

Wasatch-Cache Land and Resource Management Plan (WCNF LRMP)

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POSTING NOTICE:

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EXPLANATION:

Corrections to Table B-9-1 in Appendix B-9 and Table 2-3, Page 2-64 in Chapter 2 of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) - Appendix B for the FEIS for the WCNF LRMP describes the analysis of lands capable and suitable for livestock grazing. All lands meeting the criteria described on pg B9-1 in the FEIS within the Forest were identified as capable. The planning records indicate that this included lands within Franklin Basin and Sink Hole allotments. The FEIS and LRMP defined lands suitable for livestock grazing as within "open" allotments and excepting certain areas/allotments which varied by alternative. Records clearly show that Franklin Basin and Sink Hole were "open" allotments (i.e, authorized under a valid grazing permit and under management of the USFS) at the time. As these allotments met the criteria for suitable lands, the acreage within these allotments should have been included in the calculations of suitable acres displayed in Table B-9-1 and Table 2-3. Acreage figures in Table B-9-1 in Appendix B-9 and Table 2-3 in Chapter 2 of the FEIS are being corrected to include Franklin Basin and Sink Hole.

Corrections to Appendix I, Table I-1 and Figures I-1 through I-4 in the FEIS accompanying the Wasatch-Cache National Forest LRMP – Appendix I identifies differences in open/closed allotments between alternatives considered in the FEIS. Table I-1 contained a listing of open and closed allotments, the allotment type and acreage, and the status (open, closed, closed if waived without preference) among alternatives considered for the forest plan. Figures I-1 thru I-4 display the general location of these allotments. Some allotments were inadvertently omitted and/or incorrectly listed as to the type or acreage. Corrections are being made to Table I-1 (Pages I-1 through I-3) and Figures I-1 through I-4 (Pages I-4 through I-7) to reflect conditions current at the time the FEIS was printed in February 2003. Table I-1 and Figures I-1 through I-4 identify: 1) the location and name of specific allotments whose status varies by alternative, 2) cattle allotments that are open in all alternatives and 3) sheep allotments that are open in all alternatives. In addition, allotment acres in Table I-1 were corrected using more current information regarding allotment boundaries.

Table 2-3. Suitable Lands, Acres by Alternative

	Alternative						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Suited ¹ Lands for Aspen Timber Production	0	0	1,600	27,800	74,500	1,200	1,200
Suited ¹ Lands for Conifer Timber Production	0	0	36,400	166,100	151,500	27,700	27,700
Timber Harvest Allowed “Unsuited” ²	0	79,900	131,600	55,200	71,800	72,100	171,400
Forest-Wide Suitable Range Lands ³		251,900	299,700	300,100	300,100	288,300	288,300 296,200
Lands Available for Oil and Gas Leasing, ASZ ⁴	0	40,100	50,100	N/A	68,300	48,300	47,900
Lands Not Available for Oil and Gas Leasing, ASZ ⁴	68,300	28,200	18,200	N/A	0	20,000	20,400
Total Lands Available for Oil and Gas Leasing ⁵	140,400	180,500	190,500	140,400	208,700	188,700	188,300

¹ Suited by definition is only available capable lands within Prescription 5.2 or 6.2.

² Areas with characteristics conducive to timber harvest (capable and available), Prescriptions that allow timber harvest to meet other needs, but are “unsuited” by definition because they are not mapped with Prescription 5.2 or 6.2.

³ Table RN-4, FEIS Appendix B-9 provides discussion of basis for projections.

⁴ North Slope Appeal Settlement Zone area only.

⁵ North Slope Uinta Mountains, 1994 Leasing Decision plus Revised Forest Plan Decision.

Table 2-4. Acres of Summer Recreation Opportunity Classes Existing Conditions and Alternatives

ROS Category	Alternative and Existing Condition (EC)							
	1	2	3	4/1985	5	6	7	EC
Wilderness/Primitive ¹	36,500	36,500	36,500	307,500	36,500	36,500	36,500	36,500
Wilderness/SPNM ²	272,400	272,400	272,400	0	272,400	272,400	272,500	272,500
SPNM ³	556,200	436,300	392,100	241,900	308,400	411,800	416,100	416,100
SPM ⁴	135,800	188,700	223,600	85,600	268,800	201,400	276,800	276,800
RN(Roaded Natural)	234,600	301,500	311,100	545,600	349,300	313,400	227,900	233,600
Rural	720	720	720	13,600	720	720	6,400	720
Urban	144	144	144	0	144	144	144	144
NA ⁵	0	0	0	45,200	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ⁶	1,236,364	1,236,264	1,236,564	1,239,400	1,236,264	1,236,364	1,236,344	1,236,364

Table B9-1. Analysis used for determining rangeland suitability by alternative.

Criteria	Alt1	Alt 2	Alt 3	Alt 4	Alt 5	Alt 6	Alt 7
Total Forest Capable Acres	369,900	369,900	369,900	369,900	369,900	369,900	369,900
Capable Acres Within Currently Open (Active and Vacant) Allotments	302,700	302,700	302,700	302,700	302,700	302,700	302,700 309,110
Developed Rec. Sites Within Currently Open Allotments ¹	-2,700	-2,700	-2,700	-2,700	-2,700	-2,700	-2,700
Capable Acres Within Currently Open Allotments	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Capable Acres Removed within Vacant Allotments Closed for Maintaining Resource Conditions ²	-10,392	-10,392	0	0	0	0	-2,453
Capable Acres Removed within Vacant Allotments Closed For Bighorn Sheep ³	-7,760	-7,760	0	0	0	-7,760	-7,760
Uplands Acres Removed- Not Meeting FP Objectives ⁴	-16,200	-16,200	0	0	0	-16,200	0
Riparian Acres Removed- Not Meeting FP Objectives ⁴	-2,100	-2,100	-2,100	0	0	-2,100	0
Acres Removed for Cutthroat Trout Management ⁵	0	-26,000	0	0	0	0	0
Total Suitable Acres	263,548	237,548	297,900	300,000	300,000	273,940	289,787 296,197
Percent of Capable Within Currently Open Allotments (302,700 acres)	87.8%	79.2%	99.3%	100.0%	100.0%	91.3%	96.6%

¹ Information from Forest Corporate GIS database.

² Alternatives 1 and 2 close all vacant allotments and Alternative 7 closes those vacant allotments (Clegg, Hardscrabble, Mill Canyon, Shingle Mill and Wright) within the Salt Lake and Davis County watersheds for watershed condition maintenance.

³ Vacant allotments (Burro Peaks, Thompson Peak, and West Beaver) closed for bighorn sheep health purposes. This would reduce suitable acres by 7,800 acres.

⁴ Information extrapolated from monitored areas (INFRA database) and applied forest-wide.

⁵ Entire watershed acres removed within allotments with both known cutthroat trout populations and reported riparian acres in unsatisfactory condition.

Potential Future Changes in Suitable Acres - In addition to the closure of vacant allotments in the Eastern Uintas Management Area (Burro Peaks, Thompson Peak, and West Beaver) for bighorn sheep habitat, Alternatives 1, 2, and 6 allow for the future closure of Gilbert Peak, Henry's Fork-Hessie Lake, & Red Castle Allotments should those permits be voluntarily waived without preference. This would reduce suitable acres by 9,500 acres. Alternative 7 allows for these, as well as East Fork Blacks Fork, West Fork Blacks Fork, East Fork Bear River, and Stillwater allotments to be closed if permits are voluntarily waived without preference. This would reduce suitable acres by 9,800 acres (for a total of 19,300 acres) with the associated benefit being reduced risk for disease transmission from domestic sheep to bighorn sheep as well as watershed protection and establishment of ungrazed benchmarks. Given that these Allotment closures would be based strictly on voluntary actions by permit holders, net effects on permittee

APPENDIX I

Current Allotment Status and Allotment Status by Alternative

Table I-1 lists all open allotments on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest, their type (cattle, sheep, or sheep & cattle combined) and their current status as well as their proposed status by each alternative:

- o = open, grazed
- c = closed
- ah = allotments closed only if permits are voluntarily waived without preference (for the benefit of bighorn sheep habitat and disease prevention).

Table I-1: Status of Currently Open Allotments by Alternative										
Allotment(s)	Total Acres¹	Allotment Type	Current Status²	Alt 1	Alt 2	Alt 3	Alt 4	Alt 5	Alt 6	Alt 7
Stansbury Mountain Allotments										
Barlow Deadman	6,250	Cattle	o	c	c	o	o	o	o	o
Others – Open all allotments	5,900	Sheep	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Others – Open all allotments	37,900	Cattle	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Bear River Range and Wasatch Range Allotments										
Blacksmith Fork	550	Cattle	o	c	c	o	o	o	o	o
Clegg	900	Sheep	o	c	c	o	o	o	o	c
Hardscrabble	300	Sheep	o	c	c	o	o	o	o	c
Mill Canyon	750	Sheep	o	c	c	o	o	o	o	c
Pete's Hollow	3,150	Sheep	o	c	c	o	o	o	o	o
Shingle Mill	300	Sheep	o	c	c	o	o	o	o	c
Wright	5,900	Sheep	o	c	c	o	o	o	o	c
Others – Open all allotments	150,700	Sheep	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Others – Open all allotments	171,000	Cattle	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Others – Open all allotments	500	Cattle & Sheep	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Uinta Mountains Allotments										
Burro Peaks	19,950	Sheep	o	c	c	o	o	c	c	c
East Fork Bear River	19,800	Cattle	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	ah
East Fork Blacks Fork	25,400	Sheep	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	ah
Gilbert Peak	11,150	Sheep	o	ah	ah	o	o	o	ah	ah
Henrys Fork - Hessie Lake	14,150	Sheep	o	ah	ah	o	o	o	ah	ah
Red Castle	15,150	Sheep	o	ah	ah	o	o	o	ah	ah
Smith – Morehouse	15,300	Sheep	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	ah
Stillwater	26,450	Sheep	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	ah
Thompson Peak	14,150	Sheep	o	c	c	o	o	c	c	c
West Beaver	11,100	Sheep	o	c	c	o	o	c	c	c
West Fork Blacks Fork	14,800	Sheep	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	ah
Others – Open all allotments	78,400	Sheep	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Others – Open all allotments	238,050	Cattle	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Figures I-1, I-2, I-3, and I-4 show where these allotments occur on the Forest.

¹ Acreage figures are approximate – Rounded to nearest 50 acres.

² Current is defined as February 2003 when the Final Environmental Impact Statement Appendices was printed.

Figure I-1. Currently open allotments in the Bear River and Wellsville Ranges (Overthrust Mountains) of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in northern Utah

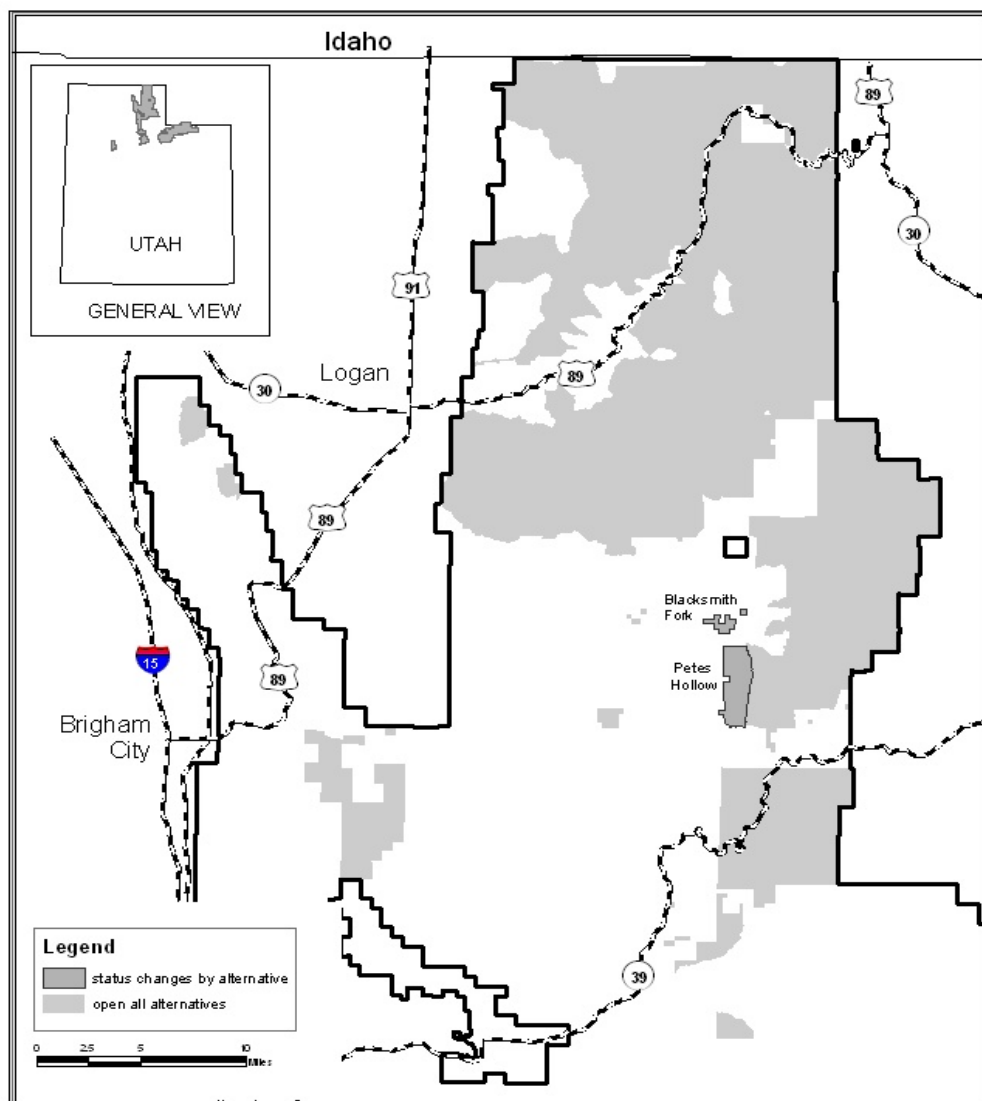


Figure I-2. Currently open allotments in the Wasatch Range (Overthrust Mountains) of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in northern Utah

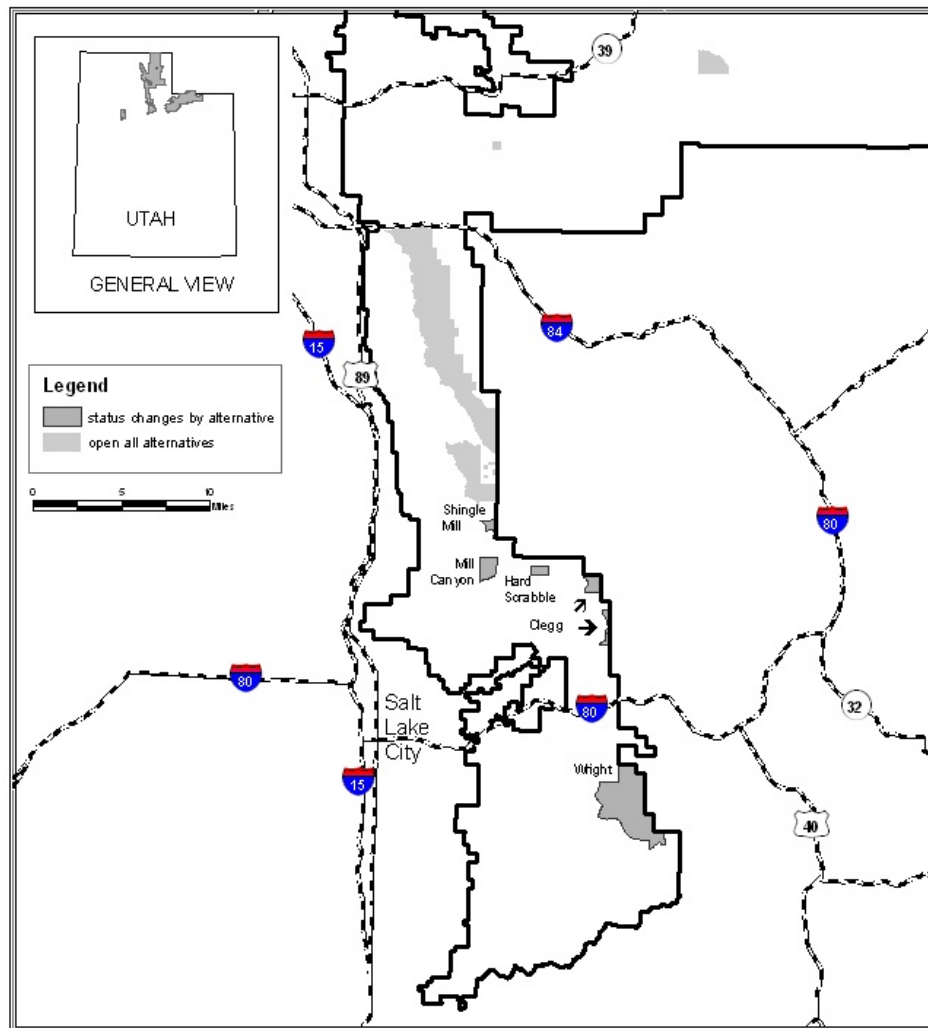


Figure I-3. Currently open allotments in the Stansbury Mountains (Bonneville Basin) of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in northern Utah

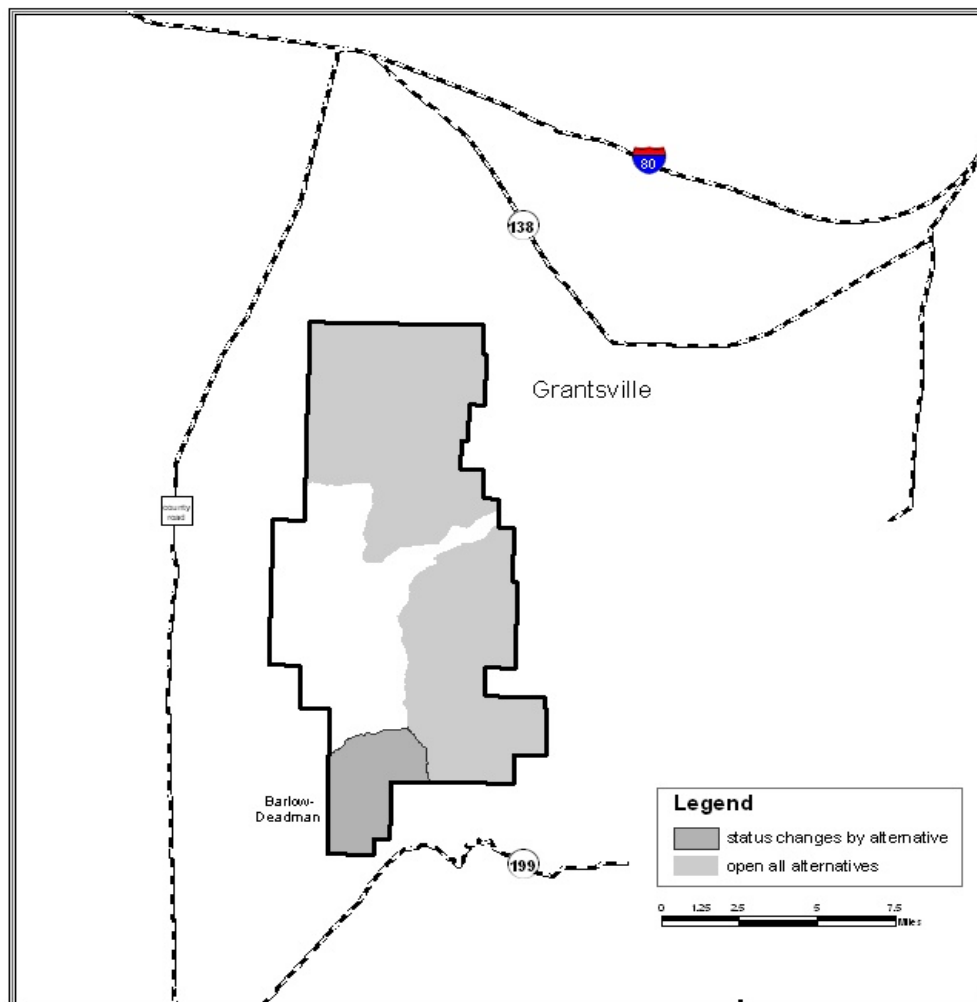


Figure I-4. Currently open allotments in the Uinta Mountains of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in northeastern Utah