

**Written/Fax/E-mail Comments, Public Hearings on  
11/7/07 Revised Proposed Rule for the Preble's Meadow  
Jumping Mouse**

**Updated 2/14/08**

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Date: January 16, 2008

Peter Plage  
USFWS/ES/CO Field Office  
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Denver, CO 80225-0486

Dear Mr. Plage,

The information you requested is enclosed. I appreciate you contacting my staff and if any additional assistance is needed, please contact Amanda Cameron at 970-295-6756.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen L. Hodges".

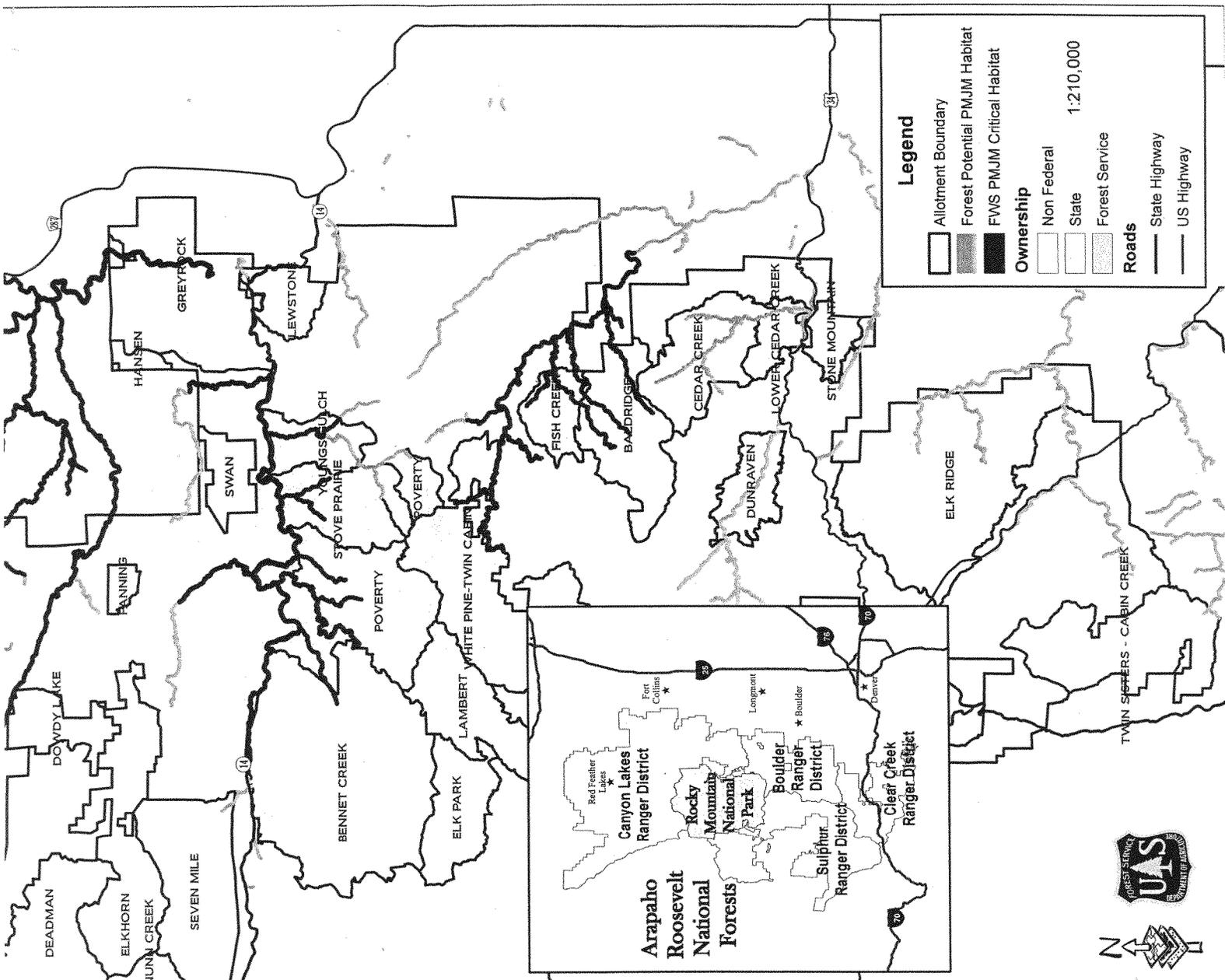
ELLEN L. HODGES  
District Ranger



**Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests: Canyon Lakes Ranger District  
Monitoring Summary on Allotments with Preble's Habitat**

<b>Allotment</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<i>Lone Pine</i>	Critical Habitat: The Columbine Pasture is the only area in this allotment with Preble's habitat. See inspection sheets.
<i>Moen</i>	Potential Habitat: The portion of the Moen Allotment which Preble's habitat occurs is not currently permitted.
<i>Mill Creek</i>	Potential Habitat: Mill Creek is a very small permit (11 cow/calf pairs), which non-use was taken in 2007 grazing season.
<i>South Trail Creek</i>	Potential Habitat: Some habitat falls on private and grazing along the other area of habitat on FS land has limited use due to steep terrain. Permittee crosses this area when turning cattle out on the allotment.
<i>North Poudre</i>	Potential Habitat: In the North Poudre Allotment, the area where habitat is present is a very steep narrow canyon, with limited cattle utilization.
<i>Greyrock</i>	Critical Habitat: The North Fork of the Cache la Poudre River runs through this allotment. We are currently analyzing grazing effects on this allotment. See inspection sheets and other information for this area. USFWS has also visited this area with the FS, to assess Preble's habitat.
<i>Bennett Creek</i>	Critical Habitat: A very short portion of the river is accessed by cattle while held in the meadows overnight (one night of use only). Cattle grazing does not occur any other time during the year on this portion of Preble's habitat.
<i>Baldrige</i>	Critical Habitat: Baldrige is currently permitted with 25 cow/calf pairs and utilization on the allotment is very minimal. An Environmental Assessment on this allotment will begin this summer. See in inspection sheets.
<i>Cedar Creek</i>	Potential Habitat: See inspection sheets. An Environmental Assessment on this allotment will begin this summer.
<i>Dunraven</i>	Potential Habitat: Habitat falls mostly on private land. An Environmental Assessment on this allotment will begin this summer.

***\*Other Areas of Critical and Potential Habitat occur on vacant allotments, which do not have a permit associated with them currently.\****



**Legend**

- Allotment Boundary
- Forest Potential PMJM Habitat
- FWS PMJM Critical Habitat

**Ownership**

- Non Federal
- State
- Forest Service

**Roads**

- State Highway
- US Highway

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## Range Allotment Inspection Record

Canyon Lakes Ranger District

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7/21/07*

Allotment	Lone Pine	Date	6/21/07	Inspector	Stephanie Bauer
1. Cattle Count		Brands			
2. Residual Forage and Pasture Conditions					
Utilization: 0-10%					
Productivity: High					
Condition: Good					
Trend: Stable to Upward					
3. Distribution of Cattle					
N/A Cattle not yet in this pasture.					
4. Wildlife (Note new prairie dog towns and estimate size: grasshoppers; antelope, coyote; mountain plover; etc.)					
None seen.					
5. Salting Practices: Locations, suitability					
None seen.					
6. Range Enclosures Condition					
N/A					
7. Watershed (note any major problems; large gullies, cattle trails etc.)					
Some erosion taking place on the south side of the creek on the south side of the road.					
8. Road Signs (Note missing road sign numbers: roads needing a sign)					
None seen.					
9. Structural Range Improvements N/A					
A. Stock Tanks		N/A			
B. Fences		Fences and gates connecting pastures is in good shape.			
11. Remarks:		Creek is running high due to spring runoff. Meadow just south of the creek is very wet. There is some hummucking present here. We put up the electric fence enclosure around the creek on the east side of the road prior to cattle coming in. Forage production is high in this allotment and in very good shape for grazing.			

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Key Area Upland Grass Utilization Check  
Maintained in Allotment 2210 Folder

Allotment Name: Lone Pine	Date of Utilization Check: 7-19-07
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Pasture Name: S16 and West pastures
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Pasture Use Period: 6/5 to 9/15	(From Annual Operating Plan)
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Assigned Allowable Use From Annual Operating Plan: 45%
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Number of Key Area Utilization Sites In Pasture: N/A
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Map Number of Key Area Utilization Site: N/A
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Name of Person Conducting Utilization Check: Stephanie Bauer
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Permittee Invited to Participate: Yes	No	X
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Number of Livestock in Pasture:	Observed: ~70 c/c	AOI: 70 c/c
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Date Cattle Entered: 6/5	Exited Pasture: N/A
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Compliant with AOI:	Yes X	NO (If no explain non-compliance in comments and appropriate follow up action)
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Utilization Recorded in Key Area Site:	~25-30%	Ocular, Grazed Plant, Clipped/Weighed, Grazing Intensity Guideline) (Underline appropriate method and attach appropriate forms and photos)
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Time of monitoring:	During Grazing
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Estimated Forage Production: lbs/acre			
Forage Production:	Below average. X upland where dry	Average X everywhere else	Above Average

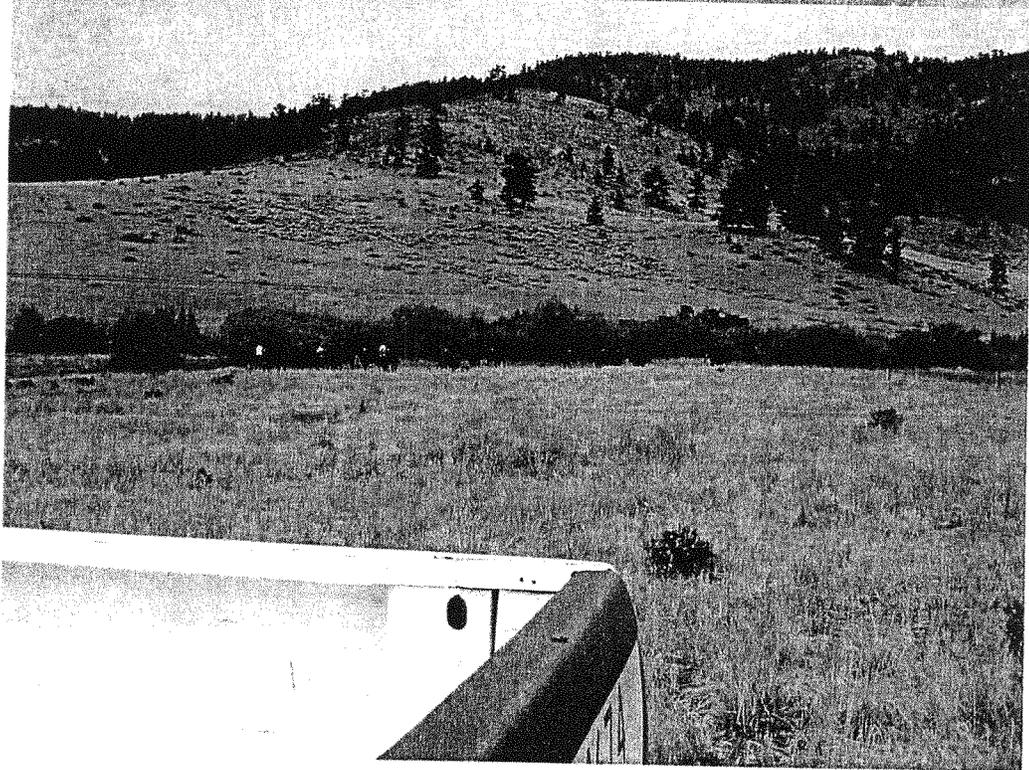
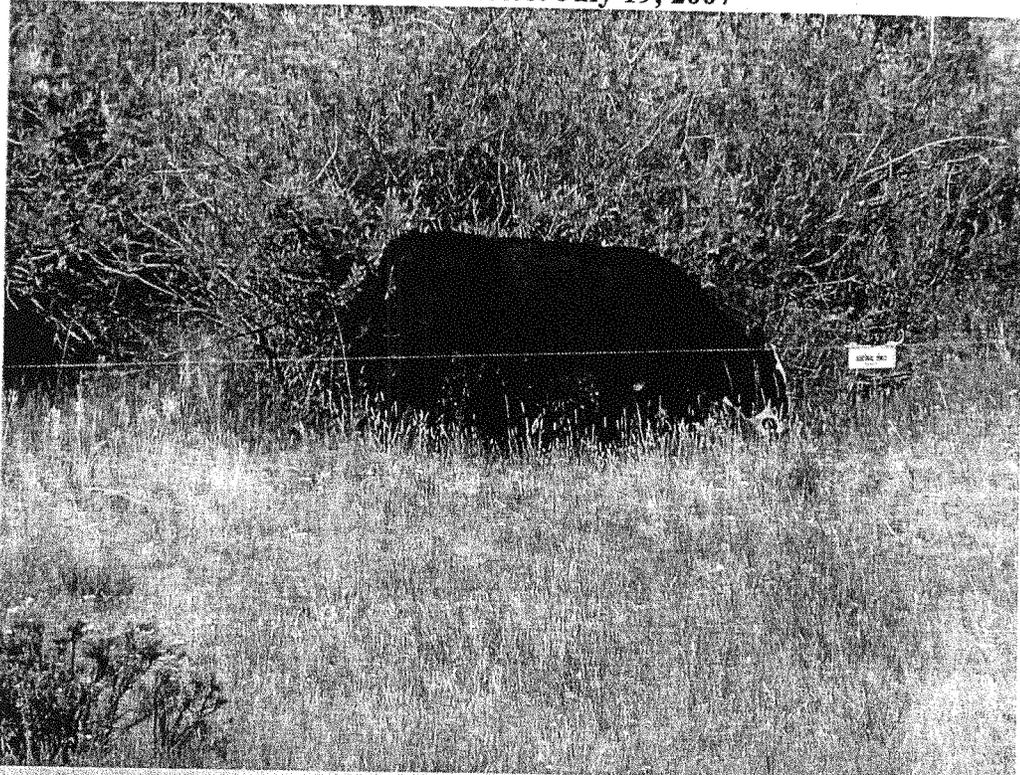
<u>Improvements Inspected and Condition:</u> Fences: Electric fence down
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<u>General Comments:</u> Dry in upper areas from creek North and South. Around creek ~100 yards on south side of creek, ground in damp. Most areas grazed around creek, stubble height is 8-10" in some areas around edges of creek. Stubble is longer further from the creek. Electric fence needs repair. There were ~5 pairs between second and third gate as coming in from gravel pit off of CR179.
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*Amanda Cameron*  
Amanda Cameron, Rangeland Management Specialist

*7/24/07*  
Date

Lone Pine Photos: July 19, 2007



**Range Allotment Inspection Record**  
Canyon Lakes Ranger District

08/22/07

Allotment	Moen	Date	08/22/07	Inspector	A. Cameron, F. Moen
1. Cattle Count	20 pairs, 2 bulls	Brands	F. Moen		
2. Residual Forage and Pasture Conditions					
Utilization: 40%					
Productivity: Moderate					
Condition: Fair - Good					
Trend: Stable					
3. Distribution of Cattle					
The cattle were seen along the road, in two separate bunches, as depicted in the attached photos.					
4. Wildlife (Note new prairie dog towns and estimate size: grasshoppers; antelope, coyote; mountain plover; etc.)					
None seen.					
5. Salting Practices: Locations, suitability					
Good - higher ridge to pull cattle out of riparian areas.					
6. Exclosures Condition					
N/A					
7. Tree Cribs (Condition of existing crib, trees needing a crib)					
8. Watershed (note any major problems; large gullies, cattle trails etc.)					
9. Road Signs (Note missing road sign numbers: roads needing a sign)					
10. Structural Range Improvements					
A. Springs		N/A			
B. Fences		Good			
11. Remarks:		<p>Visited the allotment with Forrest Moen, observed all the cattle. He does have an extra bull with them right now due to one escaping to they put a different bull in with the cows then the other bull decided to come back and stay. Forage is heavily utilized, nearing stubble height standards; however, I told Forrest he could leave them on the permit due to the recent rainfall we had. Very obvious washout on the roads from recent heavy rains, so grass is greening up and growing. It is also expected that the area will receive more in the next few days, so forage should hold up fine for the cattle for next 3 weeks. Photos attached. Riparian areas are heavily utilized, but growing and did not observe a lot of trampling along the banks.</p>			

**Range Allotment Inspection Record**  
Canyon Lakes Ranger District

*in I-wald  
9/29/07*

Allotment	Mill Creek	Date	08/22/07	Inspector	Amanda Cameron, Forrest Moen
1. Cattle Count	None	Brands	N/A		
2. Residual Forage and Pasture Conditions					
Utilization: 0-5%					
Productivity: Average					
Condition: Fair to Good					
Trend: Stable to upward					
3. Distribution of Cattle					
N/A					
4. Wildlife (Note new prairie dog towns and estimate size: grasshoppers; antelope, coyote; mountain plover; etc.)					
5. Salting Practices: Locations, suitability					
None seen					
6. Exclosures Condition					
N/A					
7. Tree Cribs (Condition of existing crib, trees needing a crib)					
8. Watershed (note any major problems; large gullies, cattle trails etc.)					
9. Road Signs (Note missing road sign numbers: roads needing a sign)					
10. Structural Range Improvements					
A. Springs		N/A			
B. Fences		Good			
11. Remarks: Drove to Harrop's place, Sylvia recently passed away. It appears they sold the cows, as there was no evidence of grazing on FS land or near the private lands. I did receive a call from Walter Harrop a few weeks ago about switching everything over to nephew or himself since Sylvia passed away, but have not talked with Walter directly so I am not sure what is going to happen with the place. From talking with Forrest it sounds like the nephew plans to live at the house and run the place – he just retired from the Navy. Once the DN is signed for this group of allotments I will contact Walter and see how he would like to handle the permit situation.					

**Range Allotment Inspection Record**  
Canyon Lakes Ranger District

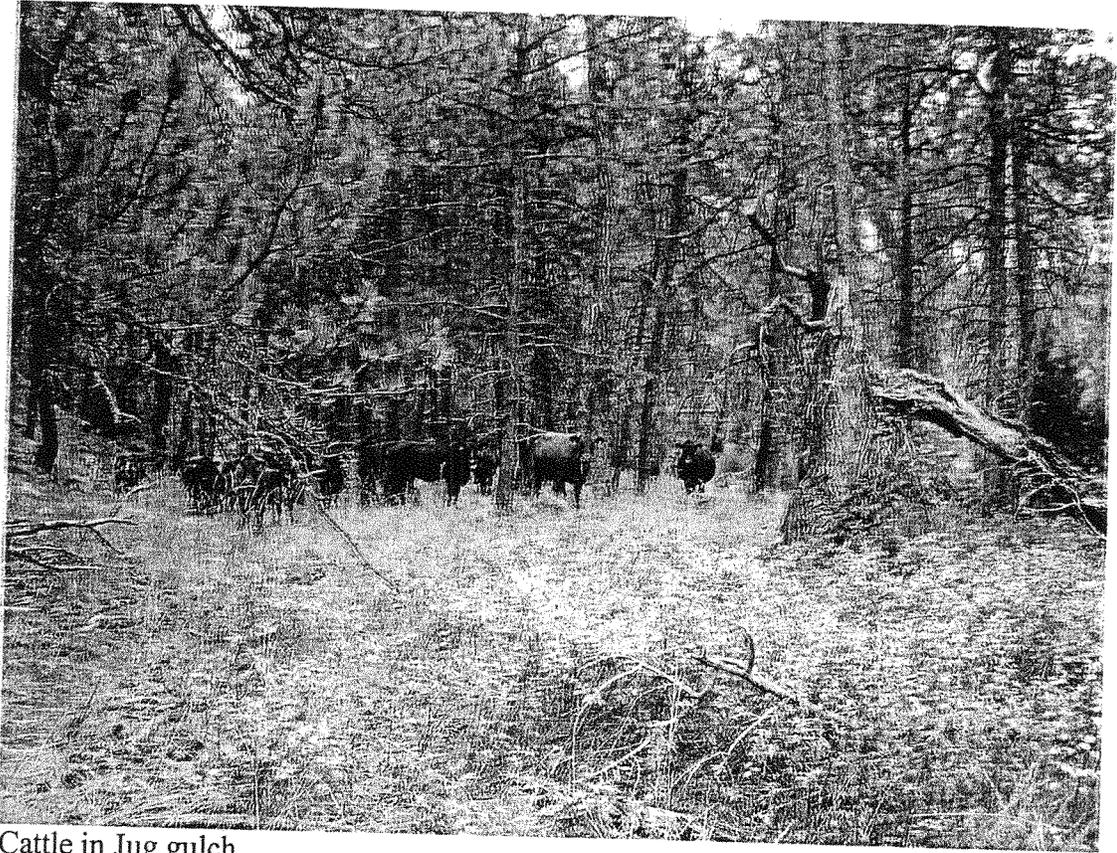
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9/29/07*

Allotment	South Trail Creek	Date	07/2/07	Inspector	A. Cameron
1. Cattle Count	0 pairs	Brands	Carey Ranch brand		
2. Residual Forage and Pasture Conditions					
Utilization: 5-35%					
Productivity: Moderate					
Condition: Fair near Bull Pond, Good to Fair in other areas, severe drying out of uplands.					
Trend: Stable.					
3. Distribution of Cattle					
Cattle tend to disperse in larger groups, sometimes hard on those areas they stay in for awhile, as near Bull Pond area.					
4. Wildlife (Note new prairie dog towns and estimate size: grasshoppers; antelope, coyote; mountain plover; etc.)					
None seen.					
5. Salting Practices: Locations, suitability					
None seen.					
6. Exclosures Condition					
N/A					
7. Tree Cribs (Condition of existing crib, trees needing a crib)					
N/A					
8. Watershed (note any major problems; large gullies, cattle trails etc.)					
N/A					
9. Road Signs (Note missing road sign numbers: roads needing a sign)					
N/A					
10. Structural Range Improvements					
N/A					
A. Springs					
N/A					
B. Fences					
11. Remarks: I drove through the allotment and rode through various areas. Much of this allotment has private land intermixed. Bull Garden Pond has been utilized and the uplands/open meadow areas surrounding the pond are dry. The lack of rainfall is evident in this area; however, the riparian areas are still maintaining and stubble height is not exceeding allowable use levels. Will have to monitor this allotment due to drought conditions.					

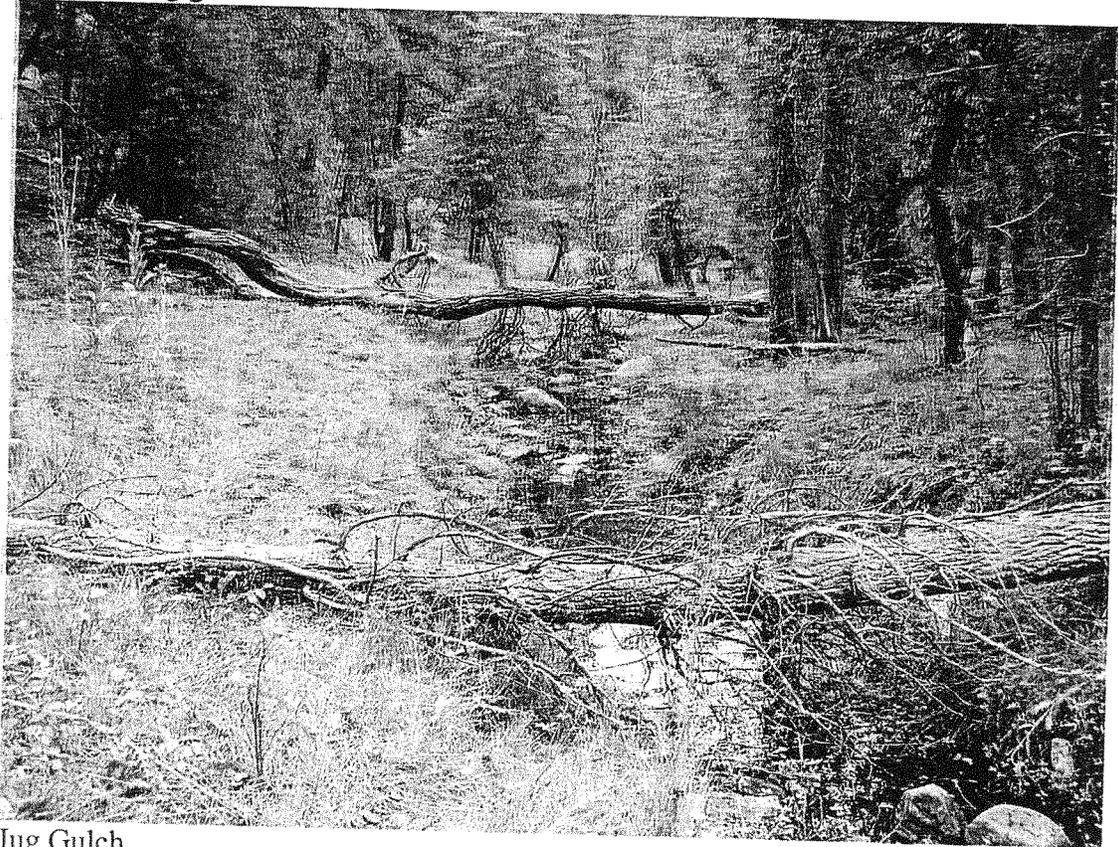
**Range Allotment Inspection Record**  
Canyon Lakes Ranger District

*10/5/07*

Allotment	Cedar Creek	Date	8/15/07	Inspector	Amanda Cameron, Stephanie Bauer, Kim Obele, Krista Holsclaw (cattle mgr. for Sylvan Dale)
1. Cattle Count	~30 pairs	Brands	Sylvan Dale's		
2. Residual Forage and Pasture Conditions					
Utilization: 25-30% Productivity: High Condition: Good Trend: Stable to Upward					
3. Distribution of Cattle					
Observed ~30 pairs in Jug Gulch along Cedar Creek. Cattle dispersed well, however, more utilization on the uplands would be better. Utilization observed at Dry Creek, very little bank exposure where the cattle have crossed but overall wetlands in good shape.					
4. Wildlife (Note new prairie dog towns and estimate size: grasshoppers; antelope, coyote; mountain plover; etc.)					
None seen.					
5. Salting Practices: Locations, suitability					
Salt blocks were strategically placed on the uplands. One location was along Dry Creek, but may help in attracting cattle to use this area more.					
6. Range Enclosures Condition					
Range enclosure in good shape – fence needs maintenance if to be used for range management.					
7. Watershed (note any major problems; large gullies, cattle trails etc.)					
N/A					
8. Road Signs (Note missing road sign numbers: roads needing a sign)					
N/A					
9. Structural Range Improvements					
A. Stock Tanks		Old tank near Dry Creek: 0476452/4481575			
B. Fences		Appear to be in satisfactory condition.			
11. Remarks: We drove through this allotment with Krista. We left the Ranch and went north on 43, turned right (This is Storm Mountain) and continued up the hill. At the "T", we turned right and went through Cedar Park Estates. Turned left on Snow Top road and right on Bobcat Road. At the 1 <sup>st</sup> green gate there is a road sign that says Cedar Creek and on the gate is a private road sign. We went through private land to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> green gate which is a forest service gate. Both gates have Yale locks on them. About ¼ mile in, there is an old range enclosure that has been rebuilt and is in decent shape. (See pic) This is an on/off permit from 7/1-9/1, with 22 c/c during the on period and a total of 34 c/c permitted. Krista said they are running 60 c/c between forest service land and private. The numbers will have to be re-evaluated when the assessment is done on the allotment. She also asked for an extension on the permit. Gave a 15 day extension, so the cattle can stay until the 15 <sup>th</sup> of September. The cattle are dispersed well therefore utilization					



Cattle in Jug gulch



Jug Gulch



Dry Creek



Old tank at Dry Creek (UTM: 0476452/4481575)

*in I. work  
9/25/07*

Key Area Upland Grass Utilization Check  
Maintained in Allotment 2210 Folder

Allotment Name: Greyrock	Date of Utilization Check: 09/25/2007
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Pasture Name: West of Seaman Reservoir, uplands
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Pasture Use Period: RPNU for '07 season	(From Annual Operating Plan)
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Assigned Allowable Use From Annual Operating Plan: 45%
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Number of Key Area Utilization Sites In Pasture: N/A
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Map Number of Key Area Utilization Site: N/A
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Name of Person Conducting Utilization Check: Amanda Cameron, Kim Obele, Carl Chambers, and Randy Gustafson from City of Greeley
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Permittee Invited to Participate: Yes	No	X
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Number of Livestock in Pasture:	Observed: 0	AOI: 0 for '07 season
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Date Cattle Entered: N/A	Exited Pasture: N/A
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Compliant with AOI:	Yes X	NO ___ (If no explain non-compliance in comments and appropriate follow up action)
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Utilization Recorded in Key Area Site:	<5%	<u>Ocular</u> , Stubble Height, Grazed Plant, Clipped/Weighed, Grazing Intensity Guideline) (Underline appropriate method and attach appropriate forms and photos)
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Time of monitoring:	No Grazing.
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Estimated Forage Production:	1000 lbs/acre - Dry in uplands.		
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Forage Production:	Below average ___	Average X Dry	Above Average ___
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<u>Improvements Inspected and Condition:</u> Fences: Removal, on top, West of Reservoir Spring Springs: Reservoir Spring Tank, non-functional, but pipe and tank available to possibly fix if necessary. Basin Spring Stock Tank, removal, never located a development; a unreliable spring was located, not good for cattle use. Salt Gulch Spring, removal, never located a development; an unreliable spring was located, not good for cattle use. Corrals: N/A
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Key Area Upland Grass Utilization Check  
 Maintained in Allotment 2210 Folder

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 9/29/07

Allotment Name: Greyrock	Date of Utilization Check: 09/26/2007
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Pasture Name: North Fork Cache la Poudre River in Greyrock Allotment
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Pasture Use Period: RPNU for '07 season	(From Annual Operating Plan)
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Assigned Allowable Use From Annual Operating Plan: 45%
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Number of Key Area Utilization Sites In Pasture: N/A
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Map Number of Key Area Utilization Site: N/A
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Name of Person Conducting Utilization Check: Amanda Cameron, Kim Obele, Carl Chambers, Deb Entwistle, Dale Oberlag, Victoria Anne, Tim D'Amato (Larimer County Weeds), USFWS: Pete Plage, Leslie Ellwood, Susan Linner
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Permittee Invited to Participate: Yes	No	X
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Number of Livestock in Pasture:	Observed: 0	AOI: 0 for '07 season
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Date Cattle Entered: N/A	Exited Pasture: N/A
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Compliant with AOI:	Yes X	NO ___ (If no explain non-compliance in comments and appropriate follow up action)
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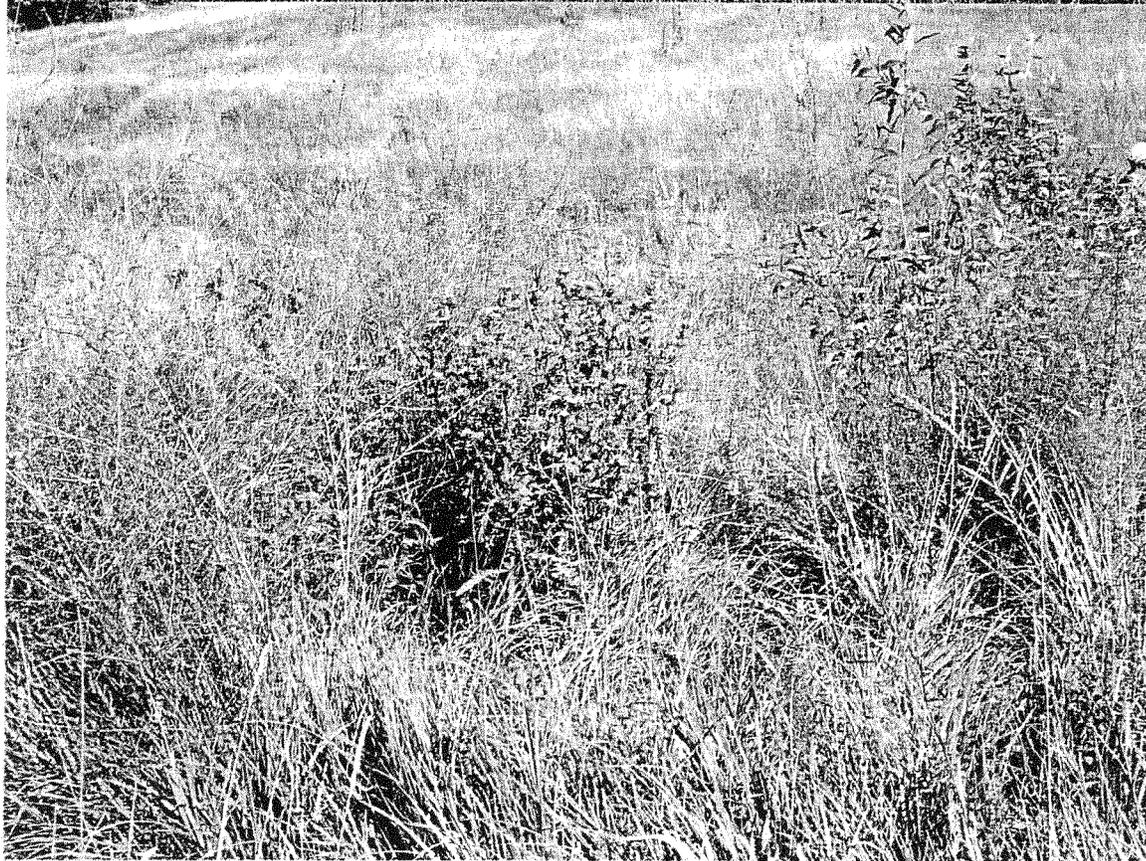
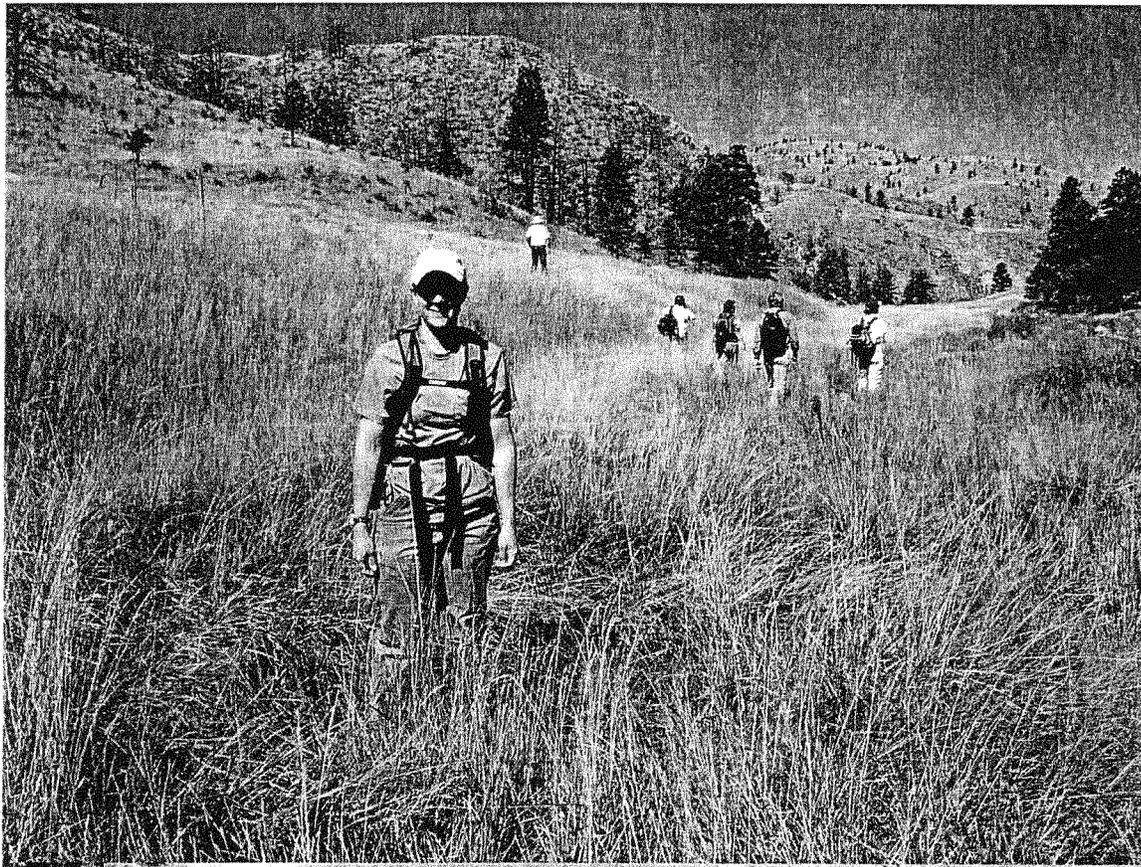
Utilization Recorded in Key Area Site:	<5%	Ocular, Stubble Height, Grazed Plant, Clipped/Weighed, Grazing Intensity Guideline) (Underline appropriate method and attach appropriate forms and photos)
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Time of monitoring:	No Grazing.
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Estimated Forage Production:	1200-1500 lbs/acre – Riparian production is great; uplands dominated by cheatgrass in most area.		
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Forage Production:	Below average ___	Average X Dry	Above Average ___
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Improvements Inspected and Condition:
Fences: Non-functional along west side of North Fork.
Springs: N/A
Corrals: N/A



9-26-2007 North Fork of Cache la Poudre River in Greyrock Allotment  
Bottom Picture: Bull thistle present.

Key Area Upland Grass Utilization Check  
 Maintained in Allotment 2210 Folder

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 10/3/07*

Allotment Name: Greyrock	Date of Utilization Check: 07/11/2007
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Pasture Name: North Fork of the Cache la Poudre
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Pasture Use Period: RPNU for '07 season	(From Annual Operating Plan)
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Assigned Allowable Use From Annual Operating Plan: 45%
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Number of Key Area Utilization Sites In Pasture: N/A
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Map Number of Key Area Utilization Site: N/A
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Name of Person Conducting Utilization Check: Amanda Cameron and Kim Obele
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Permittee Invited to Participate: <b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>X</b>
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Number of Livestock in Pasture:	Observed: 0	AOI: 0 for '07 season
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Date Cattle Entered: N/A	Exited Pasture: N/A
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Compliant with AOI:	<b>Yes X</b>	<b>NO</b> (If no explain non-compliance in comments and appropriate follow up action)
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Utilization Recorded in Key Area Site:	<5%	Ocular, Stubble Height, Grazed Plant, Clipped/Weighed, Grazing Intensity Guideline) (Underline appropriate method and attach appropriate forms and photos)
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Time of monitoring:	No Grazing.
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Estimated Forage Production:	800-2000 lbs/acre okay next to riparian corridor, very dry in uplands.		
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Forage Production:	Below average _____	Average <b>X</b> Dry	Above Average _____
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<u>Improvements Inspected and Condition:</u> Fences: Non-functional all along the North Fork Tanks: N/A Springs: N/A Corrals: N/A
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*in E-well*  
10/3/07

Stubble Height Measurements						
Key Area Number: #2		Date: 09/14/2006		Examiner: Amanda Cameron		
Allotment Name: Greyrock		Pasture: North Fork Cache la Poudre River		UTM: 480563 / 4511173		
Key Species: Hairy grama, Poa sp., Fescue sp., unknown						
Key Area Marked by: Small Dead tree, just SW of huge forked Ponderosa Pine			Nearby Landmarks: North Fork and Draw to Bonner Peak north end			
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Species	<del>Unknown</del> <i>Poa</i>	Fescue	Poa			
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33	3					
34	3.5					
35	2.5					
36	3					
37	1.5					

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8/14/07

Stubble Height Measurements						
Key Area Number: #1		Date: 09/14/2006		Examiner: Amanda Cameron		
Allotment Name: Greyrock		Pasture: North Fork Cache la Poudre River		UTM: 480118 / 4509608		
Key Species: Hairy grama, Poa sp., Fescue sp., unknown						
Key Area Marked by: Random start no exact location. Rock face to west.				Nearby Landmarks: Rock face to west.		
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Species	Poa sp.	Clover	Rush			
T#1 1	2					
2	2					
3	2.5					
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## Stubble Height Measurements

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Key Area #:	Date: <i>9/14/06</i>	Examiner: <i>A. Cameron</i>
Allotment: <i>Greyrock</i>	Pasture: <i>Mid. way N. Forth</i>	
Key species: <i>Poa, riparian transect</i>		
UTM: <i>480118/4509608</i>	Time of Monitor: <i>Post grazing (during)</i>	
Key Area Marked By: <i>UTM/Rock Face (see p. 6)</i>		Nearby Landmarks: <i>Rock Face to West</i>
Production (lbs/acre): <i>High</i>	Utilization (%):	# of Livestock Observed: <i>6-7 w/c calves</i>

Photo #:	Direction:		Notes:	Photo #:	Direction:	
Transect #1	Height	Species		Transect #2	Height	Species
1	2	P	<i>Riparian site next to river</i>	26		
2	2			27		
3	2.5			28		
4	.5	clover		29		
5	2	P		30		
6	.5	clover		31		
7	1	P		32		
8	1	P		33		
9	1.5	P		34		
10	2	P		35		
11	1	clover		36		
12	1	P		37		
13	1	P		38		
14	1.5	P		39		
15	1	clover		40		
16	2	P		41		
17	2	P		42		
18	2.5	P		43		
19	2	P		44		
20	3	P		45		
21	4	P		46		
22	3	P		47		
23	2	rush		48		
24	3	rush		49		
25	4	P		50		

### SCAT (Only in PAC Areas)

Cattle	
Elk	
Deer	
Other	

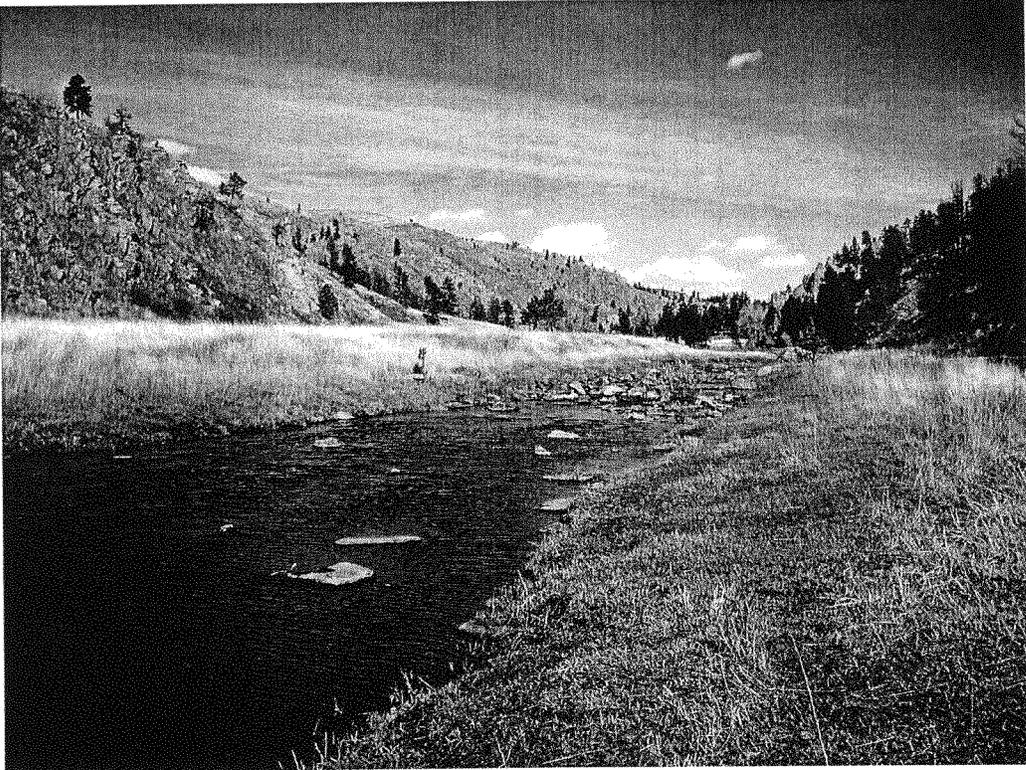


Stubble height transect, only 25 paces along riparian corridor.

North Fork Cache la Poudre River: August 2006



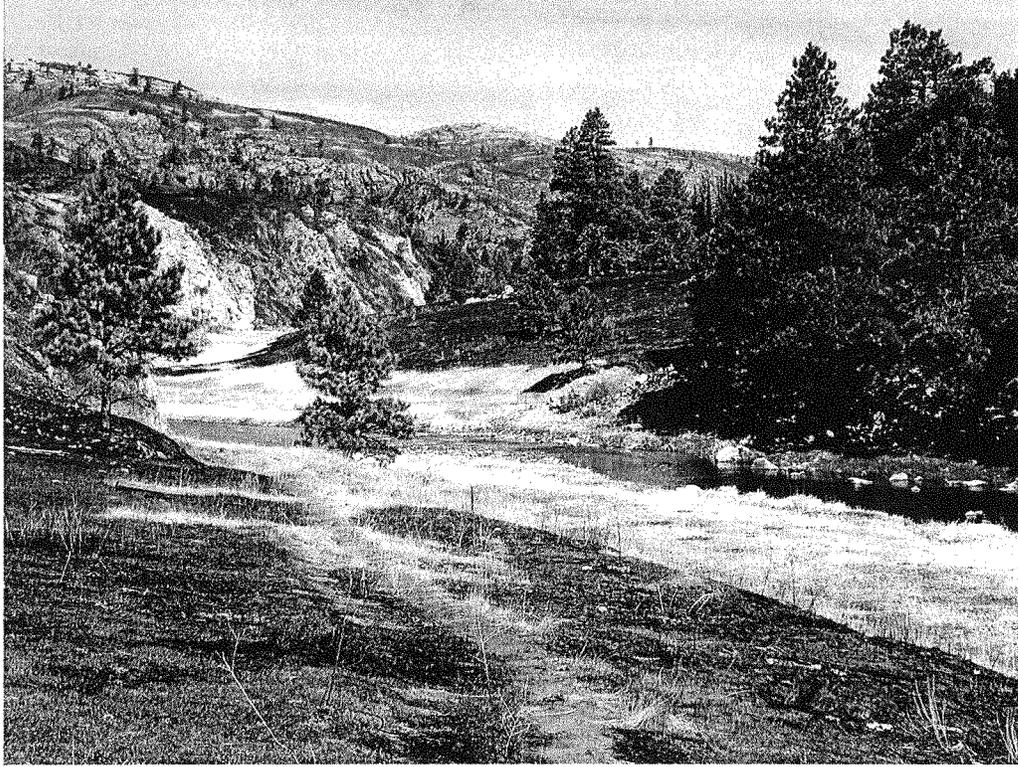
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Key Area Upland Grass Utilization Check  
 Maintained in Allotment 2210 Folder

I-Web  
 9/28/06

Allotment Name: Greyrock	Date of Utilization Check: 09/14/2006
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Pasture Name: North Fork of the Cache la Poudre
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Pasture Use Period: 6/01-9/15 and 12/01-12/31	(From Annual Operating Plan)
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Assigned Allowable Use From Annual Operating Plan: 45%
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Number of Key Area Utilization Sites In Pasture: Two stubble height transects were done.
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Map Number of Key Area Utilization Site: N/A
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Name of Person Conducting Utilization Check: Amanda Cameron, Terra Mascarenas, Anne Brewster (Allard staffer)
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Permittee Invited to Participate: Yes	No	X
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Number of Livestock in Pasture:	Observed: ~10 c/c	AOI: 135 c/c
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Date Cattle Entered: 06/01	Exited Pasture: 09/15
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Compliant with AOI:	Yes	NO_X (If no explain non-compliance in comments and appropriate follow up action)
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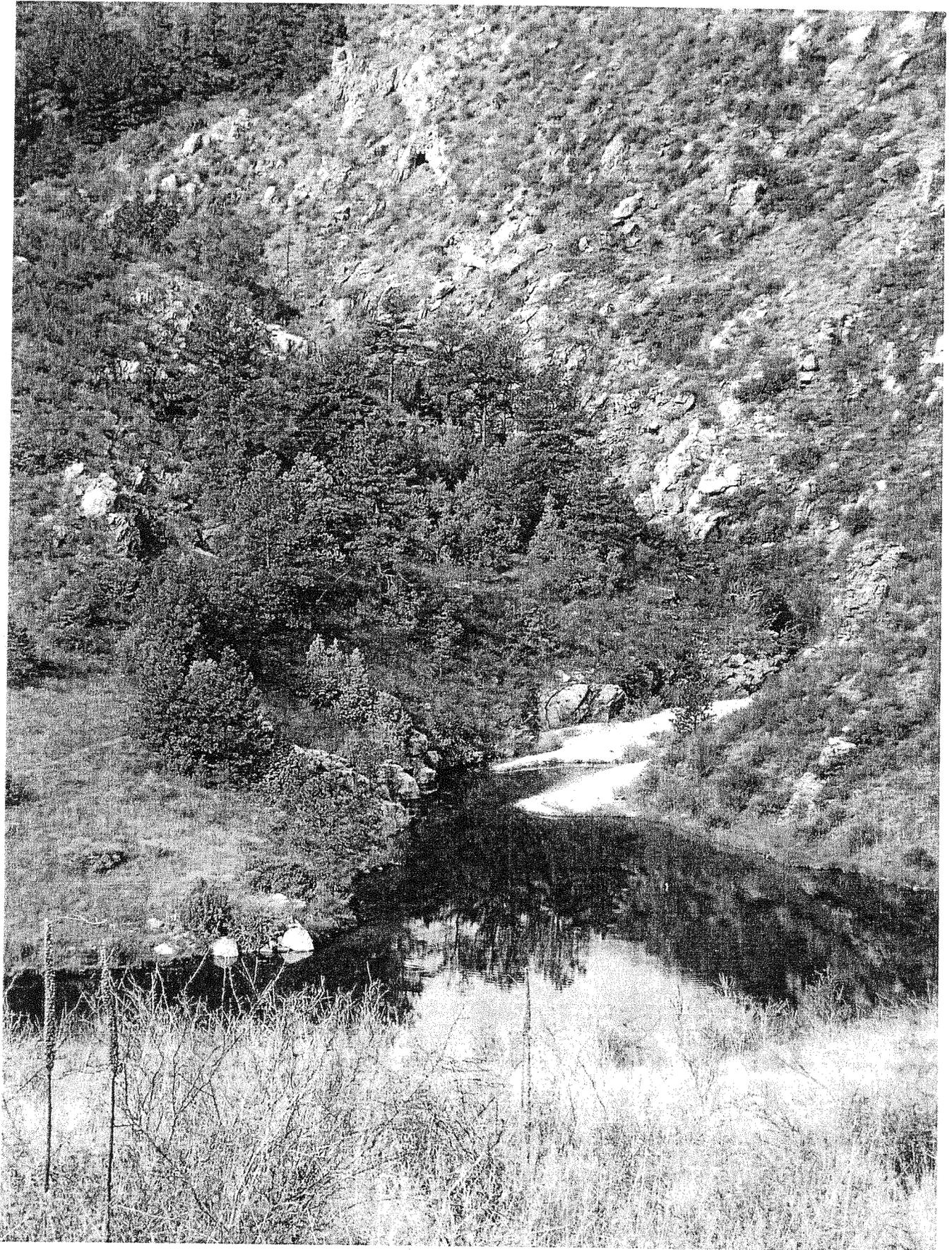
Utilization Recorded in Key Area Site:	55%	Ocular, <u>Stubble Height</u> , Grazed Plant, Clipped/Weighed, Grazing Intensity Guideline) ( <u>Underline appropriate method and attach appropriate forms and photos</u> )
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Time of monitoring:	During grazing/end of season.
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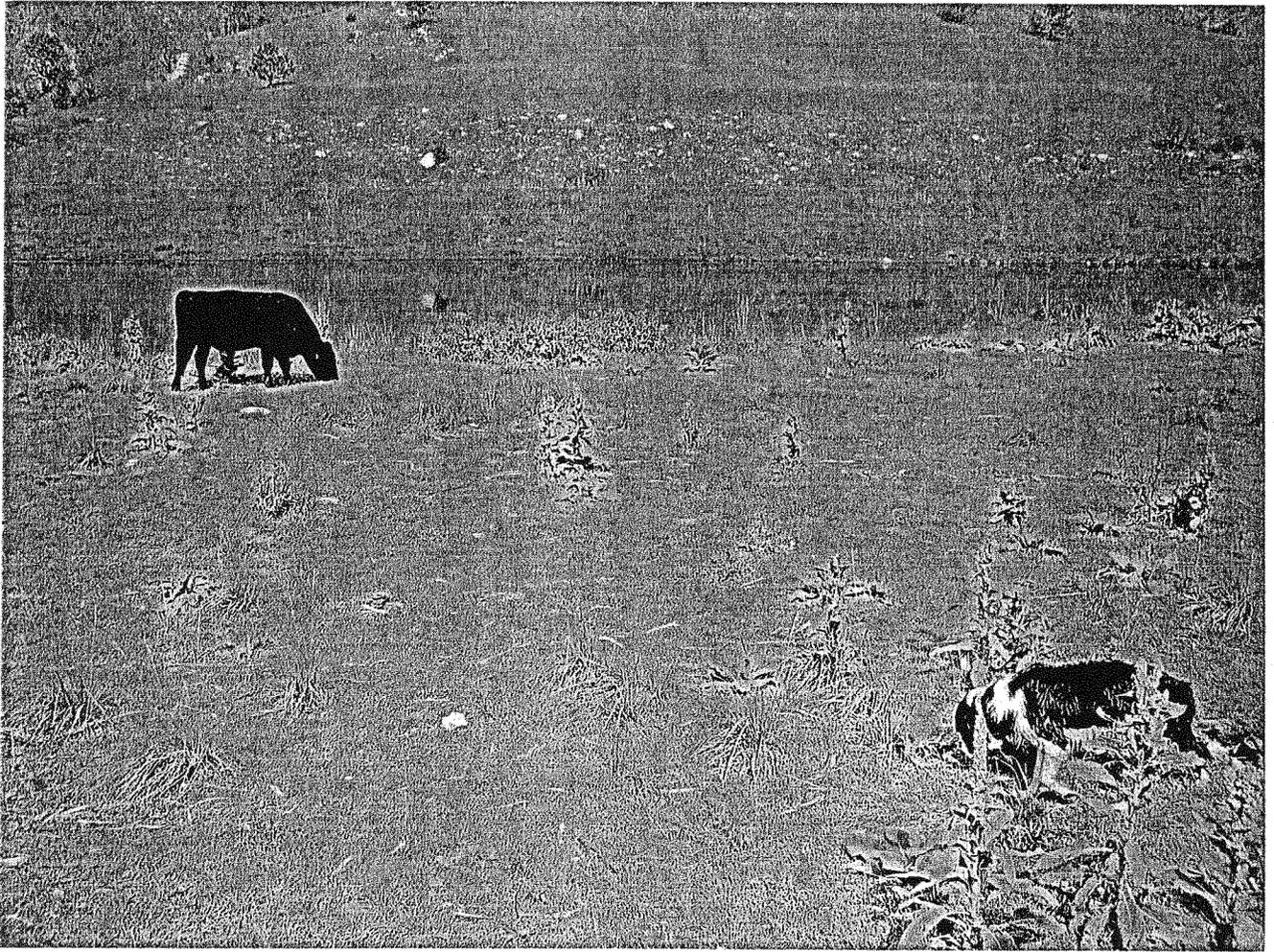
Estimated Forage Production:	500-1000 lbs/acre
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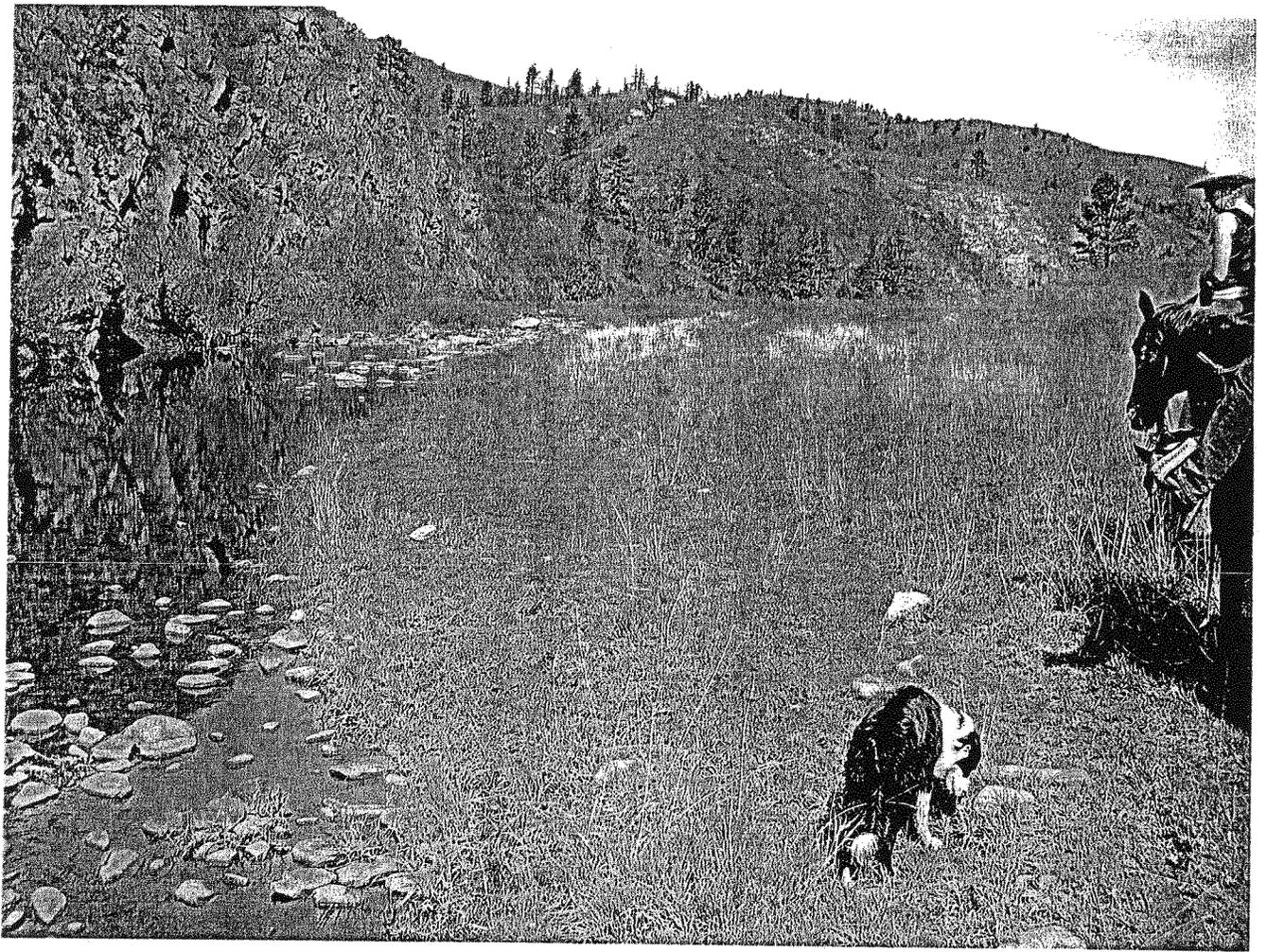
Forage Production:	Below average	Average	X	Above Average
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<u>Improvements Inspected and Condition:</u> Fences: Non-functional all along the North Fork Tanks: N/A Springs: N/A Corrals: N/A
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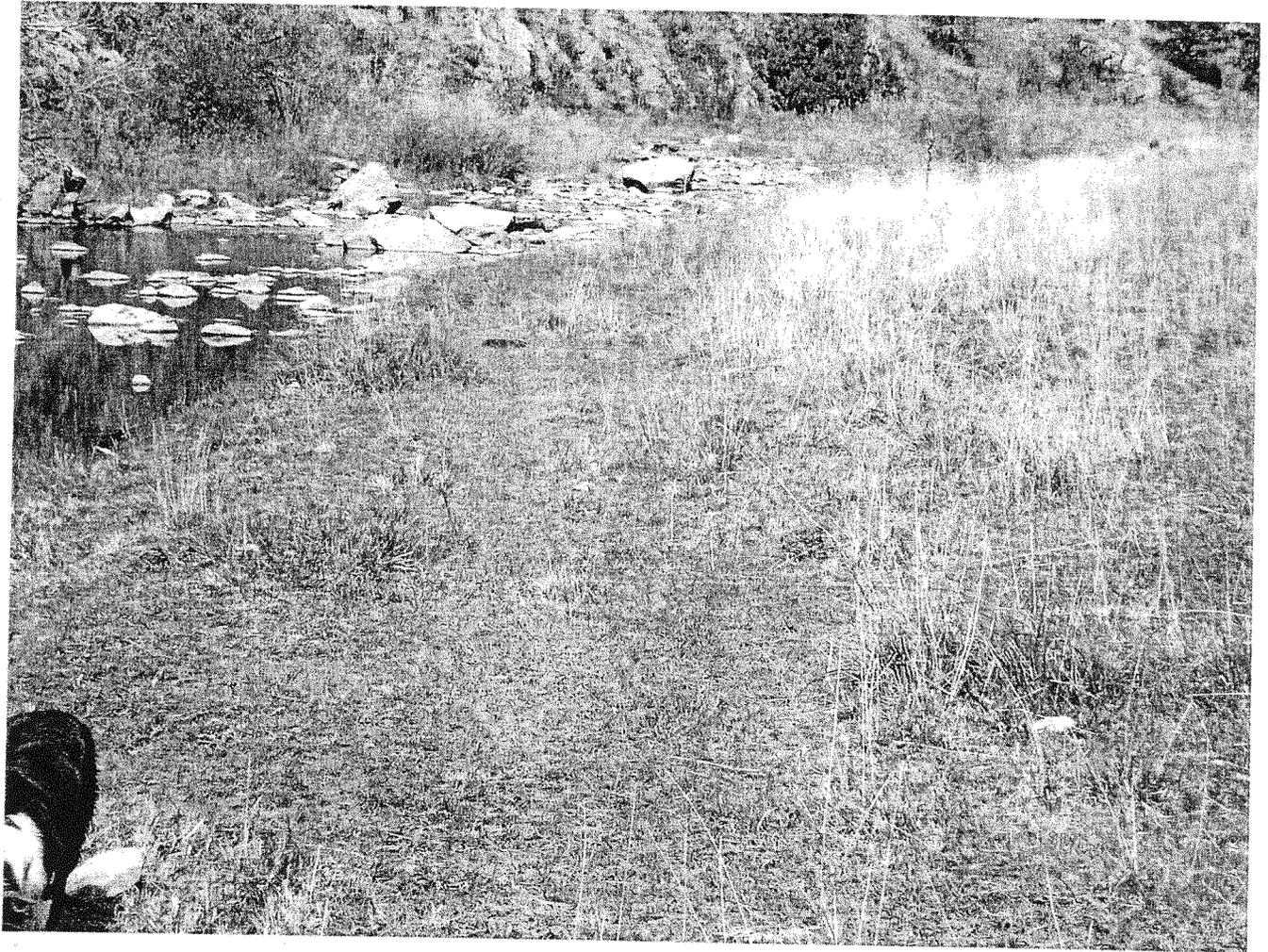












Key Area Upland Grass Utilization Check  
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I-Web  
 9/28/06

Allotment Name: Greyrock	Date of Utilization Check: 09/14/2006
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Pasture Name: North Fork of the Cache la Poudre
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Pasture Use Period: 6/01-9/15 and 12/01-12/31	(From Annual Operating Plan)
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Assigned Allowable Use From Annual Operating Plan: 45%
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Number of Key Area Utilization Sites In Pasture: Two stubble height transects were done.
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Map Number of Key Area Utilization Site: N/A
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Name of Person Conducting Utilization Check: Amanda Cameron, Terra Mascarenas, Anne Brewster (Allard staffer)
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Permittee Invited to Participate: <b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>X</b>
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Number of Livestock in Pasture:	Observed: ~10 c/c	AOI: 135 c/c
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Date Cattle Entered: 06/01	Exited Pasture: 09/15
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Compliant with AOI:	<b>Yes</b>	<b>NO_X</b> (If no explain non-compliance in comments and appropriate follow up action)
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Utilization Recorded in Key Area Site:	55%	Ocular, <u>Stubble Height</u> , Grazed Plant, Clipped/Weighed, Grazing Intensity Guideline) ( <u>Underline appropriate method and attach appropriate forms and photos</u> )
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Time of monitoring:	During grazing/end of season.
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Estimated Forage Production:	500-1000 lbs/acre		
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Forage Production:	Below average _____	Average <b>X</b>	Above Average _____
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<u>Improvements Inspected and Condition:</u> Fences: Non-functional all along the North Fork Tanks: N/A Springs: N/A Corrals: N/A
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Key Area Upland Grass Utilization Check  
 Maintained in Allotment 2210 Folder

I-web 9/22/06

Allotment Name: Greyrock	Date of Utilization Check: 09/20/2006
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Pasture Name: North Fork of the Cache la Poudre
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Pasture Use Period: 6/01-9/15 and 12/01-12/31	(From Annual Operating Plan)
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Assigned Allowable Use From Annual Operating Plan: 45%
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Number of Key Area Utilization Sites In Pasture:
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Map Number of Key Area Utilization Site: N/A
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Name of Person Conducting Utilization Check: Amanda Cameron and Kelly Larkin
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Permittee Invited to Participate: Yes	No	X
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Number of Livestock in Pasture:	Observed: ~30 c/c	AOI: 135 c/c
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Date Cattle Entered: 06/01	Exited Pasture: 09/15
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Compliant with AOI:	Yes	NO_X (If no explain non-compliance in comments and appropriate follow up action)
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Utilization Recorded in Key Area Site:	55%	Ocular, Stubble Height, Grazed Plant, Clipped/Weighed, Grazing Intensity Guideline) (Underline appropriate method and attach appropriate forms and photos)
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Time of monitoring:	Post grazing.
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Estimated Forage Production:	800-1000 lbs/acre
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Forage Production:	Below average	Average_X	Above Average
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Improvements Inspected and Condition:  
 Fences: Non-functional all along the North Fork  
 Tanks: N/A Springs: N/A Corrals: N/A

General Comments: This trip was to haul t-posts into the North Fork for they fisheries and hydrology folks, who will be setting up cross-section transects. Kelly hiked while I rode and lead the pack horse with t-posts. We came down Obenchain Draw and rode up to Long Draw. We observed about 30 cattle just north of Long Draw, which should have been out of the allotment on the 15<sup>th</sup>. I will need to call the permittee and ranch manager about cattle being on the allotment outside of their permitted season. Utilization is still very heavy, refer to inspection done on 9/14/2006 regarding condition. Condition is not good along the riparian corridor.

# Range Allotment Inspection Record

## Canyon Lakes Ranger District

*Terra*  
10/23/05

Allotment	Greyrock	Date	08/23/05	Inspector	Amanda Ford, Terra Mascarenas
1. Cattle Count	10	Brands	?		
2. Residual Forage and Pasture Conditions					
Utilization: 30-45% along N. Fork of Poudre Productivity: High Condition: Poor. Trend: Downward					
3. Distribution of Cattle					
We only saw about 10 pairs in the bottom of the drainage.					
4. Wildlife (Note new prairie dog towns and estimate size: grasshoppers; antelope, coyote; mountain plover; etc.)					
5. Salting Practices: Locations, suitability					
6. Exclosures Condition					
N/A					
7. Tree Cribs (Condition of existing crib, trees needing a crib)					
8. Watershed (note any major problems; large gullies, cattle trails etc.)					
9. Road Signs (Note missing road sign numbers: roads needing a sign)					
10. Structural Range Improvements					
A. Springs		N/A			
B. Fences		The fences are all in poor condition, need a lot of repair.			
11. Remarks:		<p>I rode the North Fork with Terra (soil scientist) and Charlie Gindler from Larimer County Eagle's Nest Open Space. Charlie had not been down that far to the South of the open space so he went along for the ride. Murry McMurray was informed at the beginning of the season to keep cattle out of the North Fork for this season due to the Picnic Rock burn, but it was very evident that cattle have been utilizing this area very heavily. Along the river bank, the first few feet has been very heavily grazed and up from that the grass is 2-3' high, but they aren't grazing much of this. There is still an abundance of weeds along the river including: cheatgrass, musk thistle, canada thistle, yellow toadflax and some leafy spurge. There is also an overwhelming amount of woolly mullen in the burn area.</p> <p>The cattle were seen just to the South of the old homestead, which I believe is just south of private land on NFS land. I will call the permittee to inform him of the cattle being in the bottom where they shouldn't be.</p>			

Key Area Upland Grass Utilization Check  
Maintained in Allotment 2210 Folder

*Infile  
1/21/05*

Allotment Name: Greyrock	Date of Utilization Check: 09/14/2004
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Pasture Name: North Fork of the Cache la Poudre
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Pasture Use Period: 6/01-9/15 and 12/01-12/31	(From Annual Operating Plan)
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Assigned Allowable Use From Annual Operating Plan: 45%
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Number of Key Area Utilization Sites In Pasture: N/A
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Map Number of Key Area Utilization Site: N/A
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Name of Person Conducting Utilization Check: Amanda Ford and Randy Gustafson (City of Greeley)
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Permittee Invited to Participate: <b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>X</b>
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Number of Livestock in Pasture:	Observed: 30 c/c	AOI: 135 c/c
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Date Cattle Entered: 06/01	Exited Pasture: 09/14
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Compliant with AOI:	<b>Yes</b>	<b>NO_X</b> (If no explain non-compliance in comments and appropriate follow up action)
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Utilization Recorded in Key Area Site:	35-40%	<u>Ocular</u> , Grazed Plant, Clipped/Weighed, Grazing Intensity Guideline) ( <u>Underline appropriate method and attach appropriate forms and photos</u> )
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Time of monitoring:	During grazing/end of season.
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Estimated Forage Production:	lbs/acre		
Forage Production:	Below average_____	Average_X	Above Average_____

<u>Improvements Inspected and Condition:</u> Fences: N/A Tanks: N/A Springs: N/A Corrals: N/A
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**Range Allotment Inspection Record**  
Canyon Lakes Ranger District

*Kim E. Wachs*  
*10/3/07*

Allotment	Baldrige	Date	08/15/07	Inspector	Amanda Cameron, Stephanie Bauer, Kim Obele, Marilyn Dion
1. Cattle Count	10-12 pairs on private	Brands	Dion's		
2. Residual Forage and Pasture Conditions	Utilization: 0-10% Productivity: High, a lot of weeds in the draws. Condition: Good to excellent. Trend: Stable to upward.				
3. Distribution of Cattle	Good, only saw about 10-12 pairs on their private land. We didn't see the rest of their cattle, there was little utilization near Nelson Spring and Burnt Spring.				
4. Wildlife	(Note new prairie dog towns and estimate size: grasshoppers; antelope, coyote; mountain plover; etc.)				
5. Salting Practices:	Locations, suitability None seen.				
6. Exclosures	Condition N/A				
7. Tree Cribs	(Condition of existing crib, trees needing a crib)				
8. Watershed	(note any major problems; large gullies, cattle trails etc.)				
9. Road Signs	(Note missing road sign numbers: roads needing a sign)				
10. Structural Range Improvements					
A. Springs	Nelson Spring, satisfactory. UTM: 0470277/4484051 Burnt Spring needs improvement, (if that is where we were?) UTM: 0468612/4483250				
B. Fences	Saw some very old fences within the allotment which obviously aren't used anymore. Fences near private land are in satisfactory condition.				
11. Remarks:	We drove through this allotment with Marilyn Dion. We left her residence and went through their private land to enter FS land on road 153. As entering the Bobcat burn I began to notice the great abundance of musk thistle, canada thistle, and other weeds located in nearly every draw. There is patches of spotted knapweed along the road about a quarter mile past the FS locked gate. The grass is recuperating well, knee height and higher, but the weeds are overwhelming.				

# Range Allotment Inspection Record

Canyon Lakes Ranger District

*in L. with  
10/15/07*

Allotment	Bennett Creek	Date	6/15/07 6/16/07	Inspector	Amanda Cameron
1. Cattle Count	139 pairs	Brands	Seidel, George		
2. Residual Forage and Pasture Conditions					
Utilization: 0-5%					
Productivity: High in riparian, moderate in uplands.					
Condition: Good to fair.					
Trend: Stable to upward.					
3. Distribution of Cattle					
Moving cattle onto the allotment.					
4. Wildlife (Note new prairie dog towns and estimate size: grasshoppers; antelope, coyote; mountain plover; etc.)					
None seen.					
5. Salting Practices: Locations, suitability					
N/A					
6. Exclosures Condition					
N/A					
7. Tree Cribs (Condition of existing crib, trees needing a crib)					
N/A					
8. Watershed (note any major problems; large gullies, cattle trails etc.)					
N/A					
9. Road Signs (Note missing road sign numbers: roads needing a sign)					
N/A					
10. Structural Range Improvements					
A. Springs		N/A			
B. Fences		Fence along Highway 14 at Indian Meadows needs repaired.			
11. Remarks:		Assisted with pushing cattle onto the allotment. Indian Meadows area is in good condition; this area has not been utilized in the past by cattle. The cattle were held in the meadow overnight, prior to pushing them up Dadd's Gulch Trail the next day. Cattle were pushed up the trail on the 16 <sup>th</sup> , forage along this corridor is looking very good. We pushed cattle over the top, leaving them at the top of Salt Cabin Park, which was dryer than anticipated for this time of year.			

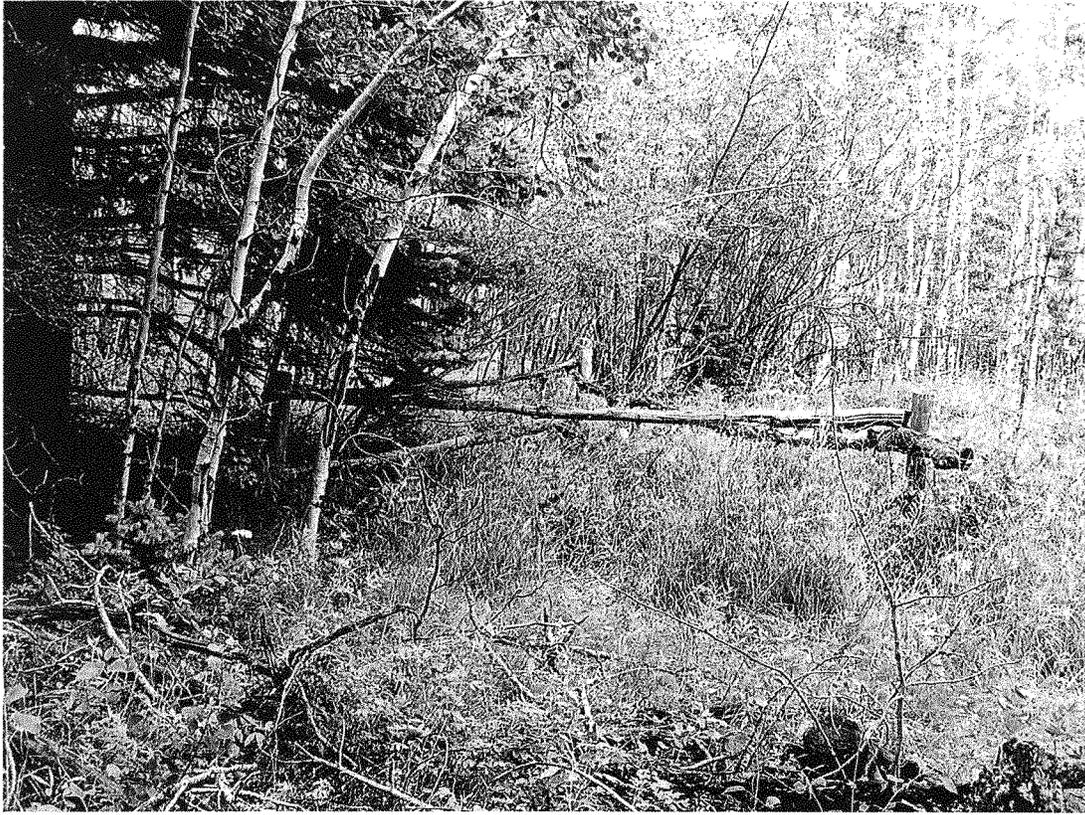
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