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Subject: Non-Use Allotments Approved in 2010

To: Colleen Madrid, District Ranger

The following allotments are approved in non-use status for grazing year 2010, from March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011:

Bartlett (vacant)

Bronco (NEPA defers grazing until 8/2018)

Cartwright (New permittee working on rebuilding fences burned in 2005 fire-has MOU in place for non-use)

Copper Creek (permittee working with prospective buyer)

New River

Sears Club/Chalk Mountain (NEPA defers grazing until 8/2012)

St. Clair (vacant)

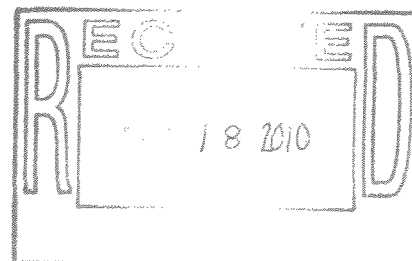
Blackjack, Red Creek, 6 Bar and Skeleton Ridge Allotments have cattle grazing this year but are in partial non-use as documented on their annual authorizations.

Bartlett and St. Clair are assumed to be closed allotments. I have never seen the actual closed documentation so they are probably just vacant allotments.

Bronco and Sears Club/Chalk Mountain are vacant allotments and do not have an active grazing permit issued.

The permittee for New River also has the Blackjack Allotment. The Cave Creek Complex (CCC) Fire in 2005 burned a large number of the fences. The permittee has been slowly fixing the fences on Blackjack. He has not started on the fences in New River yet. New River has also had numerous smaller fires that have burned fences in that allotment.

Grazing permittees are required to maintain range improvements that are included in Part 3 of the term grazing permit regardless of whether cattle are authorized for a particular grazing year.



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The aforementioned allotments were held in non-use for resource protection and/or development after the CCC fire. Since 2009 the non-use is due to personal convenience. The permittees are receiving letters informing them that they can claim non-use for personal convenience through 2011.

The letter to the Copper Creek permittee will suggest they meet with us to establish non-use for resource protection due to the fire damage in Copper Creek itself. The letter to the Blackjack/New River permittee will suggest they meet with us to set up an MOU that outlines how many years they have to rebuild the burned fences.



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