

INDIAN RIDGE C&H ALLOTMENT
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This is the annual operating instructions for the 2003 grazing season for the Indian Ridge C&H allotment and will be considered part of the terms and conditions of the grazing permit.

I. Permitted / Authorized Use

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Term Grazing Permit				Authorized Use			
No.	On Date	Off Date	HMs	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
140	5/23	9/30	597	140	5/23	9/16	539
				60	9/17	9/30	28
				30	10/01	10/31*	31

II. Grazing Schedule and Monitoring Utilization Standards

Actual Grazing Schedule			Allowable Standards		
Unit No.	Unit Name	# Head/H.M's	Dates **	Riparian	Uplands
1	Hughes Creek including Ransack & Ransack loop, Allen Mtn. Clearcuts, West Fork to Grindstone Spring.	140/247	5/23-7/15	4"stbble Ht.	4"stbbl. Ht.
2	Grindstone Spring, Indian Spring, Bear Wallow Srping, Tin Cup Spring	140/350	7/16-10/31	4"stbble Ht.	4" stbbl. Ht.
3	Hull Cr.		REST		

* 95% of cattle numbers will be off the allotment by 10/31. The remaining 5% will be removed when found by permittee.

** **These dates are tentative.** Range readiness will be monitored to determine if the on-date is appropriate. Utilization levels will determine the off date.

NOTE - Do not wait for the forest officer to tell you it is time to move! It is the permittee's responsibility to insure cattle are moved before utilization levels are exceeded.

III. PERMITTEE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

If excess forage appears to be available at the end of the grazing season, there will be four criteria that must be met before an extension is granted.

1. A written request must be made two weeks in advance.
2. AOI/permit standards and guides must have been met on all units during the grazing

season.

3. The forage must be there and available.

4. A bill of a \$100 or more, bill should be paid when received. If less than \$100 it may be paid on next years bill.

The dates of use and sequence of use may be changed due to forage and/or weather conditions. If for these reasons, or others, you wish to make changes in the dates of use or grazing sequence as described in this plans of use, *please discuss it with us before you do so.*

If you are planning to put less than 90 percent of the permitted cattle on the allotment, you will need to apply for nonuse.

Water troughs are to be filled before cattle enter any of the grazing units. When cattle leave a grazing unit, the troughs in that unit are to be drained.

The permittees shall make every effort to remove all cattle from a grazing unit when the grazing period has ended in that unit.

Proper distribution of livestock is very important to proper forage utilization. proper distribution can be attained through placement of water developments, salting, and riding. Salt should be place away from all heavily used trails, all roads, ¼ mile away water, and all natural concentration areas. Some riding usually needs to be done to herd cattle into unused areas or to prevent them from over-utilizing stream bottoms or other riparian areas.

To meet the State of Idaho's provision for trichomoniasis testing, all bulls must be tested at least 45 days prior to the turnout date.

Cattle that die from a contagious disease, or that die at a location where they may contaminate water or be a public nuisance, must be properly disposed of.

Please mail your actual use booklet in at the end of the grazing season. This information is one of the many forms of data used to determine how the range is responding to the management practices applied to it.

Any hay or straw used in association with this permit, will be certified and/or tagged as noxious weed, or noxious weed seed free as directed by the order (#04-00-097, 2/03, according to 36CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), and 36 CFR 261.58 (t)) and state law (Idaho Code sec 22 according to IDAPA 02.06.31.001, 7/99).

IV. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE/CONSTRUCTION

Improvements on the Indian Ridge C&H Allotments will be maintained to Forest Service standards prior to livestock entry onto the allotment or into the first unit.

Each individual permittee is responsible for maintenance of certain Forest Service range improvements on the allotment, as listed in their grazing permits.

Cattle guard below the mouth of the West Fork of Hughes Creek needs to be relocated to the bottom of the West Fork of Hughes Creek just past the junction to prevent cows from going up the West Fork of Hughes Creek or into main Hughes Creek when the cows are in Hull Creek. When the cows are in Hughes Creek, it will prevent the cows from going into Main Hughes Creek late in the season.

No.	Name	Target Date	Condition
2002	Box Springs Water Development	Rest unit	Satisfactory
2006	Upper Grouse Spring*	5/22	Satisfactory
2012	Burnt Mountain Water Development	5/22	Satisfactory
2013	Burnt Mountain Water Development #2**	Rest unit	Poor
2014	Little Hull Creek Water Development	Rest unit	Removal
2015	Grindstone Spring Water Development	7/15	Good
2019	Granite Flat Spring	5/22	Satisfactory
2020	Lower Grouse	5/22	Satisfactory
2032	Drift Spring Water Development	5/22	Satisfactory
2034	East Fork Indian Creek Water Development	7/15	Poor
2035	Tincup Spring Water Development**	7/15	Poor
2051	Votler Creek Drift Fence	5/22	Satisfactory
2060	South Fork Hull Creek Drift Fence	5/22	Satisfactory
2068	Hull Creek Boundary Fence	Rest unit	Satisfactory
2081	Lower Hughes Creek Drift Fence	5/22	Satisfactory
2206	Bear Wallow Water Development***	7/15	Fair
2207	Indian Spring Water Development	7/15	Good
2224	West Grizzly Water Development	7/15	Good
2240	Grizzly Spring	7/15	Satisfactory
2241	Burnt Gulch Pond	Rest unit	Critical
2242	Unnamed Spr. (T.24N., R.20E., sene sec 3)	7/15	Poor
7105	Gallagher Spring Water Development	Rest unit	Satisfactory

* Fence around spring is in poor condition and needs to be removed. It is not serving a purpose.

** Trough needs to be replaced and will be in satisfactory condition.

*** Needs fence around springhead.

The above range improvements are physically present on the allotment and have been reviewed and found to be in the above condition by the permittee as attested by his signature at the end of this document.

NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR THIS YEAR.

Name	Target Date	By	Responsibilities
West Fork Cattleguard Relocation	9/30	FS/Permittee	Forest Service

V. BILLING INFORMATION

Grazing fees are to be paid to Lockbox, San Francisco, CA, by the date specified on the Bill for Collection and in advance of cattle entry onto the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

Grazing fees for the 2003 grazing season are \$1.35 per Head Month.

In 2003 the Forest Service will be billing \$.10 per Head Month for the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission (IRRC). This will be done separately from your grazing fees for the Forest Service.

VI. ACTION SUMMARY

Anticipated problem	Probable solution
Removal of livestock by 9/30. Because of rough timbered terrain.	Staggered removal of livestock from the allotment.

I have reviewed and accepted this Annual Operating Plan for the 2003 grazing season. Any changes to this Annual Operating Plan must be approved by the District Ranger.

Permittee _____ Date _____

Forest Officer _____ Date _____