

### 3.7 RANGE RESOURCES

#### ***Livestock Grazing***

The BLM manages livestock grazing in allotments within the district. This section describes grazing resources and regulations in the region of influence for the proposed action. The ROI for grazing resources is the allotments within the project area.

The BLM manages grazing under the authority of the Taylor Grazing Act of 1934, FLPMA (1976), and the Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978. Under this management, ranchers may obtain permits for an allotment of public land on which a specified number of livestock may graze. The number of permitted livestock on a particular allotment is determined by how many animal unit months (AUMs) that land will support. The BLM operates a program to stabilize or improve the ecological condition of the allotments. This program includes proper management of livestock grazing and such improvements as fences and water developments.

The project area overlaps approximately 3422 acres of the Rock Springs Grazing Allotment, 1846 acres of the Bass Flat Grazing Allotment, and 161 acres of the Salt Wells Grazing Allotment. Table 3-3 provides an overview of the grazing activity on the project area.

Based on the AUMs for each allotment, the grazing allotment within the project area supports approximately 132 AUMs.

**Table 3-3 Grazing Allotments in the Project Area**

<b>Allotment Name</b>	<b>Total Allotment Acreage</b>	<b>AUMs on Allotment</b>	<b>Acreage of Overlap with Project Area (Proportional AUMs)</b>	<b>Cattle Currently on Allotment</b>
Bass Flat	46,789	1598	1846 (63 AUMs)	320
Rock Springs	28,394	535	3422 (64 AUMs)	98
Salt Wells	58,611	1626	161 (4.5 AUMs)	270