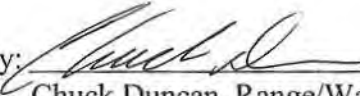


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GILLMAN ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

DESCRIPTION

The Gillman Allotment is located in the southwest corner of the Greasewoods of the Pinaleno Mountain Range. Most of the allotment is made up of two major drainages, Gillman and Wood Canyon, run south through the allotment; with many tributaries; Elevation of the allotment range from 4,000 to 7,000 ft. Topography of the allotment is comprised of gentle, rolling slopes with some deep canyons having fairly rough terrain. The Gillman Allotment contains 4,683 acres. Vegetation consists of mainly desert shrub. Precipitation averages 9-12 inches per year. The Forest Service and permittee are striving to improve range and watershed condition by increasing ground cover through improved livestock distribution and increased livestock selectivity for browse species.

HISTORY

The Gillman Allotment has been grazed seasonally since 1953. The grazing period was 12/1 to 5/31 with a grazing preference of 200 cattle. Grazing period was changed in 1968 to 11/1 to 4/30 with the same grazing preference of 200 cattle. In 1993 grazing preference was changed to 240 cattle from 11/1 to 3/31.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of this plan is to improve and /or maintain range and watershed condition of the Gillman Allotment while allowing the permittee to utilize the forage resource, for the production of red meat, in an environmentally sound manner. Pursuit of the following objectives will be important in achieving this goal:

1. Maintain forage utilization a 30 – 45% use level on full capacity range.
2. Improve animal husbandry practices to improve pounds of beef production while minimizing grazing impacts on the plant resource.
3. Maintain or enhance habitat conditions for resident wildlife by improving ground cover and riparian conditions.
4. Improve range conditions while maintaining and upgrading areas which are in fair and good condition.
5. Maintain water sources for wildlife when cattle are not scheduled on allotment.
6. Maintain or improve visual quality of grazing allotment through improvement of livestock management, maintain range improvements, and improve plant density and diversity.
7. Stabilize the watershed to improve water quality and quantity through increased ground cover.

