

**2003 END OF SEASON REPORT
UNCLE IKE ALLOTMENT**

TERM GRAZING PERMIT				AUTHORIZED USE				ACTUAL USE			
NO.	ON DATE	OFF DATE	H.M.	NO.	ON DATE	OFF DATE	H.M.	NO.	ON DATE	OFF DATE	H.M.
124	7/1	9/30	375	124	7/1	9/30	375	124	7/3	9/26	351

UNIT DATES AND UTILIZATION RESULTS:

ACTUAL GRAZING SCHEDULE			ALLOWABLE STDS	ACTUAL RESULTS
UNIT NAME	ON DATE	OFF DATE	RIPARIAN	RIPARIAN
*Bald Mountain	7/1	7/31	4 inches	*
*Lake Unit	8/1	8/31	4 inches	*
Uncle Ike/Mine Unit	9/1	9/30	4 inches	Met Standard (ocular)**
North Creek	Rest		Rest	
*8 Mile Unit	Rest		Rest	

* Units are located on another District. Administration for this portion of the allotment is under the Targhee National Forest, Dubois Ranger District.

** Ocular estimate showed sedges anywhere from 4 to 8+ inches in the area. The stream gradient and willow shading in this area do not leave enough of a carex component on the greenline to do stubble height. A more suitable site for monitoring stubble height will be located farther upstream in the near future with permittee involvement.

Allotment Inspections: Allotment inspections were conducted on the following dates: 7/14 and 10/7. Allotment inspections include cattle location checks and utilization monitoring.

Greenline Ecological Status: In late July/early August, 2003, the IIT Effectiveness Monitoring team out of Logan, UT conducted ecological riparian or "greenline" studies

to inventory riparian health and stability in the Uncle Ike Creek, Left Fork North Creek, and Right Fork North Creek. This is the first establishment of such studies in these areas and will be used in the future to determine trend data. Locations for the study were at the following global positions:

Uncle Ike Creek UTM 12 334364E 4876256N (NAD27)

<i>Uncle Ike Creek</i>	2003
Successional Status	55.6 (mid)
Bank Stability	6.3 (moderate)

Left Fork North Cr. UTM 12 338566E 4872192N (NAD27)

<i>Left Fork North Cr.</i>	2003
Successional Status	76.7 (late)
Bank Stability	7.9 (good)

Right Fork North Cr. UTM 12 338856E 4871973N (NAD27)

<i>Right Fork North Cr.</i>	2003
Successional Status	28.4 (early)
Bank Stability	6.2 (moderate)

Information: The District experienced below average annual precipitation for the fourth consecutive year. The early part of the growing season was cool. Some rain events in early June resulted in substantial grazable forage, however very dry conditions in August and September provided little opportunity for recovery from grazing.

Utilization: North Creek was rested this year and checked. There was no use from cattle in this area. Uncle Ike Creek was grazed but not heavily. The majority of the use was along the road where blue grass was taken. The uplands along the road showed light use and the carex species showed use from 4-8+ inches of stubble height from the road out.

Recommendations: All of the units on the district were in compliance with the grazing permits and forest standards.

