

# ALLOTMENT RESOURCE SHORT FORM EVALUATION

FIELD OFFICE Tucson

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ALLOTMENT NAME Babocomari

PERMIT/LEASE EXPIRES annual

ALLOTMENT NUMBER 5208

SELECTIVE MANAGEMENT CATEGORY M    I XX C   

RANGELAND CLASSIFICATION Perennial XX Ephemeral    Perennial/Ephemeral   

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CURRENT PERMIT/LEASE

Kind Cattle Total Active AUMs 180

Number 15 Period of Use 3/1 to 2/28

   to   

   to   

   to   

Other   

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT GRAZING PRACTICES? (i.e., rest rotation, deferred, etc.)**

Deferred Rotation

**NAME OF GRAZING EIS AND LAND USE PLAN THAT PERTAIN:**

Eastern Arizona Grazing EIS, Safford RMP

**LIST PERTINENT OBJECTIVES AND DECISIONS FROM THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS:**

Include all specific decisions that apply regardless of program or special designation (ACEC, Wilderness, Wild and Scenic Rivers, etc.).

1) Arizona Standards for Rangeland Health:

No. 1: Upland Sites. (always applies)

No. 2: Riparian-Wetland Sites applies. Yes XX No   

No. 3: Desired Resource Conditions applies (i.e., exception does not apply) Yes XX No   

Portions of the allotment are within the San Pedro RNCA

**ARE THERE ACTIVITY LEVEL PLANS THAT PERTAIN? Yes XX No    If yes, List Plans**

Part of the allotment is within the San Pedro HMP.

List pertinent activity objectives and decisions: See Plan

1. **SOILS:** Has a soil survey been conducted? Yes XX No \_\_\_ If yes, what is the name and date of survey? San Pedro Soil Survey, 1998 Are there range site guides for this area? Yes XX No \_\_\_ If yes, when were the range site guides last updated? 1988.

Based on current information, are there any concerns about soils that should be considered before permit issuance? Yes \_\_\_ No XX If yes, list: \_\_\_\_\_

If answer is yes, is current livestock use a contributing factor? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, list reasons and any proposed terms and conditions to correct: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **WATER QUALITY** Are there Section 303d Water Quality Limited Stream Segment(s)? Yes \_\_\_ No XX If yes, list segment and limiting parameters: \_\_\_\_\_

Based on current information, are there any other concerns about water or water quality that should be considered before permit issuance? Yes \_\_\_ No XX If yes, list: \_\_\_\_\_

Is current livestock use a contributing cause to the limited classification? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, list reasons and any proposed terms and conditions to correct: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **VEGETATION:** Has a range survey been conducted? Yes XX No \_\_\_ If yes, what type and when was the range survey conducted? Rangeland Health Evaluation 4/99 Was the survey information used to adjust livestock use? Yes \_\_\_ No XX If yes, what changes were made?

Has monitoring been conducted? Yes XX No \_\_\_ If yes, what types and dates were studies established? Trend S&G, 99 Utilization S&G, 99 Actual Use \_\_\_\_\_ Climatic S&G, 99 Other S&G, PFC, 99.

Has a previous evaluation been conducted? Yes \_\_\_ No XX if yes, were all of the multiple use objectives and decisions addressed in the evaluation? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, what decisions resulted? \_\_\_\_\_

Based on existing information, are there any vegetative resource concerns that should be considered before permit issuance? Yes XX No \_\_\_ If yes, list; See Riparian Section

If answer is yes, is current livestock use a contributing factor? Yes \_\_\_ No XX If yes, list reasons and any proposed terms and conditions to correct: Rangeland Health Survey showed improving range conditions.

Is there any habitat for sensitive plant species designated by the BLM or State agencies? Yes \_\_\_  
No **XX** If yes, list \_\_\_\_\_

Is mitigation recommended as a term or condition of the permit to protect the species identified above? Yes \_\_\_ No **XX** If yes, list \_\_\_\_\_

**4. THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES:** Has occurrence of any listed or proposed species been documented? Yes \_\_\_ No **XX** If yes, list species. \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any designated critical habitat? Yes \_\_\_ No **XX** If yes, list species and location of habitat. \_\_\_\_\_

Is there historical, or potential habitat for any listed or proposed species? Yes **XX** No \_\_\_ If yes, list species and indicate if whether historical or potential. **Jaguar; potential, Lesser Long-nose Bat; potential, Aplomado Falcon; potential**

If the answer to each of the above questions is no, go to section 5.

**SECTION 7 COMPLIANCE:**

List the effects determination for each species identified above? (NA=No Affect, NLAA=Not Likely to Adversely Affect, and LAA=Likely to Adversely Affect)

<u>Species</u>	<u>Determination</u>
<u>Huachuca Water Umbel</u>	<u>LAA</u>
<u>Jaguar</u>	<u>NLAA</u>
<u>Southwest Willow Flycatcher</u>	<u>LAA</u>
<u>Lesser Long-nosed Bat</u>	<u>NLAA</u>

Has a Biological Opinion (BO) been prepared by Fish and Wildlife Service for each LAA determination above? Yes **XX** No \_\_\_ If yes, list the following for each species:

FWS Determination Huachuca Water Umbel; NLJ, Jaguar; NLJ,  
Southwest Willow Flycatcher; NLJ, Lesser-Long-nosed Bat; NLAA

Are there any mandatory Terms and Conditions relating to livestock grazing given in the BO? Yes **XX** No \_\_\_ If yes, list them: No take of Jaguar, Prepare AMP for the Allotment, Keep trespass cattle out of the San Pedro RNCA. See attachment B

Are there any additional Conservation Recommendations relating to livestock grazing in the BO? Yes **XX** No \_\_\_ If yes, list: Work with other entities to improve watershed

**5. WILDLIFE HABITAT:** Is there any habitat for sensitive species designated by the BLM or State agencies? Yes **XX** No \_\_\_ If yes, list Lowland Leopard Frog, Mexican Garter snake, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Western Red Bat.

Is mitigation recommended as a term or condition of the permit to protect the species identified above? Yes \_\_\_ No **XX** If yes, list \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special habitat features within the allotment, e.g., Critical Deer Winter Range, Big Horn Sheep Lambing Areas, Antelope Fawning Areas, etc.? Yes \_\_\_ No **XX** If yes, list \_\_\_\_\_

Is mitigation recommended as a term or condition of the permit to protect the species identified above? Yes \_\_\_ No **XX** If yes, list \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any domestic sheep or goat grazing or trailing within 9 miles of Desert Big Horn Sheep habitat (see IM 98-140) Yes \_\_\_ No **XX** If yes, are there topographic features or other barriers that prevent physical contact? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If no, list the mitigation recommended as a term and condition of the permit to protect Desert Big Horn Sheep \_\_\_\_\_

**6. RIPARIAN HABITAT:** Are there any riparian or wetland areas? Yes **XX** No \_\_\_ If no go to section 7) If yes, has an assessment for Proper Functioning Condition been done? Yes **XX** No \_\_\_ If yes, list PFC status for stream reach(es). NF=Non Functional, FAR=Functional at Risk, PFC=Proper Functioning Condition

<u>Stream Reach</u>	<u>Condition</u>
<u>Babocomari River</u>	<u>PFC</u>

Has monitoring been conducted? Yes **XX** No \_\_\_ If yes, List type: Survey for Huachuca Water Umble

Based on assessment and monitoring, is current livestock use a contributing factor on stream segments listed as NF or FAR? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, list reasons and any proposed permit terms and conditions to correct: \_\_\_\_\_

### 7. CULTURAL RESOURCES AND NATIVE AMERICAN CONCERNS:

Has any Indian Tribe identified properties of traditional importance that would be affected by livestock grazing? Yes \_\_\_ No **XX** If yes, list: \_\_\_\_\_

Based on a Class I Literature Search:

Are there any properties\* within areas of concentrated physical impacts from livestock grazing listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)?

Yes \_\_\_ No **XX** If yes, list Site Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

Are there known properties that are either potentially eligible or **determined** eligible for nomination to



the NRHP that are currently impacted by livestock? Yes \_\_\_ No **XX** If yes, list Site Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

Are there areas with potential for eligible properties that have not been surveyed which coincide with areas of concentrated ground disturbing impacts from livestock grazing or location of a range improvement that is a determinant to whether grazing by livestock may be authorized? Yes \_\_\_ No **XX**

If yes, describe \_\_\_\_\_

Based on the above, is additional field inventory needed? Yes \_\_\_ No **XX** If yes, in what areas and of what type (i.e., Class II, Class III) \_\_\_\_\_

Is mitigation recommended as a term or condition of the permit to protect cultural values identified above? Yes \_\_\_ No **XX** If yes, list: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Properties refer to both cultural resource and Traditional Cultural Properties/Sacred Sites.

### 8. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONSIDERATIONS

Are there any low income communities effected by this proposal? Yes \_\_\_ No **XX** . If yes identify the community \_\_\_\_\_. Would the proposed action have a disproportionate adverse effect on identified low income or minority communities. Yes \_\_\_ No **XX** . If yes describe: \_\_\_\_\_

### 8. OTHER RESOURCES

Based on existing information, are there any other resource values being impacted by current livestock use that should be considered before permit issuance? Yes \_\_\_ No **XX** If yes, list resource being impacted and any proposed terms and conditions to correct: \_\_\_\_\_

### 9. ALLOTMENT STATISTICS

#### a. Acreage by ownership

BLM	<u>1816</u>
Private Controlled	<u>1804</u>
State Controlled	<u>7892</u>
Uncontrolled Private or State	_____
Other	_____
TOTALS	<u>11512</u>

### 10. RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

What is the condition of the range improvements? Good

If the range improvements are not functional or not needed for the grazing operation, can they be removed? \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Based on the analyses and supporting documentation referenced herein, resource conditions on the allotment:

**XX**  Meet all applicable standards for rangeland health;

Are making significant progress toward meeting the applicable standards for rangeland health;

Do not meet the standards for rangeland health for:

- No. 1: Upland Sites
- No. 2: Riparian-Wetland Sites
- No. 3: Desired Resource Conditions

Have not been sufficiently documented to make a specific determination, but there is no reason to believe that current management would preclude meeting the standards for rangeland health.

Based on this evaluation, identify the recommended proposed action:

**XX**  Renew the permit with the following terms and conditions: See Attachment A

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Do not renew the permit

**USE THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND THE RECOMMENDED PROPOSED ACTION TO COMPLETE THE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND NEPA ADEQUACY DETERMINATION**