

MAGCON FLAT ALLOTMENT

The Macon Flat Unit is located 20 miles north of Shoshone, and lies between Magic Reservoir on the east and highway 46 on the west. It is located entirely in CAMAS COUNTY.

The area is generally flat with a few draws and a few natural lakes, which generally dry up in summer.

Elevations run from 5,000 ft. on the north to about 5,800 ft. on the south. The annual precipitation is from 13-16 inches. Growing season on the flat is around 95 days.

Acres within the allotment are:

Federal range	42,737
State land	2,240
Private land	<u>3,020</u>
	47,997 total

Macon Flat was adjudicated in 1965.

The season use was established as 5/1 to 6/30 and fall sheep use of 10/16 to 11/30.

Qualifications:

The present numbers of livestock that can use the allotment are 4,180 cattle (6,391 AUM's) and about 12 bands of sheep (2,757 total AUM's; 2,148 spring AUM's and 609 fall AUM's). There are 14 permittees who run cattle and 9 who run sheep on Macon Flat.

In 1966 the B.L.M. sprayed 3000 acres of sagebrush. Since 1968 the Association has constructed 21 water holes. In 1970 the Association fenced the unit into three pastures and initiated a rest-rotation system.

The grazing formula for the cattle is as follows.

Pasture	Year	1/1	5/1	6/30	12/31
A	1				
	2				
B	3				
	4				
C	5				
	6				
				Rest	
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Sheep are allowed to graze the entire allotment during the 5/1 to 6/30 season of use and again from 10/16 to 11/30.

Key grass species of the area are blue-bunch wheatgrass (*Agropyron Spicatum*) and Idaho Fescue (*Festuca Idahoensis*). Other grasses are Sandberg's bluegrass, squirrel-tail and needlegrass. Shrub species are big sagebrush, low sagebrush and some bitterbrush. There are numerous forbes inhabiting the site.