

**Determination
Standards for Rangeland Health and
Conformance with Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management**

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| Field Office: Jarbidge Field Office | Watershed Name: Devil Creek |
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Allotment Name/Number: Camas Slough / 1095

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| Public Land (acres) | | | Streams on Public Land (miles): 0 |
| Upland: 1,606 | Riparian: 0 | Total: 1,606 | |
| Date(s) of Field Assessment: 2002 | | | Name of Permittee(s): Cedar Creek Cattle Co. |

Assessment Participants (Name & Discipline or Interest):

Arnie Pike, Rangeland Management Specialist
 James Klott, Wildlife Biologist
 Clare Josaitis, Natural Resource Specialist
 John Ash, Natural Resource Specialist
 Sheri Hagwood, Botanist
 Patricia Courtney, Range Technician

Standard 1 (Watersheds)

Check those that apply:[*One or more boxes must be checked.*]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Standard doesn't apply | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meeting the Standard. | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Meeting the Standard, Livestock Grazing Management Practices are Significant Factors. |
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Rationale/Information Sources:

Most of the indicators of this Standard are being met in the Camas Slough Allotment. Some erosion has occurred in the allotment, but it is currently stable. The erosion is suspected to have occurred after the wildfires that burned through the allotment in 1985, 1989, 1991 and 2000.

Standard 2 (Riparian Areas and Wetlands)

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Rationale/Information Sources:

Standard 3 (Stream Channel/Floodplain)

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Rationale/Information Sources:

Standard 4 (Native Plant Communities)Check those that apply:[*One or more boxes must be checked.*]

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Rationale/Information Sources:

Most of the components of a healthy rangeland are present. The exception is the low composition of big sagebrush on about 25 percent of the allotment resulting from a wildfire. The herbaceous components of the plant community, however, are present.

Standard 5 (Seedings)Check those that apply:[*One or more boxes must be checked.*]

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Rationale/Information Sources:

Standard 6 (Exotic Plant Communities, Other than Seedings)Check those that apply:[*One or more boxes must be checked.*]

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Rationale/Information Sources:

Standard 7 (Water Quality)Check those that apply:[*One or more boxes must be checked.*]

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Rationale/Information Sources:

This Standard is not applicable. Although the allotment contains a large reservoir, it is characteristically ephemeral in nature, fenced from livestock impacts and the water it impounds rarely escapes down course or contributes any water quality impacts (sedimentation) into the major tributary of Devil Creek. Water for livestock use is distributed into the allotment by means of a buried pipeline.

Standard 8 (Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals)

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Rationale/Information Sources:

The most concern with the sensitive animal species is the lack of plant diversity as shown by the limited forb and dominant perennial native grasses and the low composition of big sagebrush. Wild fire is the significant factor for not meeting this Standard.

There are no plant species presently classified as sensitive known to be in the allotment. Only limited surveys for sensitive plants have been conducted in this allotment and sensitive species may occur. It is unknown whether the standard is being met for special status plant species.

Determination

I have determined that all of the Standards for Rangeland Health 1 is being met and Standards 4 and 8 are not being met and are not making significant progress in the Camas Slough Allotment. Current livestock grazing practices are in conformance with the Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management and are found not to be a significant factor in the achieving these Standards.

/s/ E. Guerrero
Field Manager

5/12/04
Date