

**WAC 332-20-210 Temporary grazing permits.** Where new permit range allotments are established or where additional area is added to existing allotments, a temporary grazing permit may be issued for a maximum of five years.

A temporary grazing permit will be issued on the basis of the highest cash bonus offer received by sealed or oral public auction bids from qualified applicants. An applicant must qualify in base ranch property and ownership of livestock.

Before a temporary grazing permit is offered for sealed or oral public auction bidding the carrying capacity, permitted units, and grazing season for the range will be determined and advertised. The bidding will be on a cash bonus over and above the annual grazing fee. Temporary grazing permits will be annually validated and may be conditioned or limited by the department based upon range condition and carrying capacity.

When the increased capacity of a range results from range improvement work performed by the expenditures of a holder of a preference permit when such work is done with the department's written approval, the holder of the preference permit shall have the right to obtain a temporary grazing permit by meeting the highest cash bonus offer made by a qualified applicant at auction.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 79.28.050 and 79.28.040. WSR 83-21-018 (Order 402), § 332-20-210, filed 10/7/83; Rules (part), filed 12/3/63; Permit Range Regulations § III (part), effective 6/1/59.]