

2006 Fish Creek, Trail Creek, Hurst Canyon, North Fork and Park Creek S&G End of Season Report

Actual Use Dates:

Allotment	Date on National Forest	Date off National Forest	Number of Ewes	Number of Lambs
Fish Creek	06/22	07/16	917	1228
	07/27	07/30	611	687
Trail Creek	07/07	07/13	611	687
	07/14	07/26	611	687
	07/31	08/07	1225	0
	09/14	09/17	1225	0
Hurst Canyon	08/08	09/13	1225	0
Park Creek	07/16	07/25	919	1250
Trailing to North Fork	07/26	07/27	1000	
North Fork	07/27	08/27	1000	0
Trailing	08/28	09/05	1000	0

Forage Harvested:

Allotment	Total HM's Permitted	Total HM's Harvested
Fish Creek	3156	834
Trail Creek	2525	885
Hurst Canyon	4374	1490
Park Creek	1775	565
North Fork	3252	1052
Trailing between Park Creek and North Fork		33

Allotment Inspections: Fish Creek allotment was visited on 07/07, 7/28, 09/05, 09/12, and 09/22. Trail Creek allotment was visited on 07/20 and 08/30. Park Creek and North Fork allotments were inspected on 07/25, 09/07, and 10/10. These inspections included long term riparian vegetation trend surveys (Winward 2000), livestock placement checks, forage utilization, and improvement inspections.

Information: The precipitation information for the District is included in the table below. While this information is collected in Mackay and is not specific to your allotment areas, it does give a good idea of the available moisture on the District. The unusual weather this year caused average forage production in most areas and the late precipitation in September helped to keep the forage more palatable for animals in the uplands.

Month	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Precipitation (in inches)	0.66	1.12	1.01	2.33	0.77	1.17	1.06	0.23	1.11

Livestock issues: There were repeated reports of cattle in the Fish Creek, Trail Creek, and Hurst allotments which warranted most of the site visits to the Fish Creek allotment. Without a complete boundary fence cattle will continue to move into these areas.

Recommendations: A more efficient system needs to be established for reporting cattle issues and having them remedied in a timely manner. This can be discussed at the spring meeting. If any issues do come up please call and we will address them as needed.

Trend data collected.

Greenline transects were re-read for trend determination in the North Fork (Park Canyon Unit), Trail Creek, and Fish Creek Allotments:

<u>Park Canyon</u>	2002	2006
Seral Status	27.56 Early	64.07 Late
Stability Rating	5.97	7.43

Transect located above the road in Park Canyon, just below the conifer community.

<u>Trail Creek</u>	2002	2006
Seral Status	97.44 PNC	74.31 Late
Stability Rating	8.56	7.40

Transect located below Sandy Meadow along the tributary of Trail Creek. The channel has moved since 2002 and this may be the reason for the decline in seral status and stability rating. The channel has moved to the edge of the meadow causing upland vegetation to be prevalent on one side of the channel.

<u>Fish Creek</u>	2002	2006
Seral Status	45.82 Mid	64.73 Late
Stability Rating	6.11	6.02

Transect located along the road, about 1/8 mile from the summit on Fish Creek.