



# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Permittee / 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 the Dubois area during the spring and summer of 2011. This area contains 13 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 lease renewal. The following grazing leases within 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
4903603	LIME KILN GULCH	2103	99	CATTLE	5/15	6/30	1150	154	154	C
4903604	LITTLE WARM SP. CNYN	2104	238	CATTLE	9/25	9/27	320	27	27	M
			136	CATTLE	9/28	9/28				
4903606	FIRE RIDGE	2106	2	HORSE	6/15	9/30	154	8	8	M
4903608	GEYSER CREEK	2108	12	HORSE	6/1	9/30	829	50	50	M
4903630	CROSS 14	2109	33	CATTLE	6/1	9/30	669	134	134	C
4903610	LITTLE HORSE CREEK	2110	12	HORSE	5/15	10/31	700	51	51	I
4900193	CROOKED CREEK	2113	140	CATTLE	6/25	9/30	1156	133	133	C
			60	HORSE	6/25	10/28				
4903615	HAT BUTTE	2115	52	CATTLE	6/1	6/30	1000	154	154	C
			52	CATTLE	9/1	10/30				
4903616	ELK RIDGE SOUTHEAST	2116	7	HORSE	6/1	8/31	320	21	21	C
4903617	BLUE HOLES	2117	15	HORSE	3/1	4/30	673	90	90	C
			15	HORSE	11/1	2/28				
4903623	BATTRUM MOUNTAIN	2123	118	CATTLE	6/1	10/15	5937	531	531	C
4903625	ALBRIGHT 47	2125	7	HORSE	4/1	6/30	280	28	28	C
			7	HORSE	10/1	10/31				
4903630	CROSS 67	2130	18	CATTLE	5/1	9/30	589	91	91	C

## Location:

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

## 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](mailto: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](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.