence construction, which negates the need for the portion of the terms and conditions addressing grazing in the RHCA. There is no change, however, in the potential amount of use (Active Preference) than was analyzed in the BA. The grazing period is now portrayed as the “Maximum Grazing Period”. This allows the permittee the same flexibility to adjust numbers and time to graze within the Maximum Active Preference as was previously authorized under the “Other Terms and Conditions” and is merely an administrative modification to how the grazing permit information is portrayed.

**Proposed Action as Described In Canyon-Big Timber Final BA:**

Permit	Number/Kind	Grazing Period	% Public Land	Active Use (AUM)s	Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	32 Cattle	6/16-8/5	53%	28	28	22	50

Other Terms and Conditions:

The North Pasture will not be grazed before July 15. Livestock grazing in the South Pasture in the Big Timber Creek RHCA will be excluded from grazing.

**Amended Proposed Action as Currently Described in Proposed Decision:**

Permit	Number/Kind	Grazing Period	% Public Land	Active Use (AUM)s	Active Preference	Suspended AUMs	Total Preference
A	60 Cattle	6/16-8/5	29%	28	28	22	50

Other Terms and Conditions:

1. The North Pasture will not be grazed before July 15.

There are no livestock crossing authorizations associated with this allotment.

Big Timber Creek Enclosure Fence

There is no change to the proposed action from that analyzed in the BA.

**Changes in Effects to Environmental Baseline from Revised Action(s):** Given that there is no longer any occupied or designated critical habitat grazed within the allotment, the amended proposed action will not result in a change to the potential effects on the environmental baseline than described in the BA.

**Changes in Determination:** The amended proposed action is not expected to change any of the previously made determinations for species or habitat as displayed in the table on page 175 of the BA.

*Note: The table in the BA correctly identifies this action as having “No Effect/No Adverse Effect”, but the narratives on page 174 incorrectly identify the proposed actions as “May Affect”. Please note this clarification.*