

**Department of Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Lander Field Office
1335 West Main Street, Lander Wyoming 82520
Range Permit/Lease Renewal Public Scoping**

March 7, 2008

The Lander Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management will be conducting an environmental analysis for the purpose of re-issuing a grazing permit with a proposed change in the season of use and amended stocking rate on the grazing authorization described in the table below.

Authorization Number	Allotment Name	Allotment Number	BLM Acres	# and Kind of Animals	Begin Date	End Date	% Public Land	Total Animal Unit Months	BLM Animal Unit Months
4903790	North Allotment	1637	1523	189 Cattle	6/1	6/14	59	86	51
	North Allotment	1637	1523	128 Cattle	10/16	11/30	59	193	114
	Winter Allotment	1638	170	108 Cattle	3/1	3/31	14	107	15
	South Allotment	2022	3527	106 Cattle	6/16	10/15	93	288	395

An interdisciplinary team consisting of a rangeland management specialist, wildlife biologist, soil and noxious weed specialist, archeologist and recreation specialist will analyze the grazing permit based, in part, on the public comments and all other resource information available. The initial review of comments and available information will help determine the amount of consideration necessary and the appropriate level of analysis for reaching a decision on each grazing permit/lease renewal.

Since the level of analysis is in part driven by the level of public interest and concern, your comments are requested relative to conditions you have observed on these allotments. The more specific and factual your information is the more useful it will be. The public scoping period is in effect from the date of this notice. Comments would be most helpful if received by April 7, 2008.

Location:

These Allotments are located north and south of highway 287 at the turnoff to the Green Mountain Road. (See map.)

Key Issues and Resource Values:

- These allotments provide crucial winter range for antelope and mule deer. They also provide suitable sage-grouse nesting and brood rearing habitat.
- Stocking rates and percent public land require adjustments due to private land sales that affect the permit.
- There are no riparian areas or public land water sources within the allotments.
- These are “M” category allotments. “M” allotments have the following characteristics: Present range condition and management is satisfactory; the allotment is producing at or near its potential for vegetative production; there are no, or very limited, land use or resource conflicts.
- Season of use changes have been requested by the permittee.
- These allotments have been affected by drier than normal conditions in recent years.

Further information on the allotments being evaluated can be obtained at <http://www.geocommunicator.gov/NILS-PARCEL2/map.jsp>

This grazing permit renewals is one of several permit and lease renewals that will be analyzed in 2008 and beyond. Public scoping for the other permit/lease renewals will take place concurrently and at a later time. Comments may be made by writing us at the above address, e-mailing us at Lander_wymail@blm.gov, or by stopping at our office and sharing your thoughts, comments or concerns. General information on the Bureau of Land Management and Lander Field Office is available on our website located at

http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field_offices/lander.html If you have any specific questions about the range permit renewal process, please contact Judi Mott or Rubel Vigil at (307) 332-8400.