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Grazing Files - LLCON05000
0500347, 0501502, 0501503, 0501512, 0501513, and 0501519

February 26, 2020

United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service, Blanco Ranger District
C/O Curtis Keetch, District Ranger
220 East Market Street
Meeker, Colorado 81641

Dear Mr. Keetch:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Yellowjacket Project for the proposed vegetation management activities in the Wilson Park, Sawmill and Ellison Mountain areas. Bureau of Land Management's, White River Field Offices comments are below.

1. In general, these neighboring BLM Grazing Allotments will not be impacted by the project as follows: Theos T. #06812 is authorized to the Theos Swallow Fork Ranch (#0501512) and Theos N. Allotment #06813 is authorized to the Nick Theos Family LLC (#0501513) are currently operated as sheep allotments. For the Milk Creek Allotment #06803 is authorized to the Winslett Ranch (#0501503) and the Big Beaver Allotment #06819 is authorized Mr. Charles Barrett (#0501519) and are currently operated as cattle allotments.
2. However, there may be impacts to the Yellow Jacket Allotment #06858 which is authorized to Davidson Yellow Jacket Ranch #0501502 for the use period of July 20 until August 25 +/- for 105 cattle, and Yellow Jacket – South Allotment #06826 which is authorized to Triple E Ranch (#0500347) for the use period of 7/15 to 7/19 +/- with 105 cattle.

Because these two allotments currently utilize Rio Blanco County Road #48 as the boundary line between them with no livestock fencing to divide the two allotments would potentially impact the livestock by the number of truck trips proposed for removal of the timber materials during their use periods. Increased vehicle traffic may temporarily displace or keep the livestock from making proper distributed use.

BLMs recommendation is that you contact the two authorized users of the Yellow Jacket (#06858) and the Yellow Jacket – South (#06826) Allotments in order for the operators to make any necessary adjustments in their livestock use. We have provided their contact information below.

Yellow Jacket Allotment

Davidson Yellow Jacket Ranch
C/O Charles Davidson
P.O. Box 561498
Rockledge, Florida 32956-1498
#321-638-3505

Yellow Jacket Allotment

Triple E Ranch
C/O John Economos
125 Green Fall Pointe
Atlanta, Georgia 30350
#678-300-3159, Ranch #878-0680

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter or need to discuss further, please call me at 970-878-3802.

Sincerely,



Kent E. Walter
Field Manager