



PICK C&H 2016 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

These are your annual operating instructions and are part of your term grazing permit, as specified in part 2, item 8(a), and Part 3, (management practices) item 2.

Permitted Number and season of use:

Schmid Family Ranch LLC. 42 c/c 7/16 - 9/15

Authorized Use:

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ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT		
Continuous Season Long Grazing		
Grazing Rotation	Move Dates	Special Instructions
Pick	On 7/16 Off 9/15	Use your GRI and determine utilization and plant response at the end of your use period

RUNNING GRI SCORES			
Grazing Rotation	2013 GRI Score	2014 GRI Score	2015 GRI Score
Pick	-1	-3	0

*Running total GRI scores are corrected based on monitoring information where necessary, and may not match your records.

Livestock Management: This allotment is managed under a continuous season long plan. Authorized use is determinant upon availability of forage and water. Maximum utilization of riparian vegetation is 35% by weight. Use of bunchgrasses should not exceed 50% by weight. Use of bluegrass should not exceed 80% by weight. Use of all other species should not exceed 25-35% by weight. Maximum utilization may not be achieved on every acre of the allotment. Livestock will be removed from NFS lands when allowable use standards are met.

Livestock management should focus on keeping livestock well-distributed to avoid congregation in sensitive or heavily-used areas, such as riparian areas, meadows, and along the Wilson Mesa Trail.

Monitoring and Administration: All permittees are required to keep Actual Use and Fence Maintenance records. In addition, you are required to utilize the Grazing Response Index for this allotment. An informational instruction sheet is included with this Annual Operating Instruction. If you require training on how to use the Grazing Response Index, please contact your Rangeland



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Management Specialist Brian Hoefling at 970-327-4261. These records will be requested by the administering office at the end of the grazing season.

For reference the target is a neutral GRI score averaged over three years by pasture where conditions are “Fair” or greater. The target is a positive GRI score averaged over three years by pasture where conditions are “Poor”.

Range Improvements: Maintenance of allotment boundary fences will be completed prior to turning out on the allotment. Maintenance of all other assigned range improvements must be completed prior to turning out in that unit. Maintenance will be completed according to the specifications outlined in part 3 of the term grazing permit.

Salting: Salt should be placed no closer than 1/4 mile to all water sources, roads, trails, timber regeneration areas, or other key areas where forage utilization is of concern.

Grazing Fee: \$2.11/HM

This figure is calculated according to a formula established by Congress in the 1978 Public Rangelands Improvement Act, and has continued under a Presidential Executive Order issued in 1986. Under that order, the grazing fee cannot fall below \$1.35 per head month and any increase or decrease cannot exceed 25 percent of the previous year’s level. The formula considers three main factors – the average annual change in beef prices, leasing rates for the grazing on private land in 11 western states, and the cost of livestock production.

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