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The Complex is comprised of Bullfrog, Goldfield, Stonewall, Montezuma Peak and a portion of the Paymaster HMAs.

“Since 1994 when much of this area was evaluated last, several years of drought has necessitated emergency gathers of starving wild horses and burros from the assessment area.” Pg. 3

“Over 900 wild horses and burros were removed in 1996” pg.58

Livestock use prior to the 1994 FMUD allowed 750 cattle to graze at 10,668 AUMs. The FMUD reduced it to 50 and 8,927 AUM.” Pg. 49/50 AUM info from pg. 50, Table 24.0 – Past Authorizations.

“For the Montezuma Complex, the annual rate of increase is 14 percent for Montezuma Peak, Goldfield, Stonewall, and Bullfrog HMAs. Paymaster has an annual increase of 16 percent.” Pg. 4

Table 13.0 – Proposed AMLs for wild equids in the Montezuma Complex with current water availability, pg. 24 AML range for burros exclusively: 121-190.

“Wild horses will be temporarily allowed to stay until the completion of the 2009 RMP.” Pg. 24

“The Montezuma Allotment has had no lessee since 1997. Much of the allotment has been used for TNR grazing authorization since that time.” Pg. 12

In addition to the permanent authorizations, additional maximum TNRs were also cited for years when available in the areas outside the permanent authorizations. Pg.35

Table 25.0 – Temporary Non-Renewable Authorizations for the Montezuma Allotment from 2001-2006, pg. 51

TNR grazing shows anywhere from 126 AUMs to 2100 AUMs had been authorized, and ranged from 25 to 300 head of livestock though generally ranging from 300-600 on average.

“No cattle will be authorized in the majority of the HMAs, except the northeast portion of Bullfrog” pg. 24

Table 6.0, Proposed Permitted AUMs, pg. 19

“4,715 AUMs total, which includes 685 AUMs set aside as Forage Reserves.”

Authorized cattle use ranged from a maximum of 265 head in the spring season and 602 for the remainder of the year with an average of 209 and 507 respectively.

The following numbers are totals of all the grazing information cited,

Maximum cattle during spring	265
Maximum cattle during rest of year	602
Average cattle during spring	209
Average cattle during rest of year	507

Bud Johnsons Grazing Lease Authorized

Table 9.0 Proposed Action: Maximum herd sized allowed of the Montezuma Allotment ten-year grazing lease, pg. 21.

Permanent

Maximum "100 cattle 3/01-6/30 and 250 cattle 7/01-2/28"

Average "82 cattle 3/01-6/30 and 219 7/01-2/28"

Forage Reserves

Maximum "52 cattle 3/01-6/30 and 95 cattle 7/01-2/28"

Average "39 cattle 3/01-6/30 and 79 cattle 7/01-2/28"

Totals: Maximum/All kinds 3/01-6/30 = 152

Maximum/All Kinds 7/01-2/28 = 345
497

Average/All Kinds 3/01-6/30 = 121

Average/All Kinds 7/01-2/28 = 298
419

Table 11.0 – Proposed Action: Maximum herd size, pg. 23

Beatty Cattle Company – Scotty's Forage Reserve

Forage Reserves

Maximum "10 cattle 2/01-5/31 and 40 cattle 6/01-1/31"

Average "5-6 cattle 2/01-5/31 and 27 cattle 6/01-1/31"

Totals: Maximum 2/01-5/31 = 10

Maximum 6/01-1/31 = 40
50

Average/All Kinds 2/01-5/31 = 6

Average/All Kinds 6/01-1/31 = 27
33

Beatty Cattle Company – South Montezuma

Maximum “70 cattle 2/01-5/31 and 175 cattle 6/01-1/31”
Average “56-57 cattle 2/01-5/31 and 154 cattle 6/01-1/31”

Totals: Maximum 2/01-5/31 = 70
Maximum 6/01-1/31 = 175
245

Average/All Kinds 2/01-5/31 = 57
Average/All Kinds 6/01-1/31 = 154
211

East Razor Back

Maximum “35 cattle 2/01-5/31 and 40 cattle 6/01-1/31”
Average “23 cattle 2/01-5/31 and 26 cattle 6/01-1/31”

Totals: Maximum 2/01-5/31 = 35
Maximum 6/01-1/31 = 40
75

Average/All Kinds 2/01-5/31 = 23
Average/All Kinds 6/01-1/31 = 26
49

Younghans - 2 Head of Cattle Year long