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This is in response to DN/FONSI and Environmental Assessment for the Oak Knoll Range Project, regarding East Beaver Allotment, Relevant Issue #3:

A much better plan would be a mutual cattle drift for all permittees on the crest area. Ten to Fifteen head would be sufficient to make this a more workable situation. There would be no resource damage because of drift from either side, since it would be mutual and monitored by the permittees involved.

There is no natural defining boundary on the crest. In fact, the range people from the forest service do not all agree on where the line is. It is very expensive traveling to the crest to remove a few head of cattle that have drifted a short distance onto Rogue Siskiyou Range, and the cattle will be back by the time we get there.

The mutual drift for all permittees is a very simple solution to an ongoing issue.

Note: This would eliminate most of the friction between the Rogue and Klamath forest and would make it a whole lot better for all the permittees on the crest area. However, if this is not adopted, it is plain to me that the forest service does not want to solve this issue and would rather have conflict instead of harmony. If the latter is the case, it is a sad day for all permittees.

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