

DORMANT SEASON

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Feeding= xxx	Backup Plan= xxx	2020					NOV					DEC					2021					JAN					FEB				
x= main herd	z= dieters	SUN DAY	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21							
PASTURE																															
Upper (Pond)	32 acres	68				xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx												xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx							
(Upper) Sullivan	25 acres	77								xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx											xxxxxx	xxxxxx						
Forest Meadow	18 acres	76																		xxx	xxxxxx										
Middle Meadow	12 acres	76a												xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx															
Plateau	27 acres	75	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx																										
Lower Sullivan	5 acres	73a																			xxxxxx										
Beer Can	10 acres	73																			xxxxx										
Lower	16 acres	72																			xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx								
Lower Pear	8 acres	541																						zzzzzz	zzzzzz						
Upper Pear	?	74																													
x= main herd	z= dieters		Over all goal is to start spring moves a bit earlier, and have initial transitions for both unfed and fed be a bit more gradual at the beginning of the season, keeping more horses in the main grazing group. Amounts fed will also be a factor in helping our horses through the grazing year.										Sensitive horses among the fed will join an already grazed pasture, and easy keepers at risk among the unfed will have company moving into the Sullivan. Dieting horses can go in & out of the Sullivan, the hardy ones can begin on a small section to stage into the Growing Season, if appropriate for herd number & forage; especially sensitive horses can skip the Sullivan but continue on some pasture time.																		
NOTE REST TIME			TIER TWO DORMANT SEASON: 6-8 wks on; 60 days rest stock density approaching 1 animal/ acre TIER THREE DORMANT SEASON: 2-4 wks on; 60 days rest stock density less than 1 animal/ acre																												

Erica Braun:
join the others in an already grazed Pond

Erica begin

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Backup Plan= xxx	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP																							
x= main herd	28	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
z= dieters	28	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
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Erica Braun:
Plateau & horses will benefit from close spring grazing this yr. Could move to Meadows if needed

Erica Braun:
re-join herd in BC?

Erica Braun:
stay longer if needed

First pass through the lower pastures could be done by dieting horses; little growth in February & either the BC Corral or temporary BC section are feasible to enable this depending on wet or dry. The main herd will soldier on with a first pass through the Plateau to prepare for a long stay here in late spring. One spring stay in the meadows instead of two. I think the meadows forage at this time of year is better tolerated than anywhere else in our pastures; alternative to Middle Meadow available in Pear. Dieting horses can rejoin the main herd in already grazed pasture through most of these rotations. Incremental grazing in Lower Pear by dieting horses likely can't be sustained for 2 months & probably best not start here at the height of the annual grasses season.

Have we done enough fire control at this point? The past year, fire control has been the priority for the agencies we work with, and we've pushed the limits well beyond tier parameters. Best to have enough horses on pasture to make short work, because I think fewer don't - we can talk about this.

TIER TWO GROWING SEASON: 4-6 wks on, 30 days rest stock density approaching 1 animal/ acre
TIER THREE GROWING SEASON: 1 wk or less on, 30 days rest stock density greater than 1 animal/ acre