

Table 3. Forage Allocation for the Area Containing the Bitner, Nut Mountain, and Wall Canyon HMAs.

AREA	EXISTING FORAGE PRODUCTION (AUMs) ¹	WATERSHED, WILDLIFE COVER, SOIL STABILIZATION	WILDLIFE (AUMs) ²				LIVESTOCK			WILD HORSES		GRAND TOTAL
			Deer	Antelope	Bighorn	Total	Class	Season	AUMa	Numbers ³	AUMs	
2A	4,104	2,052					Cattle	4/15-10/15	1,446	-	-	
2B	3,430	1,715					Cattle	4/15-9/30	1,715	13	156	
<i>Part of Bitner [IMA]</i>												
2C	4,138	2,069					Cattle	4/16-8/31	1,342	7	84	
2D	800	800					-			-		
2E	31,922	15,961					Seeding: Cattle 4/16-5/15 Native: Sheep 5/1-6/30 Sheep 10/8-11/30 20,347			80	960	
<i>Part of Bitner and all of Nut Mts and Wall Cuyoa HMA*</i>												
TOTAL	44,394	22,597	1,350	770	-	2,120			24,850	100	1,200	50,767*

The area including the Bitner HMA was counted in February and August, 1973, 116 and 127 horses were counted. In August, 1984, 138 horses were removed from the area with 15 horses being returned to the Bitner HMA. In the fall of 1988, 33 horses were gathered from the Bitner HMA. This was a 21 % increase per year from 1984 to 1988. Thirteen horses were returned to the HMA. This HMA was placed under structured management in 1988. It was estimated that there would be 27 horses by the fall of 1992, however, when the horse gates were opened in November, 1992, 40 horses were counted.

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- 1 Estimate based on 1979 and 1980 BLM actual use and utilization data except for Massacre Mountain Allotment. Livestock forage production is 22,597 AUMs at 50% use levels in the livestock use areas, except Massacre Mountain Allotment (the entire 800 AUMs within Area 2D is allocated to non-consumptive uses). Total production is 44,394 AUMs.
 - 2 Allocation is made on a unit wide basis.
 - 3 Average numbers. Numbers may vary from a low of 70 to a maximum of 125.
 - 4 Actual use data for the Massacre Mountain Allotment is incomplete. Therefore, total active use is being allocated until a production survey is completed in the Sub Unit 2 and 3 portion of the Massacre Mountain Allotment.