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Wa.Fish & Wildlife Commission  
Wa.Dept.of Fish & Wildlife  
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Dear Fish & Wildlife Commissioners:

Under the provisions of RCW 34.05 I hereby petition the Commission to enact rules associated with the provisions of RCW 77 and WAC 232.13 and in accordance with Fish & Wildlife Policy 6003 and House Bill 1309 the following objectives and management principles shall be adopted.

The purpose of these ammendments are to better insure that the strategic goals of the WDFW are defined,carried out and administered on all suitable Dept.lands.This includes Goal # 1 "protect native fish and wildlife...."

The requested objectives,principles are designed to insure that effective best science methods are employed by Dept.staff responsible for carrying out the Depts.livestock grazing permit actions.Commensurate with these changes are the stated responsibility to preserve,protect and inhance wildlife & fish including game,nongame and ESA and focal species found on our Wa.Dept.of Fish and Wildlife Wildlife Mgt.Areas.It is further directed that all livestock grazing must be conducted under and by Wa.Dept.of Fish & Wildlife staff.All grazing permits must be covered by the wa.SEPA requirements and annual cost benefit reporting to the SAO.

See attachment A

Sincerely,

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• The objectives of the WDFW Livestock Grazing Program are as described:

- 1) All livestock grazing on WDFW lands must comply with Strategic Goal # 1 to protect native fish and wildlife....
- 2) All livestock grazing must clearly show that it will and actually does benefit wildlife. Sup. Court Decision Herman v WDFW, Quan, etc. Thurston Sup. Court
- 3) All livestock grazing on WDFW lands must comply, follow, and enact F&W Comm. Polict 6003 ie must benefit wildlife
- 4) All livestock grazing on WDFW lands must comply with the mandates of HB1309 Rangeland Standards sec.5 This pertains to protecting riparian areas and streamsides to protect native fish.
- 6) Livestock grazing on WDFW lands must employ best available science in all permitting actions to include lessons learned from the WSU Pilot Grazing Project along with the projects quantitative and qualitave finds.
- 7) the grazing plan. /permits must protect ESA species as a first priority and focal species as a second priority.

• Guiding Principles

The biological and environmental effects will be evaluated on an annual basis.

The grazing operations must be cost effective both in staff fte, cost benefit, materials used and weed control costs to the WMA and the WDFW.

Effective mgt. procedures including AUM counts by staff, scientific range science monitoring will be enforced by WDFW staff.

An annual grazing training and permit evaluation will be accomplished by WDFW staff and the permittee at the close of the grazing treatment.

The timing of the grazing treatment and the AUMs will be determined based on the benefits to wildlife needs and vegetation soils and moisture conditions. (turnon dates and AUM allowances.

Special economic favors will not be given to the permittee with respect to crossing permits and extensions of the grazing days specified on the permit.

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