



# Horse Lake Allotment Grazing Permit Renewal

## Request for Public Input

Four livestock grazing permits for the Horse Lake Allotment have expired and the Surprise Field Office is evaluating reissuing the permits. A draft evaluation of the Horse Lake Allotment indicates that three Land Health Standards are not currently met and that livestock grazing is a contributing factor.

As part of the process the Field Office is seeking public comment. Specifically :

Resource issues that need to be addressed

Resource uses and conditions within the Allotment

Livestock grazing management practices that should be implemented to achieve the standards

### Background Information:

The Horse Lake Allotment is located in northern Washoe County, NV. It includes 26,823 acres of public land and 3,051 acres of private land. The allotment has four expired livestock grazing permits that authorized up to 440 head of cattle between April 16 and October 15 for a maximum harvest of 2,119 AUMs of forage. Actually harvest during the past 15 years has averaged approximately 65% of the authorized use.

The allotment contains two major vegetation types: Valley bottoms dominated by black greasewood/Great Basin wild rye communities and upland sagebrush steppe communities. Juniper is a common tree in the upper elevations. Riparian communities are small in size and are primarily associated with springs in the valley bottom area. Wildlife species include pronghorn antelope, California bighorn sheep, greater sage-grouse and numerous non-game species.

The draft evaluation of the allotment indicates that the riparian, stream, and biodiversity land health standards are not met and livestock grazing practices are a contributing factor.

The draft allotment evaluation is located at:

[www.ca.blm.gov/surprise](http://www.ca.blm.gov/surprise)

Input can be sent to the address below , online to BLM at:

[casrpubcom@blm.gov](mailto:casrpubcom@blm.gov) , or faxed to (530) 279-2171. Please include **Horse Lake** in the subject line.

Input should be received by June 15, 2014 to be sure it is considered in the Environmental Assessment.

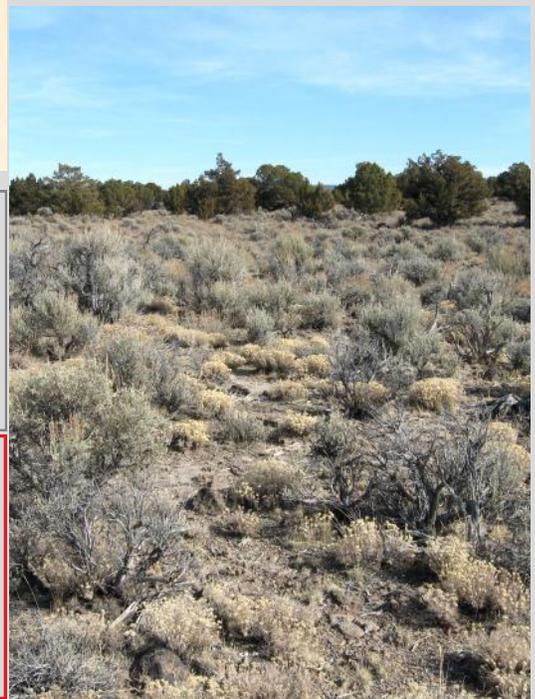
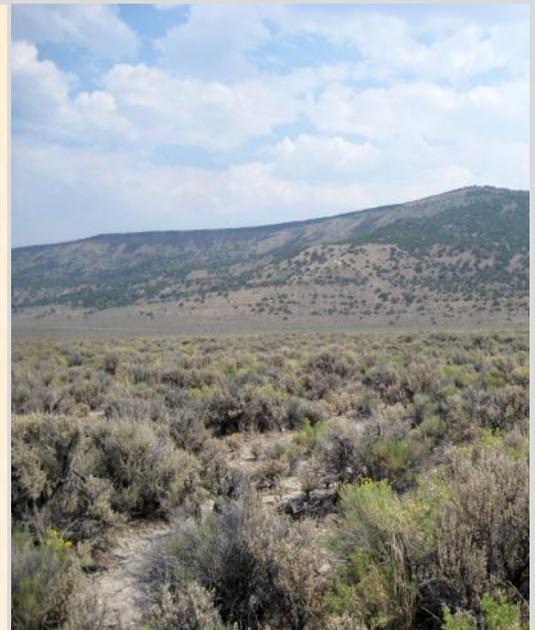
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# Allotment Map

