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ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Willis Creek Cattle Allotment

Powell Ranger District, Dixie National Forest, Region 4

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Willis Creek C&H Allotment has, for many years, been a problem allotment. Most of these problems were the result of overstocking and poor, suitable range. To add to the situation there were poor relationships between the three permittees.

During 1974 several things occurred that resulted in changing the management system on the allotment. Following are the changes:

1. Calvin Johnson permit for 62 cows transferred.
2. Decision made to divide allotment into two allotments; Willis Creek C&H - Reed LeFevre, Bull Rush C&H - Eldon Brinkerhoff.
3. Renew Willis Creek permit as an "on and off" permit.

Changes from 1947 to 1974 included reducing the livestock number from 276 head to 36 head. The three permittees took non-use for several years simply because enough feed wasn't available for their livestock. Range allotment analysis in 1966 bore out the fact that vegetative conditions were poor, trend was down, and 1383 acres of the range classed as unsuitable was being used.

II. ACTION PROGRAM FOR THE ALLOTMENT

A. Management System

Thirty-six cattle remain on the old allotment. Eighteen are in Willis Creek and eighteen in Bull Rush. Plans are to graze the Willis Creek Drainage with the eighteen cattle (63 animal months). The permittee, Reed LeFevre of Tropic, Utah, could then graze "on and off" in conjunction with his 160 acres of private land outside the National Forest boundary in Willis Creek. In years past his cattle stayed on the National Forest until the feed was gone and then came back on private land. Very seldom did they stay until the close of the grazing season.

The "new" Willis Creek Allotment would include all of the country up to Ponderosa Ridge on the south end. Some 4580 acres are included in this allotment. Acreages are classed as follows:

1232	Suitable (Used)
110	Suitable (Not Used)
1383	Unsuitable (Used)
0	Unsuitable (Not Used)
<u>1855</u>	Non-Range
4580	Total

B. Action Program

To get the program underway it will be necessary to renew the LeFevre permit "on and off" for 63 animal months. The boundary fence across Willis Creek (100 yards or so) would be removed so that livestock wouldn't be held on the allotment once the feed was gone. If cattle kept hanging up then other short sections of the fence could be removed.

No water developments will be constructed on the National Forest. Thus the water will not be drawn onto the Forest. 

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WILLIS CREEK C&H

Boundary Description

Beginning at the Bryce Canyon National Park Boundary in the head of Noon Canyon near the center of Section 33, T. 37 S., R. 4 W. thence west, south and east along the boundary between the National Forest and Bryce Canyon National Park to what is known as Ponderosa Ridge in Section 22; thence north and east along the Forest Boundary to the corner common to Sections 1, 2, 35 and 36. From this corner southwest along the ridge south of Heward Canyon and Willis Creek, thence westerly and northwesterly along the ridge between Heward Canyon and Willis Creek to the point of beginning in Section 33.