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grass and preventing erosion;
and that in the late 90's
you can not measure grass
usage by using stubble height
as a Measure of Forage
Utilization it was to manipulate
the outcome. This happened on
Black Mesa allotment when the
USFS clipped & weighed grass inside
cages & permittees clipped the outside,
the measurements came up with
better on the outside than on
the inside after it had been
grazed. That is why we moved
on to our current way of growth
season & usage & regrowth.

So I ask why would we go back
to measurements when they didn't work
instead of continuing on with what
does work. As far as the rates at
which they are charging that is
something funny to me, just
try walking 200 feet into a
wooded area without having to
cross a half dozen down logs, why
raise rates on cows when you
could sell logs that would increase
jobs, boost our local economy,
improve the health of our
forest & lower the fire ~~too~~
danger - now that's a thought.
I would call that a WIN WIN!!

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is a delta county life time resident I do love to fish & hunt on our USFS land and I also run cows on that forest ground too.

The one thing I would say is a major benefit that the cows provide along the creek is trails, so that I can take my 5 year old daughter along the water and through the brush much easier to fish, without the livestock I'd spend half the day getting her line untangled, so we are able to spend lots more time fishing and enjoying the outdoors.

To all of the hunters that love the West Elk Wilderness... how many hours do you think you would spend getting up the through line trail if the West Elk Cattle Pool ~~did~~ and Ferrer Outfitters did not clean the trail every year? If you want to know just go over to Sumner and try their trails they are all but ~~un~~ impassable. We should be saying Thank You to the Cattle Pool & Ferrer Outfitters for all the work.

The USFS has records on grazing from 1940's - 2017 that prove the grazing is improving