

**Deer Park Cattle & Horse Allotment's  
2014 Annual Monitoring Report  
for the  
US Fish and Wildlife Service's 7/15/2010 Biological Opinion  
(File # 114.0700, 14420-2010-F-0366)**

**APPENDIX C**

**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 the stream in this allotment surveyed for impacted redds?

No streams required to be surveyed for bull trout redds. See attached Deer Park C&H Allotment's 2014 End of the Year Report.

2. What was the date of the survey, and what were the water conditions?

No streams required to be surveyed for bull trout redds. See attached Deer Park C&H Allotment's 2014 End of the Year Report.

3. Which stream segment was surveyed and how many redds and impacted redds were found? (Please give GPS start and stop points for segments)?

No streams required to be surveyed for bull trout redds. See attached Deer Park C&H Allotment's 2014 End of the Year Report.

4. What was the date that livestock removed from the pasture with surveyed stream segment?

No streams required to be surveyed for bull trout redds. See attached Deer Park C&H Allotment's 2014 End of the Year Report.

5. Did this number exceed the scale anticipated in section VII of the Biological Opinion?

NO

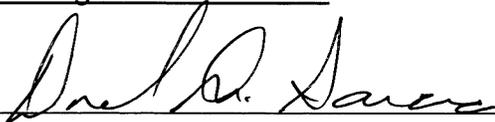
6. Were there any changes to the grazing management that differed from the proposed grazing management in the Forest's Biological Assessment? If yes, what were they?

There were no changes to the grazing management as described in the 2010 Biological Assessment. See attached Deer Park C&H Allotment's 2014 End of the Year Report.

7. Were there any unexpected circumstances or events that resulted in impacts beyond those anticipated in the Forest's Biological Assessment or the Service's Biological Opinion? If yes, please describe.

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There were no unexpected circumstances or events that resulted in impacts beyond what the forest anticipated in the 2010 Biological Assessment.

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Results of the Range Allotment's implementation and effectiveness monitoring will be available at the following website:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/scnf/landmanagement/resourcemanagement/?cid=STELPRDB5308989>

**DEER PARK C&H ALLOTMENT**

**2014 END OF YEAR REPORT**

**Leadore Ranger District**

**North Zone Salmon-Challis National Forest**

**MANAGEMENT**

| Term Grazing Permit |         |             |               | Authorized Use |                |               | Actual Use |                |               |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Permittee           | Numbers | Head Months | Season of use | Numbers        | HM Head Months | Season of use | Numbers    | HM Head Months | Season of use |
| James Whittaker     | 170 c/c | 626         | 6/16-10/5     | 200 c/c        | 638            | 6/16-9/18     | 200        | 506            | 6/17-9/1      |

**Unit Schedule**

| Unit        | Numbers | Authorized Season of Use | Head Months | Actual Season of Use | Head Months |
|-------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Deer Park   | 200 c/c | 6/16-7/25                | 263         | 6/17-7/14            | 184         |
| North Fork  | 200 c/c | 7/26-8/15                | 138         | 7/14-8/11            | 191         |
| Adams Creek | 200 c/c | 8/16-9/18                | 237         | 8/11-9/1             | 145         |

**Compliance with unit Schedule in AOI:** Actual use for the allotment was 118 Head Month less than authorized. Permittee adjusted move dates when they thought grass had reached triggers. The change is the periods of use for each unit did not interfere with spawning and incubation dates for ESA fish species.

Unit moves complied with critical dates for cattle presence with spawning and incubating fish, per the Biological Assessment, USFWS 2010 Cove Creek Biological Opinion, and NMFS 2010 Cove Creek Allotment Concurrence Letter.

The permittee reported riding the allotment a total of 10 days.

On 7/24 the IDT for the Lee to Cove NEPA project visited the Deer Park allotment to perform a PFC assessment on Milk Creek within the North Fork unit. At the time of our visit cattle were not scheduled to be in the unit until 7/26. We counted around 50 c/c pairs already in the unit and judging by the noticeable grazing they had been in there for some time. Ingrid Drieling and

Concetta Brown contacted James Whittaker that afternoon to discuss what they had seen. James explained to them that they had run out of grass in the Deer Park unit where they were previously scheduled to be. Due to the shortage of grass he moved into the North Fork unit early. We reminded him that when those types of changes are made to the rotation we must be notified. James estimated they would be in the North Fork unit for another 10-14 days.

On 7/29 Ranger Jay Winfield had Concetta set up a meeting with James for 7/31 to discuss what he had seen when he rode the allotment from 7/25-7/27. In the meeting Jay discussed with James and his son Chase how important distribution is for the management of the allotment. While Jay was riding he noticed a lot of congregation low in the unit along the Milk Creek and the North Fork of Timber Creek. James explained to Jay that if he doesn't let the cows eat off that bottom portion of the unit they will not stay higher in the unit when pushed up there. Jay again, reminded them the importance of distribution.

**Allotment Inspections:** Allotment inspections were conducted on the following dates: 7/16, 8/4, 8/27, 9/2, 9/3, 9/4 and 9/10. Allotment inspections consist of a Range Specialist and/or Range Technician visiting the allotment to check on location of livestock, improvement condition and/or monitor for annual indicators.

**Compliance with special Terms and Conditions regarding livestock locations and management practices:**

Term and Condition 1 for Reasonable and Prudent Measure 1

- The whole of this report addresses this term. Conservation measures were followed.

**MONITORING DATA**

**Annual Indicator Monitoring:** For the 2014 grazing season, monitoring was completed at Designate Monitoring Areas (DMAs) using the Multiple Indicator Monitoring (MIM) technical reference (Burton, 2012). Upland monitoring was completed using the Landscape Appearance Method or Height –Weight method (USDI, BLM 1996). Utilization for the 2014 grazing season met the use standards and annual indicators in the AOI, BA and BO. **PLEASE REFER TO THE ATTACHED TABLE AND PHOTOS FOR ANNUAL INDICATOR RESULTS.**

**Improvement Monitoring:** Inspections were conducted on the following improvements:

- The Adams Creek Trough # 4292 was inspected by the range staff on August 8, 2014. The trough was not functioning, and the enclosure fence around the source was in need of repairs.
- The Deer Park Unit Fence # 4103 was inspected by SCA interns on July 16, 2014.
- The Giettrup Springs Water Development # 4223 was inspected by SCA interns on July 14, 2014 it was not functioning.
- The Giettrup Springs # 2 Water Development # 4224 was inspected by SCA interns on July 15, 2014 it was not functioning.

**Permit Administration:** When livestock were found in a unit at a different time than scheduled the permittee was contacted and a discussion was had about the importance of communication with the Range Specialists when there is a need to move early because of triggers.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Growing Season Conditions:** Precipitation for the District was below normal for 2014. The precipitation information for the District is included in the table below. While this information is collected at the Leadore 2 weather station in Leadore, Idaho and is not specific to an allotment area, it gives an idea of the available moisture on the District.

| Month                                      | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May  | Jun. | Jul. | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Total |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Precipitation (in.) 2014                   | 1.11 | 0.04 | 0.3  | 0.51 | 0.2  | 0.45 | 0.56 | 0.61 | 0.13 | 0.54 |      |      | 4.45  |
| Average Precipitation (in.) from 1965-2013 | 0.34 | 0.21 | 0.43 | 0.68 | 1.34 | 1.27 | 0.77 | 0.69 | 0.85 | 0.61 | 0.44 | 0.43 | 8.06  |

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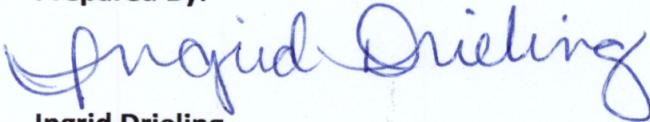
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**2014 DEER PARK C&H ALLOTMENT MONITORING DATA**

| Actual Grazing Schedule                                     |         |          |           | Allowable Standards  |                        |       | Actual Results |                      |                        |         |                         |
|---|---------|----------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| Unit Name   | On Date | Off Date | Date Read | Riparian             |                        |       | Upland         | Riparian             |                        |         | Upland                  |
| North Fork Unit<br>North Fork Little<br>Timber Creek<br>MIM | 7/14    | 8/11     | 8/27      | Greenline<br>Stubble | <i>Carex ssp.</i>      | 6 in. | 50%            | Greenline<br>stubble | <i>Carex ssp.</i>      | 6.6 in. | 39.60%<br>and<br>26.80% |
|   |         |          |           | Browse Use           | Willow                 | 30%   |                | Browse Use           | Willow                 | 14%     |                         |
|   |         |          |           | Bank<br>Alteration   | n/a                    | 20%   |                | Bank<br>Alteration   | n/a                    | 13%     |                         |
| Deer Park Unit  | 6/17    | 7/14     | 8/4       | Greenline<br>Stubble | Riparian<br>Grass ssp. | 50%   | 50%            | Greenline<br>Stubble | Riparian<br>Grass ssp. | 49.30%  | 15%                     |
| Adams Creek<br>Unit   | 8/11    | 9/1      |           | Greenline<br>Stubble | Riparian<br>Grass ssp. | 50%   | 50%            | Greenline<br>Stubble | Riparian<br>Grass ssp. |         |                         |