



Hartnet Allotment Capitol Reef National Park

Where conflicts between livestock and wildlife are prolonged and intractable, the National Wildlife Federation believes that public land grazing retirements can provide an equitable solution for ranchers and wildlife interests. In coordination with federal land managers, we negotiate with livestock producers to retire livestock grazing allotments that experience chronic conflict with wildlife, especially wolves, grizzly bears, bison, bighorn sheep and now endangered plants. This market approach recognizes the economic value of livestock grazing permits and fairly compensates producers for retiring their leases. This approach establishes an important new national model for resolving conflicts between livestock and wildlife habitat.

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The Next Opportunity

THE HARTNET ALLOTMENT COVERS OVER 71,000 ACRES and almost the entire northern unit of the Capitol Reef National Park. It is one of only two remaining cattle allotments in the Park and includes critical habitat for two cactus species listed under the Endangered Species Act. The Winkler's cactus has a very restricted range with over half of the remaining examples occurring within the Park. The Wright's fishhook cactus is the second with one-third of the total number of specimens occurring within the Hartnet Allotment.

Based on recent research, when cattle are removed from an area, both cacti populations recover quite quickly. In addition, removing cattle would allow the Park to restore habitat for bighorn sheep, elk, mule deer, pronghorn, mountain lions, golden eagles and many other species. In March of 2018, NWF finalized an agreement with the long-time ranching family to permanently remove cattle from this fragile landscape.



WHERE: Capitol Reef National Park

NEAREST TOWN: Torrey, UT

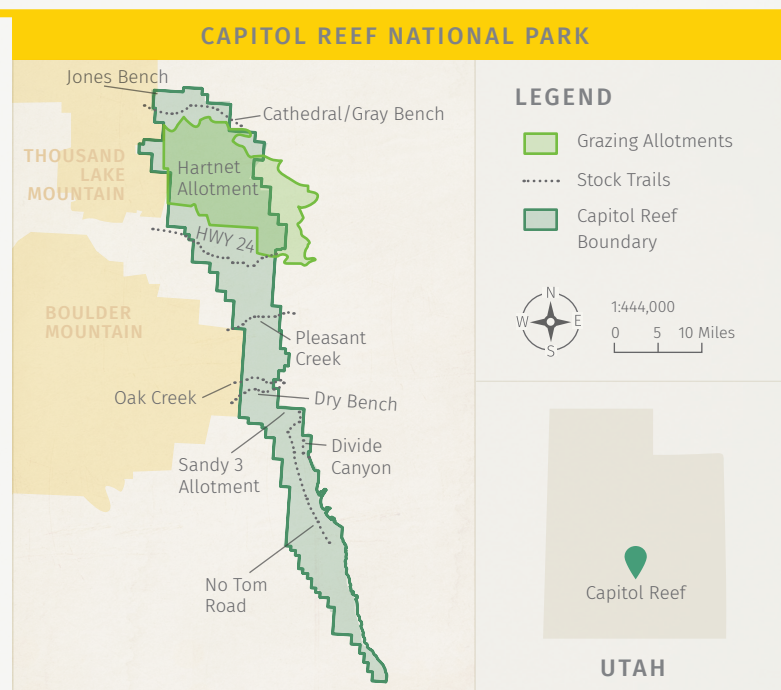
CONFLICT: Cattle in conflict with rare plants and fragile wildlife habitat

ACRES: 75,000

AUMS: 1,141

ANTICIPATED RETIREMENT DATE:
May 15, 2018

TOTAL ESTIMATED PRICE: \$365,120



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