

**Inspection Form**  
**Hickey, Hamilton Pasture**  
**C. Pierson**  
**8/21/19**

**Route-** Hauled in the UTV to Dix Saddle pasture, then utilized UTV to travel down Rd. 212 to Rd. 215 until Hamilton pasture then proceeded on 215D and 215A to inspect the pasture.

**Forage-** 0-10% slopes all along 215 and 215D experience *Heavy* to *Severe* grazing with this year's growth heights averaging 1.5 inches (BOHI) in most areas (see photos 1&2). BOGR was difficult to find throughout pasture where use was the highest. BOCU was being utilized as well but not to the degree of use as BOHI. All easily accessible forage was severely used forcing cattle to use mid slope and in some areas the top 1/3 of slopes resulting in *Moderate* to *Heavy* use levels. Areas with no grazing pressure observed had 9-12 inches of seasonal growth with residual and decadent material. Measurements were taken at P2 which concluded that the *Seasonal Use* to be **42%** on BOHI (see photo 5&6).

**Cattle-** Cattle were all located within ¼ mile to ½ mile within all water sources. Observed 78 cows and 5 bulls throughout the pasture. Season of Use for this pasture according to the AOI is 03/01-07/01/2019 and 10/31-02/28/2020. Cattle should be in Silver Basin from 07/02-09/01/2019.

**Improvements-** Gates into Silver Basin pasture were open, and all fences observed were in good condition. Buckhorn, Rattlesnake No. 1 & 2, Lambing Camp, Brushy Mountain, Gayle, and Fence tanks all had sufficient water. Fence Tank water trap (Pleasant Valley Pasture) needs fence repairs on the North and West fences to keep Hickey cattle out of the pasture (fence is almost non-existent on North side of trap).

<b>Photo 1 &amp; 2</b>	
In between Gayle and Brushy Mountain Tank (use beyond tree line)	





**Photo 3&4**

Cattle use in Pleasant Valley due to fence being down at Fence Tank



**Photo 5&6**

Key area: P2

