

Grazing Non-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 yes, please complete the Grazing Permittee Questionnaire. If no, please complete the following.

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

County: _____ State: _____

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 gross sales are to firms or individuals located in:

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

6. What percentage of your purchases (supplies, fuel, medicine, etc) are from firms or individuals located 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 which period of time 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 fed is raised on your farm or ranch? _____%

10. When your livestock are not primarily being fed 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 permits		
Other (specify)		
Total	100 %	

11. Have you (family/firm/ranch) ever owned a permit that allowed you to graze livestock on lands administered by any of the following land management agencies (circle all of the appropriate agencies)

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| Bureau of Land Management (BLM) | Forest Service |
| State of Utah (SITLA) | Park Service |
| Fish & Wildlife Service | |

12. If you (family/firm/ranch) owned one or more permits to graze on public lands in the past but no longer do so, why do you no longer own these permits?

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

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

14. 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 your or others' use of grazing permits in the future. 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 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

15. Grazing by domestic livestock can have a positive as well as a negative impact on other uses. Indicate what impact, if any, grazing by domestic livestock has on the following in 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 quality/quantity					
Fire suppression					
Recreational opportunities					
Spread of invasive plant species or weeds					
Other (please specify)					

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.

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

17. 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)

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

19. How many people currently live in your household

Total number _____ Number under the age of 18: _____

20. 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

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

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

22. 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 _____

23. Which of the following categories best describes you 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	

24. Please add any comments you believe would be helpful or informative.