

Annual Monitoring Report Form for Actions covered under the Service's Biological Opinion for Grazing on Allotments Managed by the Salmon Challis National Forest.

Please submit annually by **March 1** to the Supervisor of the Service's Eastern Idaho Field Office:

**4425 Burley Dr., Suite A, Chubbuck, Idaho 83202
Telephone (208)237-6975.**

Please include name and contact information in case additional information is needed.

1. What was the name of that stream in this allotment surveyed for impacted redds? **None, livestock did not graze any pastures where Bull Trout spawn. Therefore no Bull Trout redd surveys were conducted.**
2. What was the date of the survey, and what were the water conditions? **NA**
3. Which stream segment was surveyed and how many redds and impacted redds were found? (Please give GPS start and stop points for segments)? **NA**
4. What was the date that livestock removed from the pasture with surveyed stream segment? **NA**
5. Did this number exceed the scale anticipated in section VII of the Biological Opinion? **No**
6. Were there any changes to the grazing management that differed from the proposed grazing management in the Forest's Biological Assessment? If yes, what were they? **The Forest Service did not authorize any changes in grazing management that differed from that described in the biological assessment.**
7. Were there any unexpected circumstances or events that resulted in impacts beyond those anticipated in the Forest's in the Biological Assessment or the Service's Biological Opinion? If yes, please describe. **End of the season monitoring was conducted on October 29th, 2013. Woody use was 47.3% on Allison Creek and 37.7% on the North Fork of Cow Creek; the utilization standard is 30%. Elk presence is high in this and is likely to blame for some of the woody browse utilization. Due to the government furlough, monitoring was not completed for several weeks after removal of cattle from the allotment. Early heavy snow and severe storms over the summer also seemed to cause a lot of damage to the mature woody species on both streams. Vertical banks and soil sloughing on the North Fork of Cow Creek appeared to be similar to conditions in 2012. Severe weather in 2013 may have had some impact.**

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