

EXHIBIT 1

REPORT TO IDAHO DISTRICT COURT

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

JARBIDGE FIELD OFFICE

LIVESTOCK GRAZING ON 17 ALLOTMENTS AT ISSUE IN

Western Watersheds Project v. Ellis et al., CV 04-181-S-BLW

March 2012

Introduction

On July 22, 2011, the Honorable Judge B. Lynn Winmill [issued an order](#) lifting an injunction that prohibited livestock grazing on [17 allotments located within the Jarbidge Field Office](#). In that order (Docket 505), the Judge required that the BLM submit an annual report to the Court. The report would address: (1) [how the BLM was managing livestock](#) to “maintain or enhance existing and potential populations of sensitive species”; and (2) “ensure that wildlife goals and watershed needs will be satisfied prior to allowing increases in livestock use.” Docket 505 at 15 and 16.

This report provides the Court information regarding the implementation of [interim grazing management plans for the 17 allotments](#). In [Exhibit 2](#), the BLM summarized grazing that occurred during the 2011 grazing year (March 1, 2011-February 29, 2012). During the 2011 grazing year, actual use in the allotments ranged between 0% and 95% of the permitted/active annual unit month (AUM) levels outlined in [the interim grazing management plans](#). Between July 22, 2011 and February 29, 2012, the BLM conducted 133 compliance visits, investigated and resolved one trespass, completed end use monitoring in all grazed pastures, and performed other [monitoring](#) in 10 of the 17 allotments. Of the pastures recovering from fire, two were rested. Post-fire grazing resumed in 23 pastures because vegetation met the rehabilitation criteria set out in the applicable Emergency Stabilization and Restoration Plan.

The end use column reflects the amount of forage consumed by livestock during the grazing season. BLM staff identifies species that livestock prefer at different times of year, and measure utilization in key monitoring sites throughout the allotments. The plant species measured include: [crested wheatgrass](#) (AGCR), a non-native perennial grass; [poa secunda](#) (POSE), a native grass preferred by livestock in the spring; [bluebunch wheatgrass](#) (AGSP), a native grass; [Idaho fescue](#) (FEID), a native grass; and [Thurbers needlegrass](#) (STTH2), a native grass.

In [Exhibit 3](#), the BLM summarizes [the 2012 annual grazing plans](#) that have been issued to date. Not all of the annual grazing plans have been finalized. Some of the annual grazing plans that were adopted in late February 2012 address grazing that occurs during the first half of the grazing year. In some cases, grazing occurs later in the year and, as range conditions and operator needs may change as the year progresses, second-half year plans are issued later in the season. The annual grazing plans were coordinated with interested parties; representatives from Western Watersheds Project met with Jarbidge Field Office staff on February 15, 2012 to review proposals submitted by livestock operators, and to discuss opportunities to protect and promote sensitive species, particularly [sage-grouse](#) and [slickspot peppergrass](#). Exhibit 3 identifies the changes that have been made in the 2012 grazing season to improve habitat and avoid harm to sensitive species.

Exhibit 4 includes [photos depicting different utilization levels](#), reflecting the lowest utilization and the highest utilization at various places in the allotments. Exhibit 5 includes [a general layout map of the Jarbidge Field Office](#), with the 17 allotments identified. It also includes [maps of each of the 17 allotments](#), which identify the pastures located within the allotments and depict key sage-grouse habitat, the location of fences and water troughs, key monitoring sites and habitat for slickspot peppergrass. These two exhibits provide supplementary information to illustrate the information in Exhibits 2 and 3. Exhibit 6 includes copies of the new [interim grazing management plans](#) the BLM adopted to replace the interim grazing plans established in the 2005 Stipulated Settlement Agreement.