

Hockett meadow Ranger Station
1991 Report

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Miles Patrolled:

Stock	653 (x2 For the mule 1306)
Foot	337
<u>total</u>	990

Visitor Contacts

~~Day Hikers~~
Backpackers ~~319~~
Stock Users 234
total ~~553~~

Hockett Ranger Stock Nights:

Hockett meadow - 170 (all at Hockett mds)

Medicals - 0

Bear Incidents - 0

Visitor Assists

Fixed Blisters on Visitors Feet - 1

Helped ~~some~~ shoe visitors stock - 1

Returned lost stock - 1 (6 Head)

Gave out Trash Bags - 1 (5 Bags)

total - 4

Law Enforcement:

Verbal warnings:

No Wilderness Permits - 3

Pet in closed Area - 1

B-B-Guns

Total $\frac{1}{5}$

Fire Rings - Removed - 16 (Stone moved 2250 LBS)
 Cleared 49
 total 65

TRAIL MAINTENANCE:

Trees Removed: 20 (^{BY D-BIT} AXE)

TRAIL ROCKED: 32 miles - 11700^{LBS} OF Stone Removed

DIRT HAULED (FOR THE TRAIL) 1100 LBS

TRAIL REHAB - ~~2000~~ 1500'

TRAIL DRAINAGE 3000' (BOGS)

Stream ~~Flow~~ Crossing Improvement:

House Creek 300 LBS OF Stone Moved

Huester Creek 200 " " " "

South Fork River 300' (Cyclone Man Crossing "ETAL")

Trochy Creek (ETAL) 200 LBS " " " "

Total 1000 LBS

Total Stone Moved - ^{LBS} 16,050 - OVER 8 TONS
FOR TRAILS & FIRE PITS

WASTE REMOVED - 318 LBS

Stock Loads Hauled - ~~200~~ ⁵⁰⁰ LBS

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Weather: The weather was in short, just lovely this season at Hockett meadows.

Fines - 0

Resource Management: As far as I could tell the Oregonian *Purpurascens* population at Hockett meadows was undamaged this year. Meadow monitors Mike Newman et al were here in July. They did plot studies at Hockett and Mitchell meadows.

Summary 1991 was my first season as the Hockett Ranger. My goals for the season were to "learn the country", make visitor contacts and contribute in anyway I could. I feel I accomplished these simple goals. I have a real feel for the types of users here on the Hockett plateau and I made a good faith effort through education and interpretation to make friends for the park while making the park's policy acceptable to the visitors.

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Two Problems in regard to Fences will be discussed. The Stock Pasture Fence at ~~the~~ Hockett mdw's needs reconstruction. The metal pole part of the fence is a total disaster. The metal pole clip "idea" may be a good fence for lower altitudes but the snow cuts the wire into many parts. A drop type fence needs to be built. My experience tells me this would be a chew type job with considerable cost in materials, ~~and~~ labor, and time.

A Pasture Fence needs to be built at Soda Springs. A "drop fence" would be imperative.

Visitor use: The high use areas are Hockett mdw's, Summit Lake and the Horse Camps along the South Fork River. Increased stock use at Blossum Lakes is creating negative impacts. Direct contact with the packers using this area could mitigate this problem. The current level of stock use on the Hockett Pastures appears to ^{be} about right. The South Fork meadows get the most use and could be looked at by the "Meadow Folks."

Increased effort with the Forest Service and the packer will have a positive ↓

EFFECT ON Summit Lake, ~~the~~ BOMB PROOF Educational Sign(s) At the Trailhead there would help Face to Face discussions with the U.S.F.S, ~~and~~ the Packers And the Packers + teen aged employess would be helpful.

Due to the Fact that someone owns some Private land in Pecks ^(USFS) Canyon there was increased Stock Traffic through the Summit Lake Entrance to Pecks Canyon Entrance causing increased impact on this Trail. There was increased use too on the "Use Trail" that cuts across this Area from Summit Ck. to the Pecks Trail.

The Trail From Mineral King to Hockett Meadows is Need OF Maintenance i.e. the Lower section is choked with stone making Stock Travel more difficult. There's A difficult "Bog" in the Trail on the "High Trail" Between Windy Gap and West Meadow Above Green Meadow - This trail is used A good Bit less during Deer Season. The Last Section OF Trail to Blossum Lakes is Difficult For Stock - However, maybe it should stay that way. By Far the majority OF the Trails Are in good condition. The Tuohy Entrance and Tuohy Creek Trail receives considerable Stock use, and most users Ride on to the South Fork Meadows Camps.