## **Dixie NF Livestock Herding Standards**

- 1. Numbers and season of use will be adjusted annually if determined necessary by the District Ranger.
- 2. No livestock will be allowed on Forest lands until range readiness, as determined by the Forest Service has been reached.
- 3. Permittees will be required to notify the Forest Service when animals enter the Forest and when they leave at the end of the season.
- 4. The permittee or association will furnish sufficient rider or herders for proper distribution, protection, and management of livestock on the allotment as required by the Allotment Management Plan (AMP) and/or Annual Operating Instructions (AOI).
- 5. Distribution is critical as utilization is approached. When utilization levels are met you will be required to move to the next unit or off the Allotment. Therefore, it is vital that the herd be moved daily out of areas of high concentration to areas typically ignored. Do not allow livestock to concentrate at historically used area. Strays will not be allowed to stay in previously grazed units and will be moved promptly.
- 6. Salt is to be used as a management tool to distribute livestock into areas where utilization is lacking and away from sensitive areas or high utilization areas.
- 7. Salt should be placed no closer than ¼ mile from water nor within 100 feet of roads. In some instances, salt may be placed near upland water sources only if there is a problem keeping livestock in the area. Avoid salting in natural passes.
- 8. Salt will be moved from areas where feed has been used to standards.
- 9. Livestock should be drifted instead of trailed wherever possible. Prohibit trailing of livestock along the length of riparian areas. Relocate stock driveways where found in riparian areas. Rehabilitate damage riparian areas to achieve riparian area goals.
- 10. Carcasses of dead livestock on National Forest lands will be removed by the owner for a distance of at least three-hundred (300) feet from any live water and one-hundred (100) feet from any trailhead or recreation trail. Carcasses will be removed for a distance of at least five-hundred (500) feet from any campground or picnic area.
- 11. Rider and herder camps will be kept clean, litter picked up and properly disposed of. Excess hay and other materials will be removed from the camp site when it is moved. Holding pens or corrals used for riding stock will be cleaned up and debris hauled off or disposed of.