

Monitoring Form
2020/04/01

Allotment: Alma Mesa	Pasture: Alma Mesa, Bear Valley
Observation Type: Ocular	Monitors: C. Pierson, K. Brown, K. Burrows

This trip's main purpose was to become familiar with the Alma Mesa allotment. Alma Mesa and Bear Valley were accessed from the FR 711 that leads to Stateline Cabin by horseback. On 04/01 a loop was made through Alma Mesa pasture along trail 555 to the gate into Bear Valley then North along the fence to the North West side of Alma Mesa to trail 41. Trail 41 was followed back to North State Line Trap. On 04/02 Winter Cabin was visited via trail 555.

Livestock Numbers/Dates of Season Use
According to AOI

Alma Mesa:

- Around 8 cows and 3 calves were observed. Per AOI, season of use is 03/01 to 05/01.

Bear Valley:

- Around 10 cows, 5 calves and 1 bull was observed on the East side. Talking with T. Patterson (permittee) he was starting to clean cattle out on 04/02 into Alma Mesa. Per AOI, season of use is 03/01 to 04/30.

Forage

Alma Mesa:

- Monitoring points C6 and C9 were visited and both showed use. An ocular estimate at C6 was determined to be at the high end of Light use. Herbaceous species experienced stunted growth possibly due to lack of precipitation during the growing season. C9 had a use level at the lower end of Light use. There were areas/pockets that had higher use levels along with areas that have experience no use at all.

Bear Valley:

- Monitoring point C10 North of Winter Cabin was visited and the use level was determined to be at the high end of light use. Stunted growth on BOCU and BOHI was observed but substantial amount of grass was observed to have seeded out. There was a substantial amount of annual forbs such as Filaree and Bloodweed along with good annual grass growth.

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Photo 1 & 2

C10 Bear Valley, Found 3 Angle Irons



Photo 3

C6 Alma Mesa pasture



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Photo 4

C9 Alma Mesa pasture, new rock cairn established



Photo 5

New corral along Little Blue



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**Winter Cabin was in great condition and stocked up with supplies, the corrals at the cabin were also in good condition. All fences were in good condition as well.