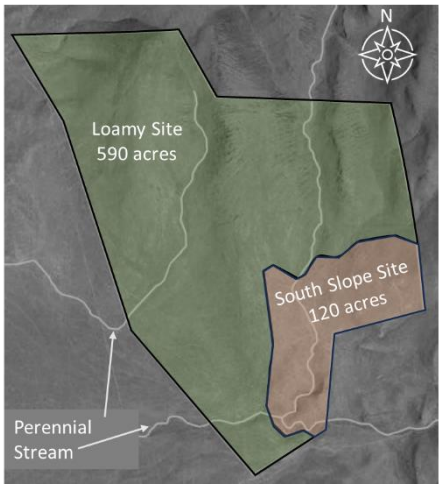
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What are your estimates of usable forage supply and forage demand while animals are the allotment?

Round estimates to the nearest 10th of a pound or AUM (i.e., 1 unit beyond the decimal).

Supply of usable forage = _____ pounds **AND** _____ AUMs *30 pts*

Forage demand = _____ pounds **AND** _____ AUMs *30 pts*

Determine if the stocking rate is appropriate for the site. You must show your work in order to receive full credit. (Check appropriate box) *10 pts*

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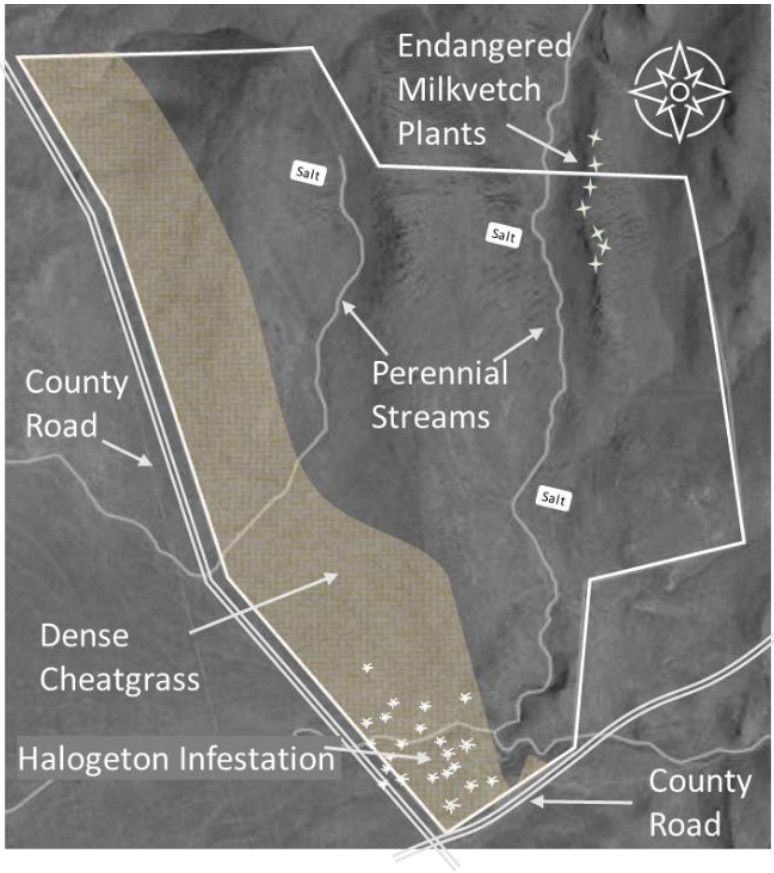
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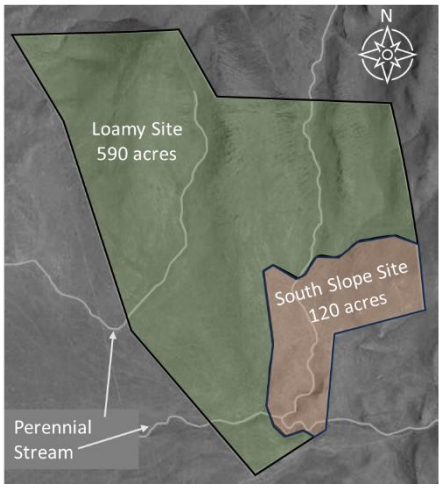
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Supply of usable forage = 406,125 pounds **AND** 541.5 AUMs *30 pts*

Forage demand = 366,525 pounds **AND** 488.7 AUMs *30 pts*

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Forage Supply:

- Loamy = 450 lbs/acre annual + 300 lbs/ac perennial = 750 lbs/acre × 590 acres = 442,500 lbs
- South Slope = = 525 lbs/acre annual + 300 lbs/ac perennial = 825 lbs/acre × 120 acres = 99,000 lbs
- Total = 442,500 lba + 99,000 lba\s = 541,500 lbs × 75% desired consumption = **406,125 lbs** or **541.5 AUMS**

Forage Demand:

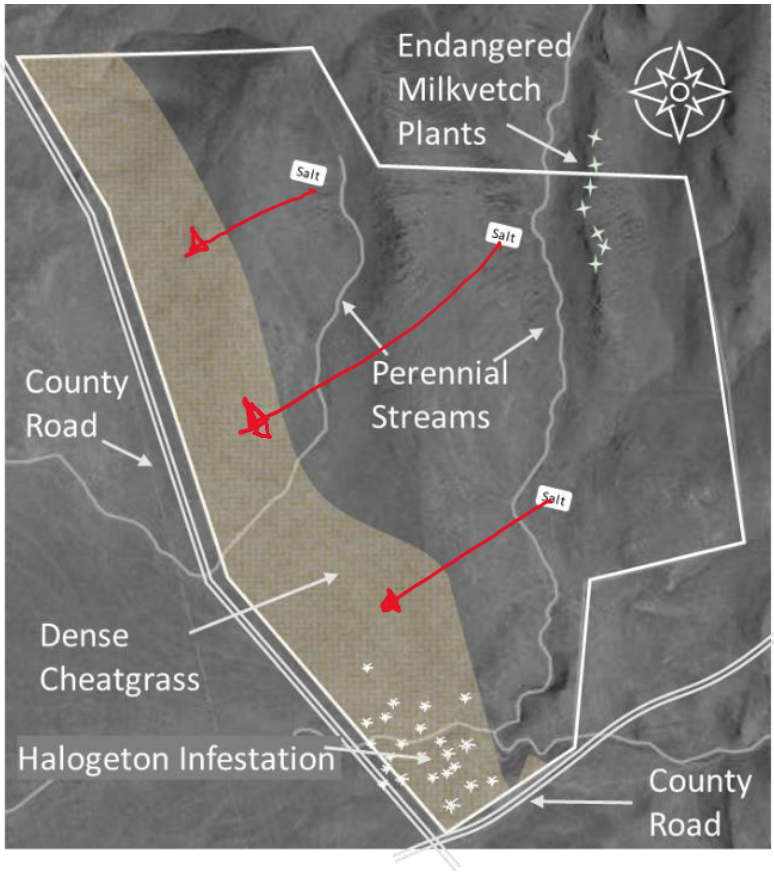
- Heifers and steer will eat 24 lbs/day (i.e, 800 lbs × 3% of body weight/day = 24lbs/day) × 450 animals × 30 days = 324,000 lbs demand for cattle
- Horses will eath 33.75 lbs per day (i.e, 1080 lbs × 3% of body weight/day if ruminant = 27 bs/day + 25% or 6.75 lbs because horses eat more than a ruminant of same size = 33.75 lbs) × 28 horses × 45 days = 42,525 lbs demand for horses
- **Total demand** = 324,000 + 42,525 = **366,525 lbs** demand or **488.7 AUMs**

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