

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? _____

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

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:

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

Do not renew the permit

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