

**2003 END OF SEASON REPORT
CHERRY CREEK ALLOTMENT**

TERM GRAZING PERMIT				AUTHORIZED USE				ACTUAL USE			
NO.	ON DATE	OFF DATE	H.M.	NO.	ON DATE	OFF DATE	H.M.	NO.	ON DATE	OFF DATE	H.M.
821	7/11	10/15	2618	434	7/11	10/15	529	434	7/11	10/15	1384

Antelope Valley Ranch took a 387 head non-use for resource protection.

UNIT DATES AND UTILIZATION RESULTS:

ACTUAL GRAZING SCHEDULE			% ALLOWABLE STDS	ACTUAL RESULTS
UNIT NAME	ON DATE	OFF DATE	RIPARIAN	RIPARIAN
Richardson Canyon	7/11	No data	50% (4 in)	*35%
Middle Fork/Lupine	No data	No data	50% (4 in)	6 inches
Left Fork	No data	No data	50% (4 in)	5 inches
Poison Creek	No data	10/15	50% (4 in)	No Data

* Ocular estimation on upland vegetation, no carex species along riparian.

Allotment Inspections: Allotment inspections were conducted on the following dates: 6/15, 7/16, 8/25, 9/11, 10/24, 10/27. Allotment inspections included cattle location checks and utilization monitoring.

Information: The district experienced a below average precipitation year. Generally, annual vegetation production was below average and dry. Overall, resource management on the allotment was good this year. The non-use taken for resource protection will help in the residual effects of the drought. Allowable use standards were met in key areas and Annual Operating Instructions were followed.

Recommendations:

1. Livestock drift concern between the Alder Creek and Cherry Creek Allotments in the vicinity of Sheep Mountain and Flat Top was minimal this year, but remains an issue. A proposed fence location at the boundary from Sheep Mountain to the existing fence near Flat Top to solve the drift problem was delayed this year due to the Non-use. We will need to look at the feasibility of this project in context with other proposed range improvement projects on the District for implementing on a priority basis.

2. We used the same rotation of the allotment two years in a row and we need to take a look at using the units in different seasons.
3. Permittees taking non-use need to be reminded that they still have a responsibility to maintain their portions of improvement maintenance.
4. There has been drift into the Antelope C&H Allotment. Over 60 head were moved back into the Cherry Creek Allotment. Fence maintenance needs to be a priority on the whole allotment. We will look at the fences and clearly assign maintenance responsibility at the spring meeting.