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Subject: grazing post fire- Toolbox

FYI.....

took a good look at the Foster pasture of the Foster Butte Allotment and some of Hager and Dead Indian pastures as well. From what I can see, Foster pasture utilization is well below the maximum utilization standards set. Both the Toolbox Spring and Foster Flat key areas visually estimated less the 10% utilization. Measurements Pete took put utilization at Toolbox as 14%...figuring +/- 5% either way. This was with a residual stubble height of 4 inches. He simply did a residual stubble height at Foster Flat. Although not comparable in respect to exact utilization.....the residual stubble height at Foster Flat (4.5) and professional judgement during my visit indicate utilization standards met there also.

Sensitive areas. Attached are three pictures....2 of McCall creek and 1 of Hawk Creek. Both areas looked good...well within utilization standards. Pete also checked....

Willow Creek- no sign of recent cattle use or impacts

Duncan Creek Canyon - Cattle use at lower end (section 9) with overall utilization <10%

Duncan Creek FS boundary to T30R15 Sect 4 and East Duncan Creek - Sign of cattle traveling through but <10% utilization.

I will keep you up to date as we check the other areas out and progress with our end of season monitoring. As a side note, while in the allotment a large number of grasshoppers were present. We have been trying to get out there so we can attribute what we see to livestock use with comfort. The grasshoppers will also impact, but with what I have seen so far, this should be acceptable. If you see anything out there we need to discuss please let me know. Let's try to get together after the "grazing season" and do a field trip to look at how successful we think we were post fire grazing management.

ALSO.....if you see cows out there let Pete or I know.

Photo 1: McCall Creek – Down – 08/09/03



Photo 2: McCall Creek – Up – 08/09/03



Photo 3: Hawk Creek – Up - 08/09/03



Photo 4: Grasshoppers – Buckaroo Lake – 08/09/03

