

2018 Grazing Plan

The grazing plan for 2018 includes 170 cow/calf pairs and 75 yearling heifers from UI, and 80 outside cows, like the 2017 plan. Additionally, another 75 head of yearling sized cattle will be added to the plan to double the scale of the sage grouse grazing trial. If the grazing trial is added to, those cattle would need to be grazed on the ranch for 90 days. When they are not on trial, they will be grazed sequentially in meadows with at least 30 of those days being on the wet meadows in the East Fork of Rock Creek in an effort to control use in that larger pasture. Pastures to be rested are the North and South Corral Meadows at the Barn, and Upper Poison Creek.

Animals and Season

- 158 Cow/Calf Pairs – May 18 – October 30
- 7 bulls – May 17 to August 29
- 75 yearling heifers – July 6 to October 15
- 75 yearlings – 90 days, with 30 of those included in the month of July for trial
- 80 outside cows – May 10 – November 10

Grazing Plan

Cow/Calf Pairs and Bulls

- May 18-20 (2 days)- Highway pasture (Private)
- May 20 – June 22 (33 days) – Lower Poison Creek (BLM)
 - Bulls pulled and moved to NMCREEC on Aug 29
- June 24 – July 20 (26 days) – Middle Poison Creek (BLM)
- July 20 – August 27 (31 days) – Guy Canyon & Hatti Gulch (Private)
- August 29 – September 13 (14 days) – Little Rock Creek (Mixed Private & BLM)
- September 13 – September 16 – Old Homestead Pasture (Private)
 - Calves weaned September 13
- September 12 – September 18 – Old Homestead Pasture east side of the road (Calves only)
- September 13 – September 16 – Old Homestead Pasture west side of the road (Cows only)
- September 19 – September 26 – Betts Meadows (Private) outside trial enclosures (Calves only)
- September 16 – October 15 – Hill Pasture (Private) (Cows only)

Yearling Heifers

- July 6 – August 6 (30 days) – Upper Betts Meadow (Private) grazing trial
- August 7 – September 26 (34 days) – Betts Meadow with calves and outside grazing trial (Sequentially grazed)

Yearling Research Sublease Cattle

- May 10 – June 1 (20 days) – Lower Rock Creek Meadow (Private)
- June 2 – July 5 (33 days) – East Betts Meadows (Sequentially grazed)
- July 6 – August 6 (30 days) – Betts Meadow grazing trial
- August 7 – August 10 (3 days) – Betts Meadow/Old Homestead outside grazing trial

Sublease Cattle

- May 10 – May 15 (5 days) – Highway Pasture
- May 16 – May 25 (9 days) – Old Homestead Hillside or Lower Highway Pasture
- May 26 – June 20 (26 days) - Lower Rock Creek Meadow split into 3 grazing pastures
- June 20 – July 10 (20 days) – Kent Canyon (BLM)
- July 10 – September 15 (60 days) – Upper Rock Creek Meadows (sequentially grazed)
- September 10 – October 10 (30 days) – Long Canyon/East Fork (Private) outside trial enclosure
- October 11 – November 10 (30 days) – Smith Creek (Private)