

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

Field Office: Jarbidge Field Office	Watershed Name: Devil Creek
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Allotment Name/Number: Grassy Hills / 1029

Public Land (acres)			Streams on Public Land (miles): 0
Upland: 4,907	Riparian: 0	Total: 4,907	
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.*]

<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.
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Meeting the Standard, but making significant progress to meeting the Standard.	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Meeting the Standard, Livestock Grazing Management Practices are not Significant Factors.
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Rationale/Information Sources:

The Allotment is meeting all the indicators for this Standard

Standard 2 (Riparian Areas and Wetlands)Check those that apply:[*One or more boxes must be checked.*]

X Standard doesn't apply	
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Rationale/Information Sources:

There are no streams with perennial or intermittent water flows are located within the East grassy Hills Allotment. Therefore, neither Standard 2 or Standard 3 are applicable to this allotment.

Standard 3 (Stream Channel/Floodplain)Check those that apply:[*One or more boxes must be checked.*]

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Rationale/Information Sources:

(Refer to Standard 2)

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

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Rationale/Information Sources:

Wildfires have resulted in the low composition of shrubs. It is re-establishing into the plant community.

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:

Standard 8 (Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals)

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Rationale/Information Sources:

A number of species presently designated as Sensitive species are present in the allotment. The main concern in this allotment is the limited amount of sagebrush and its slow recovery. Wildfires are the primary reason this Standard is not met.

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 the applicable Standards for Rangeland Health 1 and 4 are being met in the Grassy Hills Allotment. Standard 8 is not being met nor is it making significant progress toward meeting the Standard. Current livestock grazing practices are found not to be a significant factor.

/s/ E. Guerrero
Field Manager

5/12/04
Date