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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Permittee or Interested Public:

The Lander Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management will be conducting an environmental analysis for the purpose of reissuing grazing leases and assessing rangeland health. This process will take place in Lander and Dubois area during the spring and summer 2011. This area contains 15 grazing allotments. 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 March 15, 2011.

An interdisciplinary team consisting of a rangeland management specialist, wildlife biologist, soil and noxious weed specialist, archeologist and recreation specialist will analyze grazing. The following grazing leases in the Lander Field Office are scheduled for this analysis

Authorization Number	Allotment Name	Allotment Number	Number of Animals	Kind of Animals	Begin Date	End Date	BLM Acres	BLM AUMS	Total AUMS	Allotment Category
4903607	WELLS 11	2107	6	HORSE	5/1	6/30	308	31	31	M
			6	HORSE	8/1	10/31				
4914584	E A MOUNTAIN 16	2111	86	CATTLE	6/1	6/30	1874	291	291	M
			44	CATTLE	8/1	9/30				
			117	CATTLE	10/1	10/30				
4903619	WHITE PASS 31	2119	29	CATTLE	5/1	6/30	637	116	116	C
			29	CATTLE	10/1	11/30				
4903626	WINDY RIDGE	2120	13	CATTLE	4/1	6/30	320	54	54	C
			14	CATTLE	10/1	10/31				
4903621	MASON DRAW	2121	214	CATTLE	5/1	5/30	6720	816	816	I
			214	CATTLE	6/1	6/30				
			398	CATTLE	10/1	10/30				
4903622	TAPPAN CREEK 34	2122	121	CATTLE	6/1	11/15	1081	180	180	I
4903626	CM 49	2126	29	HORSE	6/1	6/30	996	57	57	M
			28	HORSE	11/10	12/9				
4903601	WAGON GULCH	2127	2	CATTLE	6/15	12/15	680	95	95	C
			13	HORSE	6/15	12/15				
4903628	BITTERROOT 60	2128	71	HORSE	5/20	6/17	682	68	68	C
4903601	STONE POINT 73	2132	1	HORSE	3/1	6/1	120	12	12	I
			2	HORSE	10/15	2/28				
4903654	HOPKINS 13	2205	5	HORSE	6/1	9/30	200	40	40	I
			5	CATTLE	6/1	9/30				
4903666	NICHOLAS 40	2217	32	CATTLE	6/1	9/29	518	48	48	I
4903668	ORCHARD DRAW	2219	26	CATTLE	5/10	10/1	804	124	124	I
4918578	SCHOOL ALLOTMENT	2222	12	CATTLE	5/1	7/2	160	25	25	I
4903684	HORNY TOAD ASSOCIATE	2235	7	CATTLE	6/1	10/30	520	35	35	I

Location:

These allotments are located around the Lander and Dubois, Wyoming area. The grazing allotments lie along the foothills of the Wind River Mountain Range. (See Attached Maps)

Key Issues and Resource Values:

- These are “Section 15” grazing leases.
- Habitat for Canada lynx, gray wolf, and grizzly bear intersect many of the allotments that are under lease.
- The area provides important wildlife habitats including crucial winter range for elk, moose and mule deer.
- Some allotments may have stocking rate and season of use proposed changes.
- Some allotments have riparian areas that receive heavy livestock use.
- The Dubois Area consists of “C”, “M” and “I” allotments. Category “C” is custodial “M” is maintain, and “I” is Improve allotment.
- Cheatgrass, Canada thistle and other weeds are present on some rangelands and riparian zones in the area.
- Resource values include open space, opportunities for recreation, and wildlife habitat.
- Livestock grazing and recreational use conflicts are occurring on some of these allotments

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

This analysis will ultimately result in the reissuance of grazing lease renewals that will be analyzed in 2011. 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 Amanda Small or Roy Packer at (307) 332-8400.