



**Grazing Operations Comparison on Wilderness, Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) and Non-Wilderness Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lands**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Standard Multiple Use (Not Wilderness or WSA)</b>	<b>Wilderness Study Area (WSAs)</b>	<b>Designated Wilderness</b>
Motorized access to maintain existing facilities (fences, stockponds, etc)	allowed with prior authorization	allowed with prior authorization (must comply with non-impairment standard*)	allowed with prior authorization (subject to minimum requirements analysis**)
Emergency motorized access cross-country (e.g. removing a sick calf)	allowed	allowed (must notify BLM)	allowed (must notify BLM)
Non-emergency motorized access cross-country	may be allowed	not allowed	not allowed
Motorized access on existing routes*** (neither emergency nor maintenance)	allowed	may be allowed	not allowed
New facility construction	allowed with prior authorization	allowed only for resource protection; after construction, must never need motorized access for maintenance	allowed only for resource protection
Required reduction of livestock numbers	only to prevent biophysical resource damage	only to prevent biophysical resource damage	only to prevent biophysical resource damage

\*Non-impairment standard. This standard requires that all uses and facilities must be both temporary and not create surface disturbance. Examples:

- Use of a motor vehicle on a route open to the public along a fence may be used for fence repairs.
- Horses are generally considered the appropriate access for fence segments that are not access by a route open to the public.
- A grandfathered stock pond is generally allowed access by a backhoe (or other equipment), on or off existing routes, when needed to clean it out.

\*\*Minimum Tool Analysis. This is an analysis performed by the BLM to determine the minimum necessary action required to perform a particular activity in wilderness lands. Examples:

- horses are generally considered the minimum tools necessary to inspect livestock, or to repair a small length of fence
- a truck may be the minimum tool necessary to transport larger quantities of materials for more extensive repairs
- a backhoe could be the minimum tool necessary to periodically clean out a stock pond.

\*\*\*Existing Routes. These are generally referred as to as two-tracks, ways, or primitive routes which existed at the time of wilderness inventory and are open to the general public. Use of a route not open to the public is considered cross country.