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Thank you Nikki.

Ben

On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 5:18 PM, Nikki Moore <nmoore@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi Ben,

The Proclamation states that the Secretary of the Interior shall study the impacts of livestock grazing on the objects of biological interest in the Monument with specific attention to sustaining the natural ecosystem dynamics. The CSNM RMP sets up a framework to study and make decisions about livestock grazing. The CSNM RMP deferred many decisions regarding grazing of livestock within CSNM until the results of a grazing study were completed. The CSNM RMP states that for newly acquired lands, "applications for grazing leases or temporary grazing use on newly acquired (after approval of this RMP) lands that had previously been used for authorized livestock grazing at any time since the Proclamation will be analyzed (with information including the determinations from the Livestock Impacts Study) to determine if the grazing would be consistent with protecting Monument objects. The BLM will not authorize those applications that are found to be incompatible with protecting Monument objects. The BLM may authorize those applications that the BLM finds compatible with protecting Monument objects and which do not pose other land use conflicts." (29) A grazing study was conducted to meet this requirement. Most of the existing grazing leases within the CSNM (30) were retired through a third party buy-out action as authorized through the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 (OPLMA). The OPLMA ensured a permanent end to grazing on the grazing allotments covered by those donated leases. The removal of livestock grazing from roughly 93 percent of the Monument in 2009 has allowed for ecological changes on CSNM lands that had been grazed for decades. Some grazing continues to occur on the CSNM and is administered by the Klamath Falls Field Office.

This is also described in section the CSNM Resource Management Plan (GRA-8, p.72). The grazing leases which were purchased were all permitted out of the Medford Field Office.

Regarding the specific allotments: OR BLM looked at the AUM spreadsheet again and made some corrections to the permitted AUMs (Lake Creek Summer) and sold AUMs (Grizzly). They will send a new, revised spreadsheet. When they first responded to the data call they were attempting to proportion the AUMs based on the percentage of the allotment in the CSNM. When they changed to just report the totals for the allotment, some of the numbers weren't adjusted. One number for sold AUMs (Grizzly) came in the original table. Sorry for the confusion and extra work this may have caused on your end.

Deadwood is correct with one AUM higher sold than what is permitted. It is a result of how the AUMs sold are calculated which ends up at 222.6. This is then rounded up to 223.

We are still checking on the data for Dixie, but should have it all soon in a final spreadsheet.

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On Jun 23, 2017, at 9:08 PM, Nikki Moore <nmoore@blm.gov> wrote:

Ok no problem!

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On Jun 23, 2017, at 5:48 PM, Simon, Benjamin <benjamin_simon@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thank you. Any information would be helpful. Some information on the buyout would also be useful.

Ben

On Fri, Jun 23, 2017 at 8:05 PM, Nikki Moore <nmoore@blm.gov> wrote:

I know in the original monument area the Soda Mountain Wilderness Council raised nongovernment funds to pay the ranchers to retire 47,281 acres of grazing leases inside the monument likely at a higher than permitted price but I don't think that's true in the expansion so let me check with Oregon and get back to you. I'm guessing it has to do with the fee formula they use but will let you know!

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On Jun 23, 2017, at 2:14 PM, Simon, Benjamin <benjamin_simon@ios.doi.gov>
wrote:

Here are the allotment names where it happens:

Dixie in the original area
In the expansion area, it's Deadwood, Grizzly (2015 only), and Lake
Creek Summer.

Ben

On Fri, Jun 23, 2017 at 4:59 PM, Simon, Benjamin
<benjamin_simon@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Nikki,

Sorry for another question about Cascade-Siskiyou. Is it possible
that the number of sold AUMs could exceed the
number of permitted AUMs? Here is the data
from the C-S expansion area.

Expansion Area

	BLM Acres within CSNM	Permitted Use	Sold AUMS
2012	56,515	2,833	2,691
2013	56,515	2,833	2,659
2014	56,515	2,833	3,067
2015	56,515	2,833	2,851
2016	56,515	2,833	2,945

Any additional information you could provide would be much appreciated.

Ben

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