

ALLOTMENT PLAN

1. Gillette Mtn. Allotment
Colville Ranger District
Colville National Forest
Prepared by Glenn A. Maryott - 4-15-63

2. Description -

Starting at Onion Mountain in a southeast direction on a ridge between Onion Creek and Clugston Creek to the Gillette divide; thence southeasterly on a ridge between Jumpoff Joe and Strauss Creeks to Aladdin highway; and thence south on the Aladdin highway to the forest boundary; thence ^{westerly} to the range line between 39 and 40E., (southeast corner of Section 12, T. 36N., R. ³⁹40E.); thence due north along the forest boundary to the point of beginning.

This area is steep timbered slopes with some open timber and small clearings which have a small amount of feed on them. It can by no stretch of the imagination be called a cattle range. Most of the use involves cattle which would normally drift onto the forest where no fences are present. Such feed as there is available gets used. However management of this area as a cattle allotment on an extensive basis is impractical.

3. Livestock Numbers & Season -

There are three allotments within this compartment. Ray Baily on Joe Creek--25 head of cattle--24% N.F.; Hedrick Bros. on Clugston Creek--40 head of cattle--20% N.F.; Vic Lawson on Douglas Creek--5 head--100% N.F. Grazing season is from 6-1 to 10-15.

4. History of Past Use -

- a. Form 2210-11 for past 10 years is attached. This area is not cattle range but is adjacent to private land on all sides. There are no boundary fences so cattle have drifted onto the forest and most of our permits are to take care of this casual use rather than to utilize feed on the forest. There is no actual range type on this allotment. Utilization consists of some pine grass feed, a couple of tiny meadows and browse.
- b. There has been no significant changes in numbers except that we have eliminated some of the trespass on this area.
- c. Systems have remained the same and there is little use to try and change them.
- d. Big game use on the area is generally confined to summer use as most of this range is above winter range for deer.

5. Correlation with other Uses -

This area is primarily timber land, such grazing as takes place will not interfere with timber production.

6. Estimated Grazing capacity -

The present use of 19 head is probably stretching the capacity of this range. I would not try to change it as long as permittees are satisfied.

7. Administration Studies -

There are none planned for this allotment.

8. Systems of Grazing Use -

This area is on a seasonal use basis and will continue in this status.


9. Counting Livestock -

Livestock are counted at permittees ranch before turning on range.

10. Range Improvements -

Area does not justify any improvements.

11. Special Management problems -

 This area is a problem in how to manage nothing. Grazing is limited to incidental use. Primary management problem is how to prevent trespass and even this is not a major problem.

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This area takes in the Joe Cr. drainage and the Clugston Cr. area on the west side of Gillette Mtn. It has only a limited amount of useable acreage. Most of the range is timbered range adjacent to private holdings and serves to legalize the incidental use that is inherent in the use of adjacent private lands where no fence exists.

The area is not grazing land but some small openings and light timbered areas furnish some feed which can be used by cattle.

3. Livestock Numbers & Season -

The Joe Cr. Allotment has a 25 head permit 25% National Forest. Mr. Barber's permit of 5 head has been dropped. Hedrick Bros. allotment has 40 head 20% N.F., or a total of 8 head on the forest.

4. History of Past Use -

- a. In the past these cattle were grazed much as at present, except without permit.

- b. The occasional trespass was converted to permits and legalized the use. This is timber range and there has been no damage to government land by the incidental grazing which we get.

- c. There has been little or no change in use.

- d. There is no conflict between grazing and use by game as this range is too high for use as winter range for deer.

5. Correlation With Other Uses -

There are no conflicts with other use.

6. Estimated Grazing Capacities -

Present estimated capacities are if anything high. There is very little range available on this allotment.

7. Administrative Studies -

This area is at the bottom of the list for administrative studies. We could accomplish very little by studying use on this allotment.

8. Systems of Grazing Use -

This area is grazed on a seasonal use basis.

9. Counting Livestock -

They will be counted and dyed according to forest policy.

10. Range Improvements -

The limited use would not justify much in the way of improvements.

11. Special Management Problems -

There is some drift from the Joe Cr. range to Strauss Cr.. Some drift fence may be necessary to prevent this.

INTERIM
MANAGEMENT PLAN

~~GILLETTE Mtn.~~ C & H ALLOTMENT
Colville Ranger District

This plan updates and is a supplement to those portions of the Gillette Mtn. Allotment plan that apply (4/15/63)

1. Current Description & Conditions

See attached map for allotment boundaries.

This is the north half of what was formerly the Gillette Mtn. Allotment. Grevit Creek has been made a separate allotment. The two units were never managed together and never will be because of topographic and land ownership problems.

2. Management Objectives

- a. Maintain or improve forage production.
- b. Prevent basic and other resource damage.

3. Permitted Livestock & Seasons

Hedrick, 6/1 - 8/31, 8 head term, 24 AUM'S
(Permits 40 head, 20% N.F.)

4 Livestock Management

The permittee owns land adjacent to N.F and grazes this allotment as an integral part of permittee's livestock operation.

→ That's questionable!

5. Grazing Systems (Existing - Planned)

- a. Existing - Season long under proper use guides.
- b. Planned - Same unless REA indicates otherwise.

6. Range Developments

<u>Type</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
None				

7. Needs

- a. **R.E.A.**
- b. **Continuous utilization studies.**

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