

2010 GRAZING AUM RATE

Based on the information presented to the Land Board on March 17, 2009 - the grazing fee for 2010 will be \$5.12 per AUM. The AUM fee formula as approved by the Land Board states that if the previous 12 month (October 1- September 30) average lamb price is 70% or less than the average price for calves under 500 lbs. during the same period, the sheep AUM rate will be reduced 25%. Price data was reviewed by the Department in early October 2009 to determine if the lamb and calf price difference was sufficient to result in a lower AUM rate for sheep operators in 2010. The results indicated no significant difference between average lamb and calf prices. The 2010 grazing AUM rate for both cattle and sheep will, therefore, be \$5.12 per AUM.