



**FREMONT-WINEMA NATIONAL FOREST
Lakeview Ranger District
2014 Monitoring Report**



Implementation Pitchlog Allotment

| Date | Pasture/Key Area | Utilization | | | | Residual Greenline Stubble Height (RGSH) | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------|------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| | | Allowable Use | | 2014 Actual Use* | | Target (or >) | 2014 Actual |
| | | Floodplain | Dry Meadow | Floodplain | Dry Meadow | | |
| August 14 th | Pitchlog North Barnes Valley Creek | 5% | 5% | NM | NM | 7" | NM |
| October 28 th | Pitchlog North Barnes Valley Creek | 5% | 5% | NM | VE 75% PP 77% | 7" | 7" |

Methods of determining use: VE – Visual Estimate, PP – Paired Plot, HWC – Height Weight Curve, NM – Not measured, NA – Not Applicable

North Pitchlog Pasture

While collecting cross section data on August 14th, 2014 USFS personnel detected use along Barnes Valley Creek within the Pitchlog North Pasture. Based on photographs provided, it was apparent that although resource conditions did not appear compromised cattle had been in there outside the permitted early May training.

It was eventually found out to be use from cattle on the adjacent Barnes Valley Allotment. A fence issue allowed cattle access but was quickly repaired and cattle moved once this was discovered.

End of season monitoring was completed on October 28th. A paired plot at the Military Bridge area showed use on the uplands to be 77% which was out of compliance with standards set. Residual Greenline Stubble Height was in compliance at 7".

The entire length of Barnes Valley Creek was walked and it appeared to have a higher level of use than seen in recent years. The use did decrease downstream but was still higher than seen in some time. We know that cattle from the adjacent allotment were in the pasture in August, but the level of use seen on October 28th suggests cattle were in the pasture again later in the season.

**North Pitchlog Pasture – Barnes Valley Creek
August 14th, 2014**



**North Pitchlog Pasture – Barnes Valley Creek
October 28th, 2014**



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Pitchlog South Pasture

No monitoring was complete don the Pitchlog South Pasture in 2014

Implementation Monitoring Summary:

Utilization standards were not met in the Pitchlog North.

Although we know there were unauthorized cattle from the adjacent allotment in the pasture in August, there was additional use between then and October 28th. This was the most use I have seen since 2006. It will be imperative to make sure use remains within the standards set in 2015. The 2014 grazing season was the first year Holiday Ranches was permitted to use the allotment.

Past issues in the allotment include

1. Inability to meet allowable use standards in the early 2000's.

2. Unauthorized use by cattle permitted on allotment
3. Unauthorized use by cattle form adjacent allotment

Recommendations:

2015

Authorize use as permitted. Develop a weekly monitoring schedule that will include assistance form the fish program and the permittee as well as from other range personnel.

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