

## **APPENDIX E**

# GRAZING CRITERIA

## 1) Peninsular Bighorn Sheep Critical Habitat

- Is any part of the allotment located within Peninsular Bighorn Sheep Critical Habitat?
- Is the allotment more than ~30 percent located within Peninsular Bighorn Sheep Critical Habitat?
- Are the areas of the allotment still open after excluding Peninsular bighorn sheep?

## 2) What vegetation type/community is dominant on the allotment?

- Is the majority of the allotment composed of a chaparral vegetation community?
- Is critical habitat usable by cattle (is the area level, not steep?)?

## 3) Quino Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Area

- Is any part of the allotment located within the Quino Checkerspot Recovery Area?
- Is the allotment more than ~30 percent located within the Quino Checkerspot Recovery Area?
- Are the areas of the allotment still open after excluding the Quino Checkerspot Recovery Area usable by cattle (is the area level, not steep?)?

## 4) Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Habitat

- Is there potential or known habitat for the federally endangered southwestern willow flycatcher within and/or near the allotment?
- Have southwestern willow flycatchers been located within or near the allotment?

## **5) Arroyo Toad Habitat**

- Is there potential or known habitat for the federally endangered arroyo toad within and/or near the allotment?
- Have arroyo toads been located within or near the allotment?

## **6) Are there sufficient range improvements on the allotment to support grazing?**

- Is the size of the allotment practical to allow grazing?
- Will the allotment support any number of cattle, while allowing 15 AUMs for deer?
- Are there sufficient livestock improvements on the allotment to support any number of cattle?
- If new range improvements or maintenance is needed on existing range improvements, would the cost/benefit ratio be appropriate?

## **7) Water Sources/Topography**

- Are there sufficient water sources on the allotment to begin with?
- How many water sources are left on the allotment once Critical Habitat is excluded?
- Are the water sources left after exclusion of Critical Habitat reliable water sources?
- Are the water sources left after exclusion of Critical Habitat accessible to cattle?
- Are the available areas within the allotment too steep for cattle to utilize (greater than a 50-percent slope)?

## **8) Rangeland Health Standards**

- Can all four of the Fallback Rangeland Health Standards (Soils, Riparian/Wetland, Stream Function, and Native Species) be met on the allotment?
- After Rangeland Health Assessments are conducted, are any of the allotments Category 1 (Areas where one or more standards are not being met, and significant

progress is not being made toward meeting the standard(s), and livestock grazing is a significant contributor to the problem)?

## **9) Are there parties interested in the allotment?**

- How many years has the allotment been vacant with no interested parties coming forward?

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