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Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

2.3.6 Riparian Management Zones

I would think that the stubble height requirement for grazing should be eliminated from 2.4.5, for the following reasons:

- 1 Stubble height is highly subjective and variable depending on the timing of the sample, the experience and training of the collector, and the current and expected moisture.
- 2 Stubble height should be used as a guideline over a period of time to objectively measure forage utilization, as a snapshot in time that will show tendencies.
- 3 Using utilization levels (stubble height) as a hard trigger point for stock movement, and not considering any other factor(s) is not sound range science.

I would prefer Alternative E for the Sioux Ranger District.

I think having a one size fits all Forest Plan over as broad a geographic area, and the diversity and scope of the inhabitants of the area as the Custer-Gallatin encompasses is not even realistic.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.