

January 27, 1976

MANAGEMENT PLAN

UPPER VALLEY SPRING C&H ALLOTMENT

STANLEY LISTON

This grazing allotment is part of an improved irrigated pasture and grazed in an "on and off" pattern in conjunction with approximately 100 acres of private land. The condition of the site is good. As long as the permittee uses the pasture as he now is, it is doubtful any other condition will occur.

This allotment was under a special use permit until 1976. In considering alternatives to the existing use the criteria that allowed the area to be a special use pasture was found to still be valid. This criteria is as follows:

1. There is insufficient primary suitable range available to be grazed in conjunction with the water on the site.
2. In order for the cattle to find feed, they would have to trail one mile or more up and down a road where no feed would be available. We feel the road would just become a bed ground for cattle.
3. The nature of the spring is such that the immediate surrounding area could not stand much grazing pressure. This may be countered with the fact that the area has been grazed for years without damage, but the previous use has been in conjunction with approximately 100 acres of meadow range and several sources of water are available on the private land involved.
4. If the small pasture was eliminated, the cattle would concentrate right on the meadow and hence the spring.

In using the previous listed reasons for allowing this allotment, the grazing plan will be to allow an on and off type use in conjunction with the private land. The permittee will place cattle on the area June 16 each year. They will graze the pasture until July 15. On October 1 cattle will be moved from the Forest back to the pasture and left until October 30 when they are moved to BLM land. In the fall cattle which have straggled off the Forest are occasionally held here for 2 or 3 days until they can be moved to lower country.

8 a.u.m.s - ON-OFF Permit

If this grazing plan is found to be unsuitable, the permit can be terminated and the area incorporated into the Upper Valley West C&H Allotment.

Approval of plan recommended by *Sam David* Date 1/28/76
Range Conservationist

Plan approved by *Frank Jensen* Date **FEB 2** 1976
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