

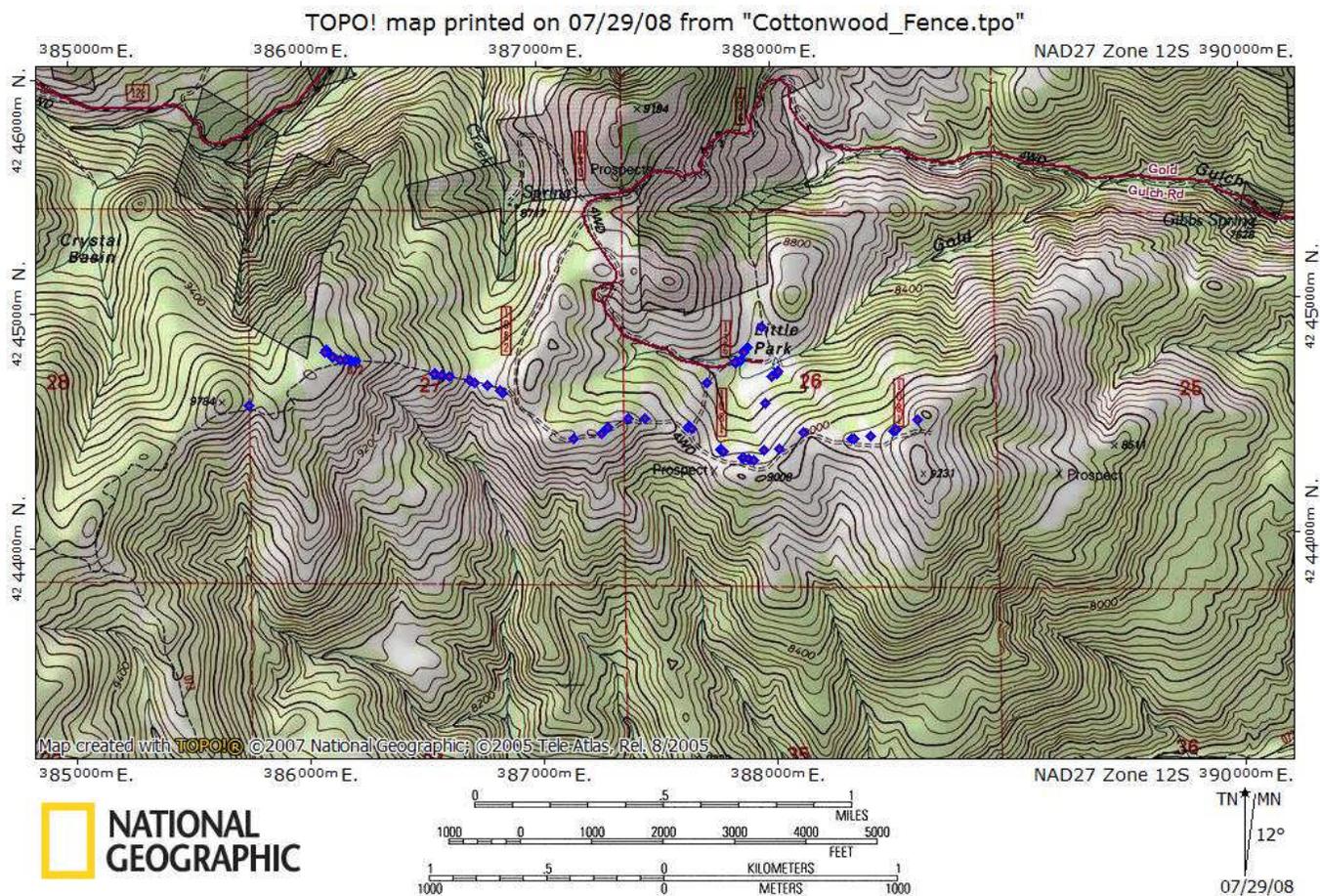
Ten Mile Allotment Ten Mile Pasture Northern Fence

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The fence on the northern boundary of Ten Mile Pasture is in extensive disrepair. On July 10, 2008, Grand Canyon Trust interns Season Martin and Aaron David walked the length of the mapped fence between Ten Mile Pasture of Ten Mile Allotment and Cottonwood Allotment, which has been closed to livestock grazing for 30 years. They took 250 photos of locations at which the fence is compromised or nonexistent, providing potential for cattle access to the Little Park area in Cottonwood Allotment.

For more than a decade, cattle have been trespassing into Cottonwood Allotment from Ten Mile Allotment and all negotiations thus far have failed to result in follow-through on negotiated agreements or permit conditions.¹ When the Trust was told during a Spring 2008 Tushar Collaboration meeting that the Forest had no ability to require the permittee to ride the fence and report locations where the cattle may be able to enter into Cottonwood Allotment, the Trust agreed to provide such information. The map below indicates locations at which the 250+ GPS-linked photos were taken. All photos are available upon request.

¹ See "Summary of 105 Documents Responsive to a Freedom of Information Act Request¹ for Documents Regarding Enforcement Concerns and Management Actions. Ten Mile Allotment Fishlake National Forest;1996-2007." Compiled by Mary O'Brien, Grand Canyon Trust. Available upon request. *October 27, 2008 Note: The summary notes several documents that are referred to, but had not been provided to the Trust at the time of the summary compilation. These documents have since been provided, but their information has not yet been entered into the chart.*



The following major types of problems are repeated at various locations along the fence (see Figs. 1-11 for a photo example of each):

1. Loose fence
2. Top wire down
3. Wires completely down
4. Broken and loose wires
5. Logs over the fence
6. Open gate
7. Cattle trail through open gate into Little Park
8. E. end of fence
9. Open access around the E. end of the fence into Cottonwood Allotment
10. Cowpie in Cottonwood Allotment
11. Aspen stand in Cottonwood allotment, with little or no recruitment
12. Cattle in Cottonwood Allotment

Major concerns:

- Trespass of Ten Mile Allotment cattle into the closed Cottonwood Allotment, including grazing of the sagebrush community and browsing of aspen that are supposed to be free of livestock pressure.
- Loss of integrity of the Cottonwood Allotment as a reference area which can be compared with similar habitats grazed by livestock.

- Repeated violation of permit requirement to maintain fence.
- Burden on the Beaver Ranger District and the Fishlake NF to repeatedly respond to livestock trespass into Cottonwood Allotment, and repeated negotiated agreements with the permittee that subsequently have not been honored (see footnote 1).



Fig. 1. Loose fence.



Fig. 2. top wire down, in these case, between three posts.



Fig. 3. Wires completely down.



Fig. 4. Broken and loose wires.



Fig. 5. Logs over fence.



Fig. 6. Open gate.



Fig. 7. Cattle trail through open gate into Little Park, Cottonwood Allotment.



Fig. 8. Eastern end of fence.



Fig. 9. Open livestock access to Cottonwood Allotment around eastern end of fence.



Fig. 10. Cow pie in Cottonwood Allotment.



Fig. 11. Aspen stand in Little Park (Cottonwood Allotment); essentially no regeneration.



Fig. 12. Cattle in Little Park (Cottonwood Allotment) July 10, 2008.