

Public lands grazing survey
 Summer 2007

Grazing Permittee Questionnaire



Do you currently hold or lease one or more permits to graze livestock on lands administered by a land management agency (e.g., BLM, Forest Service, SITLA, Park Service)? If no, please complete the enclosed non-permittee questionnaire. If yes, please complete the following questionnaire.

1. In what state and county is your primary ranch headquarters located?

State: _____ County: _____

2. How many of the following types of animals do you (family/firm/ranch) currently own?

Beef animals		Sheep	
Brood cows		Ewes	
Replacement heifers		Replacements	
Bulls		Bucks	
Retained yearlings		Goats	
Purchased stockers		Horses	

3. How many families (owners and hired) depend on this ranch operation for all or part of their income (enter appropriate number)?

Owner families _____ Hired labor families: _____

4. What percent of your ranches gross income is from the sale of:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Approximate percent of gross income</u>
Sale of livestock	_____ %
Sale of crops	_____ %
Sale of other ag products	_____ %
Oil/gas	_____ %
Timber	_____ %
Recreational enterprises	_____ %
Other (please specify) _____	_____ %
	100%

5. What percentage of your sales are to firms or individuals in:

A. Local area: _____ % B. Utah: _____ %

6. What percentage of your purchases (supplies, fuel, medicine, etc) are from firms or individuals in:

A. Local area: _____ % B. Utah _____ %

7. How long have you or your family owned this livestock operation? _____ years

8. Does a member of the family plan to operate this ranch/firm in the future (next generation)? _____ yes or no

9. During what period do your livestock typically depend on hay as their primary source of feed (for example, 15 November to 31 March) ? _____

What percent of the hay you feed is raised on your farm/ranch? _____ %

10. When your livestock are not primarily being feed hay, what percentage of their feed (AUMs) is obtained from the following sources? What percentage of each source of feed is obtained from lands in Utah?

Source of feed	Percent	Percent from Utah
Private pasture		
Private range		
Crop aftermath		
Other private		
State lands		
Federal lands		
Other (specify)		
Total	100%	

11. If a permit became available for sale in your area, what would you be willing to pay for a grazing permit administered by the following agencies by season of use (\$ per AUM)?

Agency	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
BLM				
Forest Service				
SITLA (state)				

13. Which of the permits noted in question 12 do you view as being the most crucial to your ranch operation? Please explain why? _____

14. Has voluntary or involuntary non-use been taken since 1990 on any of the allotments noted in question 12?

Allotment	Year(s) non-use taken	Voluntary or Involuntary	Reduced AUMs	Reason(s)

15. Has the season of use or number of AUMs permitted for any of the permits noted in question #12 been permanently reduced since 1990? Yes or No? _____

16. Have you permanently lost or sold any other grazing permits since 1990? Yes or No? _____

17. What adjustments, if any, in your ranch operation did you make as a result of the reductions noted in questions 14, 15, or 16?

18. What amount would need to be offered (\$ per AUM) to induce you to sell any or all the permits you currently own/hold (see question 12 above)?

Allotment or permit	Acceptable price		Allotment or permit	Acceptable price

19. If you involuntarily lost (not sold) the use (AUMs) of the permits noted in question #12, indicate how much of a loss would be needed to have you make each of the following adjustments by you/your ranch (check the most appropriate column in each row).

Action:	Percent reduction				
	10 to 25%	25 to 50%	50 to 75 %	more than 75%	would not consider
Go out of business					
Reduce herd size					
Seek other sources of forage					
Sub-divide private land (ranchettes, etc)					
Supplement ranch with off-ranch income					
Sell ranch to another firm					
Lease ranch to another firm					
Other (please specify):					
Other (please specify):					

20. Several factors or influences have or may affect the use of publicly administered lands by domestic livestock. Please indicate how important you believe each of the following may be in affecting the use of your grazing permit(s). Please circle the appropriate response (1= not important, 2= slightly important, 3 = moderately important, 4 = Very important, DK= Don't know or no opinion).

Factor or influence	Importance				
Legal suits filed to reduce or eliminate grazing	1	2	3	4	DK
Increased emphasis on use by wildlife	1	2	3	4	DK
Invasive species or weeds	1	2	3	4	DK
Recreational activities (OHV's, hikers, etc)	1	2	3	4	DK
Low returns from ranching	1	2	3	4	DK
Purchase of ranches for recreation/second homes	1	2	3	4	DK
Reduced development/maintenance of range improvements (fences, water structures, revegetation treatments)	1	2	3	4	DK
Increases in grazing fees	1	2	3	4	DK
Increases in the non-fee costs of grazing public lands	1	2	3	4	DK
Drought/Fire	1	2	3	4	DK
Other (please specify) _____	1	2	3	4	DK

21. Grazing by domestic livestock can have positive as well as negative impacts on other uses. Indicate what impact, if any, grazing by livestock has on the following in the areas where your livestock graze (Check the appropriate box).

Impact of livestock grazing on:	Very Negative	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Very Positive
Vegetation in riparian areas					
Numbers of big game animals					
Number and variety of birds					
Water Quantity/Quality					
Fire suppression					
Recreational opportunities					
Spread of invasive plant species or weeds					
Others (please specify)					

22. Please add any comments that you believe would be useful or informative concerning livestock grazing on public lands.

Background information

The following information will allow us to determine how representative the responses received are of the general population. All responses will remain strictly confidential.

23. What is your gender (circle appropriate response): Male Female

24. What is your level of education (circle appropriate response):

less than a high school degree	High school degree or GED
Some College	2 year/associate degree
4 year degree (BA/BS)	Advanced degree (MS, JD, PhD, etc)

25. In what county and state is your primary residence? _____
_____ **How long have you lived in this county?** _____ years

26. How many people currently live in your household

Total number: _____ Number under the age of 18: _____

27. What is your religious affiliation if any (circle appropriate response)?

Latter-Day Saint	Buddhist	Catholic
Protestant (e.g., Baptist, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Methodist)		
Other (please specify): _____		None

28. Which of the following best describes your racial/ethnic background? (Feel free circle more than one category of appropriate):

White/Caucasian/Anglo	African American/Black
Hispanic/Latino/Latina	Native American/American Indian
Asian	Pacific Islander
Other (please specify): _____	

29. Which of the following are current sources of income to your household? Circle all that apply.

Wages and salary	Social Security payments
Income from business	Retirement pension payments
Interest and/or investment income	Unemployment compensation
Income from rental property	Food stamps
Supplemental security income	Public assistance/welfare
Other disability benefits	Other _____

30. Which of the following categories best describes your pre-tax annual household income for 2006? Circle the appropriate amount

Less than \$15,000	\$ 75,000 to \$99,999
\$ 15,000 to \$ 24,999	\$ 100,000 to \$ 149,999
\$ 25,000 to \$ 34,999	\$ 150,000 to \$200,000
\$ 35,000 to \$ 49,999	\$ 200,000 or more
\$ 50,000 to \$ 74,999	