Management Plan

Vulcan C&H Allotment

Republic Ranger District

Colville National Forest

Region Six

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I. Management Objectives

- A. Implement range management which avoids unacceptable resource damage.
- B. Optimize usable forage production and utilization in coordination with other resources.
- C. Maximize permittee participation and responsibility in planning and executing the allotment management plan.

II. Management Requirements

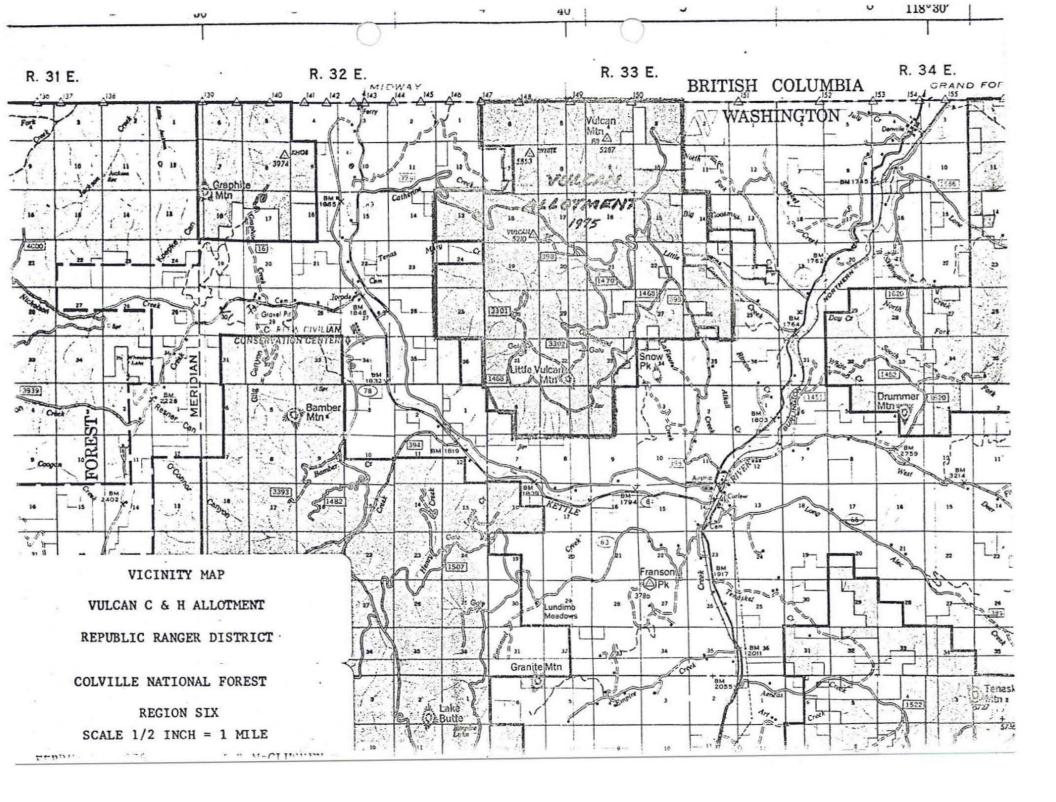
- A. Establish a rotational grazing system.
- B. Adhere to the livestock management requirements.
- C. Implement and maintain needed structural and non-structural range improvements.
- D. Monitor and evaluate requirements towards meeting management objectives.

III. Allowable Use Criteria

- A. Unacceptable resource damage is defined as:
 - 1. Basic Resource Damage due to livestock grazing is soil loss, soil displacement, or soil compaction that impairs productivity of soil and water below the level restored naturally during the grazing cycle.

Definitions of terms used above:

- a. Soil Loss Soil which has entered the stream channel, whether permanent or intermittent or permanently removed by wind.
- b. Soil Displacement Soil which has been redistributed without entering the stream channel or being redistributed by the wind.
- c. Soil Compaction. Is an increase in the bulk density which extends beyond one grazing cycle. (Vertical displacement).
- d. Examples of acceptable areas where damage limits may not apply i.e.:
 - 1. Water developments
 - 2. Trails
 - 3. Corrals
- 2. Damage to Resources Other Than the Basic Soil Resource occuring when resource management objectives are not met. For the purpose of this definition, damage to vegetation is limited to too much or unplanned use.
- B. Range readiness based on the soil conditions and growth stage of key plants. See Section IX, Evaluation supplementry.
- C. Optimum use (% utilization), deferment or rest based on key plant physiology requirements for forage productions, vigor, regrowth, and reproduction. See Section IX, Evaluation supplementry.
- D. Domestic livestock grazing is limited to cattle under this plan.



IV. Allotment: Area and Estimated Capacity

The Allotment boundary and area has been modified to a gross of 19,180 acres. This is a net reduction of 650 acres and eliminates previous Allotment designated lands in Sections 13, 14, 23 and 25, T40N, R33E. See the new 1976 Range Revegetation Map or Management Plan Vicinity Map. Some 3,025 acres of other than National Forest ownership of which only 2,160 acres is formally affiliated with National Forest administration are within the Allotment boundary.

Table 1. Summary of Allotment Lands

Ownership	Gross Acres		Suitable Acres	Indicated PFP CM
National Forest	16,155		12,225	1,969
State (DNR)	1,840		1,705	260
(Anderson)	(320)		(320)	(46)
(C. Strandberg)	(320)		(285)	(49)
(Wheaton Ranch Inc.)	1,200		1,100	(165)
USDI-BLM (Olson)	240		240	46
Private (Olson)	80		80	12
	18,315		14,250	2,287
Non-Affiliated Lands:				
State (DNR)				3
S. 15, 20 & 22	120	6	80	10
BLM (120 a S.7)	100		100	11
Pvt. S. 7	40		40	5
Pvt. Carney Pole Co. S. 3 & 4	480		400	49
Pvt. M.S. 1031 (S.3)	10+		_	_
Pvt. Wheaton Ranch Inc.	115		105	16
	865		725	91
,	19,180		14,975	2,378

Non-affiliated lands will not be included for carrying capacity and/or for recommended stocking and permits.

Animal unit months, cow months (CM) are based on up to 50% utilization of acres of potential forage production (PFP) and a daily dry weight forage requirement (34 lbs) for a 1000 pound cow with a 350 pound calf at side.

Classes of potential forage production acres required per animal unit month (CM) are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Class Potential Forage Production/Acres per CM

Class	PFP Pounds Per Acre	Acres Per CM
Good	500+	4-
Fair	300-500	4-8
Low	Less than 300	8+

The indicated or PFP CM is considered as a bench mark. The estimated capacity will be less depending on various factors of Allotment terrain, composition, condition, grazing systems and efficiency in utilizing the available forage.

Under a rotational grazing system it is estimated that the grazing effort must be approximately 86% efficient to sustain present stocking.

The indicated PFP of all the National Forest and affiliated lands is 2287 CM ($86\% \times 2287 = 1966 \text{ CM}$).

Currently unaffiliated lands could account for an additional 80-100 (91) CM under an operating rotational system. However, immediate increases over present levels are not recommended pending establishment of rotational grazing system and a trend in allotment improvement.

V. Management System, Recommended Stocking and Permits

The grazing system will be an unorthodox three unit, 6 year cycle deferred rotation system of 137 days annual grazing period June 1st to October 15th.

Table 3: Deferred Rotation System

Cycle	Grazing Periods	and	Unit	Sequence			
Year	Early Summer		Mid	Summer	Late Summer		
First	3		2		1		
Second	2		3		1		
Third	1				2		
Fourth	3		2		1 .		
Fifth	2		3		1		
Sixth	1		2		3		

All permitted cattle are to be in the same unit at the same time.

A summary of units and planned use is shown in Table 4. Also see Appendix I.

Table 4: Summary of Units and Planned Use

Item	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Totals
Gross Acres	3605	7240	7650	18495
Suitable Acres	3295	5200	5825	14320
Indicated CM	574	857	856	2287
Planned Cattle	430	430	430	430
Planned Days	37	50	50	137
Planned CM	530	717	717	1964
Suitable A/CM	6.2	7.25	8.12	7.29

The above figures are based on an 86% ability or efficiency in properly utilizing the available suitable forage acres under an operating rotational grazing system.

It does not include figures for any non-affiliated lands. Priority of additional stocking where substantiated and justified by climatic and allotment conditions and trend will be to satisfy credit for suitable currently non-affiliated lands owned and/or leased.

Recommended stocking and permits are predicated on the basis that a rotational grazing system will be imperative to sustain present permitted numbers and use.

Table 5: Recommended Stocking and Permit

Permittee	Numbe	r of Ca	ttle by P	ermit	Total	Grazing	AUM
Name	Term	Temp	On/Off	Pvt. Land	No.'s	Season	(CM)
Anderson	11	-	_	9	20	6/1-10/15	91
Buxton, F.	176	-	-	-	176	6/1-10/15	804
Olson, W.	39	-	7	3	49	6/1-10/15	224
Strandberg,	C. 33	-	_	9	42	6/1-10/15	192
Wheaton Rch.		-	-	34	143	6/1-10/15	653
	368	_	7.	55	430	6/1-10/15	1964

VI. Livestock Management Requirements

- A. All permitted cattle must bear a State of Washington registered brand and be one of brands declared on the permittee's grazing application.
- B. All permitted cattle must bear a Forest Service approved ear tag and/or accounted for as per Forest Service requirements. See attached Appendix TML.
- C. The number and breed of bulls placed on the Allotment range must conform the appropriate association rules and/or state statutes governing such matters.
- D. It is the responsibility of the permittees to effect livestock movements and distribution in accordance with the prescribed rotation grazing system, annual plan of use, stock salting system and/or by instructions of the Forest Office in charge. The success of the systems depends on the effort and efficiency of the permittees.
- E. Stock salt shall not be placed on or in the immediate proximity of roads, stock watering places or other areas of cattle concentrations. The "Drop" Salting system will be used.

THE "DROP" SALTING SYSTEM: This system puts the salting phase of range management in the hands of the user of the range. The system is flexible to fit the aspects of the individual range and the changing of the seasons. The name "drop" was given to it simply because the salt is dropped or placed in different areas depending on range management needs.

Salt should be placed where there is adequate forage. As that area becomes properly utilized, the salt should be moved, drawing the livestock into the lesser utilized areas. Salt should not be placed on water courses, watering places, main roads and other areas of other concentrated uses.

The range should be salted in amounts in proportion to the number of stock or at least one block for each ten head of cattle.

The first distribution should be made prior to the grazing season or at the time of entering on the range.

F. Construction and maintenance of Range Improvements as per following tables will be carried out in a timely manner for maximum effectiveness. Tables of existing and proposed range improvement construction and maintenance programs are to be revised and/or superceded as status, needs or changes warrant.

Table 6 VII RANGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Existing Improvements

Ta	able 6		-			Existin	g Improveme	ents()	July 22	, 1976	
		IMPROVEMENT			со	NSTRUCTION	RESPONSIBIL	ITY	FACIL	TTY	
Date	Number	Stockwater	Deve:	tion lopments	Material	Equip.	Labor	Maint.	Type	Capacity- Ouantity	Cos
1939		Big Spruce SE S.30, Tamarack	r40n,	R33E	F.S.	F.S.	F.S./	Wheaton	Log	200 gal+	300
1952		NE SE S.7 Louie	40	33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S./	Wheaton	Plank	200 gal	400
1953		SE S.25 Mill			F.S.	F.S.	F.S./	01son	Plank	200 gal	500
1953		SW S.6 Catherine	40	33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S./	Buxton	Plank	200 gal	400
1954		NE SW S.18 Thatcher	40	33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S./	Wheaton	Plank	200 gal	400
1954		NW S.30 Vulcan	40	33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S./	Buxton	Plank	200 gal	500
1960		NE S.19 Goosmus	40	33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S./	Wheaton	Plank	200 gal	400
1961	-	SW S.10 Alkali	40	33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S./	Strandberg	Plank	200 gal	400
1962		SW S.16 Tenas	40	33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S./	Strandberg	Plank	200 gal	500
1962		NE S.30 Big	40	33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S./	Buxton	Plank	200 gal	500
1963			40	33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S./	Buxton	Plank	200 gal	500
1963		1/1257	40	33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S./	Anderson	Plank	200 gal	500
1964		SE S.5 Granite	39	33	F.S.	Merrill	& Wheaton	Buxton	Steel 48"x19"x14'	600 gal	500
1965		THE ENGLISH THE STREET	40	33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S./	Buxton	Plank	200 gal	500
1965		The state of the s	39	33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S./	Buxton	Plank	200 gal	500
1966			40	.33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S./	Wheaton	Steel 48"x19"x14'	600 gal	500
1966			40	33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S./01s	on Olson	Steel 48"x19"x14'	600 gal	500
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1967		The state of the s	40	32	F.S.	F.S.	F.S./	Buxton	Steel 48"x19"x14'	600 gal	500

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ate	Number	Name and Location	Material	Equip.	Labor	Maint.	Туре	Capacity- Quantity	Co
	(DNR)	Alder NE S.16 T40N R33E Hunter	Wheaton Ran	ch Inc.		Wheaton		Superior Statement	
	(DNR)	NE S.16 40 33 Art				Wheaton	,		ALVERTA .
968		NW SE S.6 40 33 Willow	F.S.	F.S.	F.S./	Wheaton	Steel 30" x15 1/2"x12	300 gal.	500
970		NE S.5 39 33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S./	Buxton	Steel 48"x19"x14'	600 gal.	500
		Fences and Cattleguards							
967		Canadian Bdry. Sec. 6 T40N, R33E	USFS	USFS	USFS	1/	4 wire/steel post	0.75 M.	150
		Canadian Bdry. (Sec 4 & 5 40 /33)	(British	Columbia Fo	rest Servi	ce)	4 wire/steel post	1.15 M.	1750
1967		Canadian Bdry. S. 3&4 40 /33	usfs	USFS	USFS	1/.	4 wire/steel post	1.25 M.	2000
L968		Little Vulcan Fence S. 28, 29,30 40/33	FS/JC (incomple	FS/JC	FS/JC	1/	4 wire/steel post	1.75 м.	27.
1963	ī	Alkali Cattleguard SW S.26 40/33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S.	F.S.	Steel 8'x14'	н20	700
.965		S. Catherine CG NW S.13 40/33	F.S.	F.Ş.	F.S.	F.S.	Steel 8'x14'	Н20	700
965		Little Vulcan No. 1 CG SE SE S.28 40/33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S.	F.S.	Steel 8'x14'	H20	700
.965		Little Vulcan No. 2 CG SE NE S.33 40/33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S.	F.S.	Steel 8'x14'	н20	700
970		Cottonwood CG SW SW S.28 40/33	F.S.	F.S.	F.S.	F.S.	Steel 8'x14'	Н20	700
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VII RANGE DEVELOPMENT PRO AM

Table 7

Proposed Range Improvements

July 22, 1976

IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION RESPONSIBILITY FACILITY Date | Number Name and Location Material Equip. Labor Maint. Capacity Cost Type Quantity New Construction 1977 Little Vulcan Fence F.S. (Permittees) 1/ 4 wire, steel post 1.25 M. 2750 S. 30 T40N, R33E 1977 Little Vulcan CG. No.3 F.S. F.S. F.S. F.S. Steel 8'x14' H20 1200 1977 Norwegian CG. No. 1 F.S. 2/ F.S.2/ F.S. 2/ F.S. Steel 8'x14' H20 (2000): Lot 6 S.7 40/33 1977 Norwegian CG. No. 2 F.S. 2/ F.S.2/ F.S. 2/ F.S. Steel 8'x14' H20 (1200): Norwegian CB. No. 3 F.S. F.S. F.S. F.S. Steel 8'x14' H20 1200 1977 Vulcan Divide CG. F.S. F.S. F.S. Steel 8'x14' F.S. H20 1200 SE SW S.17 40/33 1977 Vulcan Divide Fence F.S. Permittees 1/ 4 wire, steel post 6M 13,200 S. 29, 20, 17, 9, 5, 4 40/33 Vulcan Divide Spg. F.S. F.S. F.S./ 1/ Stockwater Dev. 600 gal 2,000 SE SW S.17 40/33 Boundary Spring F.S. Permittees 1/ Stockwater Dev. 600 gal. 675 S.4 40/33 Nylander Spring F.S. Permittees 1/ Stockwater Dev. 600 gal. 675 Unnamed Spring F.S. Permittees 1/ Stockwater Dev. 600 gal. 675 S. 13 40/33 Unnamed Spring F.S. Permittees 1/ Stockwater Dev. 600 gal. 675 S. 4 40/33 Reconstruction Existing Stockwater F.S. Permittees $\frac{1}{1}$ Stockwater Dev. 14 ea.@ 500 7000 F.S. Permittees Stockwater Dev. 7 ea.@ 300 2100 2/ Forest Service through timber sale contract and purchaser construction. \$ 33,350

VIII. Implementation and Alternatives

Containment and/or exclusion of cattle to individual units will require positive control by management fences erected in phases as needed. First priority would be completion of approximately 1.25 miles of management fence across Section 30, T40N, R33E between Unit one and Unit two. See Appendix Map / ______. Subsequent management fences should emanate and extend from cattleguards installed in permanent main Forest Development Roads and extended by phases through to natural barriers as needed.

Stockwatering capacity will be a key factor in sustaining grazing capability. Smaller capacity water troughs will have to be replaced with larger tanks having more storage capacity, especially at the weaker spring developments.

The most apparent alternate rotational system would simply be further development or refinement of the standard plan by forming a fourth unit from the north ends of Units two and three.

It would provide more flexibility and would tend to help distribution utilization and equalize Unit areas. It should probably be regarded as the second phase or future phase as access and forage areas become more developed on the north end of the Allotment.

The alternate grazing system would be a 4 unit, 4 year cycle deferred rotation grazing system for an annual grazing period of 137 days from June 1st to October 15th.

Table 8: Alternate Deferred Rotation System

Cycle	Grazing Periods and Unit Sequence								
Year	Early Summer	Mid Summer	Late Summer	Fall					
First	1	2	4	3					
Second	2	4	3	1					
Third	3	4	2	1					
Fourth	4	3	1	2					

Repeat Cycle

Unit one would remain the same and Units two and three would be reduced to comprise a 4th unit to result in 4 units of approximately equal capability.

Stocking and permit use would remain the same pending further justifiable benefits.

Implementation of the 4 unit system with future development of the north end will remain a viable option of the standard plan, however, it is not recommended at this time.

IX. Evaluation

A. Monitoring of the allotment area and evaluation of the information will be necessary to determine whether management requirements will meet the objectives and/or what if any changes are needed.

Specific or subsequent evaluations, i.e.: Range readiness, key species, key areas, carrying capacities, etc., will be inserted and/or superceded as supplementary or replacement pages to this section.

- B. Depending on funds and manpower available, data collection will be limited to several recurrent inspections annually by simple visual and/or minimal measurement, and appropriately recorded and/or graphically displayed on maps. Some of the observations measurements may be made coincidentally with each other. Specific items to be checked for include:
 - Range Readiness Vegetative and soil condition.
 - 2. Pattern of Use Key areas and key plants.
 - Utilization per cent use.
 - 4. Resource Damage basic (soil) and other resource.
 - 5. Range Improvements Construction and Maintenance compliance.
- C. Additional data to be gathered as the situation warrants include:
 - Plant Vigor Key plants on key areas.
 - Soil and Vegetation trends per grazing system cycle using photo point technique.
 - 3. Production Forage weight.
- D. Range environmental analysis and mapping will be kept current as significant changes occur, i.e.: transitory range, range conditions, etc.
- E. Key areas will be determined from successive observations and utilization checks and graphically recorded on an allotment map overlay.
- F. Key plants will be defined from observation and study in conjunction with the determining of key areas and other suitable range lands.
- G. A Record of Grazing Use (see Appendix V) will be kept to indicate permitted and/or actual use.

Evaluation: July 21, 1976

Range Readiness: Present indicators and criteria area:

4"-6" foliage leaves Pinegrass Caru Sandberg bluegrass Pose Seed heads in dough stage Bluebunch wheatgrass Agsp 8" foliage, seed stalks showing

Idaho fescue Feid 5" foliage leaves

Common yarrow Acmi Flower stalks beginning to show Arrowleaf balsamroot Basa Leaf 3/4" developed, beginning to flower

Serviceberry Ama1 Part of blossoms out

Snowberry Syal 7-8 pairs (each bud) leaves unfolded

Soils fairly dry and firm.

Key Areas: Are not, as yet, specifically defined and should be eventually determined by subsequent use and utilization pattern monitoring and documentation.

Key Species: Key species may vary with the different key areas, and are yet to be determined. Pinegrass, by virtue of its predominance (70-80%), is a key species.

Every opportunity should be taken to manipulate species and improve species composition with grass specie compatible and complementary to the pinegrass. Pinegrass palatability and nutritive value rapidly deteriorate by mid-summer in the general elevations.

Utilization: Recommended utilization for implementing the deferred rotation system is to approximate 50%. Higher utilization may be attainable for a fully developed rotational system.

Carrying Capacity: Anticipated increases will depend on the degree of development and efficiency of operating the grazing system, as well as prevaling climate and forage conditions. The basic potential is there and the rotational system should enhance forage condition, volume, and utilization.

Overview: Vulcan is one of the District's better timber and forage producing potential areas. Intensive proper land management can enhance habitat improvement and resource production. The area is not fully developed. A program of introducing a compatible grass forage species complementry to pinegrass is highly desirable if not imperative to improving the forage resource capability. It has some peripheral areas (southface) that could be improved deer range with browse planting on the steeper, rockier cut and fill slopes.

Previous land exchange plans ('68 and '72) do not include desirable adjustments needed in Sections 28 and 33, T40N, R33E.

Formal affiliation of administration with the National Forest grazing management would be desirable for the W 1/2 Section 7, T40N, R33E from an eventual fence construction and maintenance economic standpoint. It would save approximately 1 5/16 miles of eventual fence reconstruction and maintenance. However, unfortunately, two cattleguards with difficult installations on F.D. Road No. 1705 would be made obsolescent. This, of course, would be contingent on the ability of a permittee(s) being able to secure grazing privileges adequate to amortize an assumed new fence location investment (the west section line of Section 7, T40N, R33E).

Long range planning on the safer side would specify the proposed cattleguard location at said Section 7 National Forest Boundary (property) lines. Unfortunately, F.D. Road No. 1705 plan profile specifies only the northern most cattleguard to be located on said property line. The southern most cattleguard is located in mid-quarter section on F. D. Road No. 1705 in an old fence which neither bounds the property line (BLM) nor is presently affiliated with the National Forest.

Although the Carney Pole Company lands in Sections 3, 4 and 10 have marginal grazing value (an indicated potential of 50 CM+ on 480 acres) it would be desirable to incorporate it into the grazing management administration from an administrative control and unauthorize use standpoint in blocking in or consolidating the Allotment management base.

Range improvement program schedules do not include any revegetation and/or noxious weed control due to insufficient data and other resource coordination, which points up the need for total land use planning on any given area.

Individual range improvement (fences) construction and maintenance responsibility assignments not specified in Section VII will be assigned through the allotment annual plans of use for an interim period until such time as the fence development stabilizes and a logical pattern of permanent assignment can be made.

Construction and maintenance responsibility based on proportional use (CM) is as follows:

L. Anderson	5%
F. Buxton	41
W. Olson	11
C. Strandberg	10
Wheaton Ranch Inc.	33
	100%

· AREA AND FORAGE PRODUCTION/CONDITION SUMMARY Appendix I

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Net Unit Two		415	3270	1195	70	250	_	485	3520	1195		
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Unit Three		270	1355	2425	145	680	1480	415	2035	3905		
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RULES FOR EAR TAGS REQUIRED FOR CATTLE GRAZING UNDER PERMIT ON NATIONAL FOREST CONTROLLED LANDS

- 1. All permitted cattle, 6 months of age and older, when entering on National Forest controlled lands must bear a Forest Service approved ear tag bearing a sequential number or letter or number/letter character combination identification. Offspring of permitted cattle, under 6 months of age, when entering National Forest controlled lands are not required to bear an ear tag.
- Permittees will furnish the required ear tags (condition of grazing permit, Part 2, Section 6e) beginning with the 1976 grazing season.
- 3. Permittees will furnish in writing the identification number of permitted animals put on National Forest controlled lands to the Forest Officer in charge within 10 days of their entry on said controlled lands each grazing permit period.
- 4. Identification numbers and/or letter characters must be limited to a maximum of four characters, nominally a minimum of one inch in height displayed horizontally on the lower fromt of the ear tag. Line width of characters shall be a minimum of 1/8 inch in a contrasting color to the ear tag color. The required tag must have a display face of a minimum of 2-3/4 inches wide by 2 inches high.

The permittees recorded brand may also be displayed on the face of the ear tag above the identification number.

The reverse side (back) of the ear tag may be used for any other identification or data the permittee may wish; name and address, etc.

5. Each permittee must obtain an approved ear tag color from the Forest Service. Colors will be assigned on the basis of the permittees allotment and adjacent permittees, allotments, other adjacent cattle operations and current use of acceptable ear tags.