

Alder Creek C&H Allotment 2016 Annual Operating Instructions

Permitted Cattle Numbers and Season of Use

Permittee	Cow/Calf Pairs	Season
Randy Pehrson	398	6/16-10/6
Shane Rosenkrance	118	6/16-10/6
Randy Woodbury	58	6/16-10/6
John Lambert	30	6/16-10/6
Total	604	

These Annual Operating Instructions are made part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8.

Authorized Cattle Numbers and Season of Use for 2016

Permittee	Cow/Calf Pairs	Non-Use	Season
Randy Pehrson	398		6/16-10/6
Shane Rosenkrance	118		6/16-10/6
Randy Woodbury	58		6/16-10/6
John Lambert	30		6/16-10/6
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Grazing Rotation

Units
FS Willow Creek
* Tuscarora/Mammoth/Stewart/Sawmill
*Trail Creek/Upr.-Lwr Brown
*South Fork Alder
Big & Little Blind Canyons/Bedy

There are no dates in the rotation schedule. Moves are based on meeting the utilization standards. When you have determined that it is time to begin moving from a unit to meet these standards representative for the allotment must contact Birk Roseman, your assigned Range Management Specialist, with this information. If needed, contact can first be made by voicemail. A followup conversation with Birk, or a representative he identifies to you, is also required, three to no more than four days, after the move is initiated. Both this initial contact and the followup conversation is hereby required as Forest Officer instruction.

Utilization Standards

Unit	Upland % Use	Riparian Stubble Height inches	Riparian Woody Browse Use
FS Willow Creek	50%	5 inches	35-45%
* Tuscarora/Mammoth/Stewart/Sawmill	50%	4 inches	50%
*Trail Creek/Upr.-Lwr Brown	50%	4 inches	50%
*South Fork Alder	50%	4 inches	50%
Big & Little Blind Canyons/Bedy	50%	4 inches	50%

*There are no fences separating these units and historically were considered one unit. However, the dates associated with the units will be followed as estimated above. Additional riding will be needed to keep

cattle from drifting. The dates are estimates and cattle need to be moved based on utilization standards.

The 2013 White Knob fuels reduction project is still under effect. Treatment areas are in the timber/aspen vegetation community within Chimney Gulch and in steep rocky portions of Mammoth Canyon. In 2014 a FS contractor built two sections of temporary electric fence to help keep cattle out of the aspen restoration area in Chimney Gulch. Permittees will be required to maintain the temporary fence each year while livestock are in the Willow Creek Unit. Please ride to ensure no cattle occur inside of the Chimney Gulch treatment area. You will be notified when livestock will be allowed back into those areas.

Designated Monitoring Areas (DMA's): DMA's are used to monitor representative riparian areas within a grazing unit to establish a record of utilization and trend. The information from the DMA is also used to plan cattle moves, determine if end of season indicators are met, and to evaluate whether current management is effective or needs to be modified. Monitoring of the DMA's will now include bank stability which will determine if bank alteration standards are needed and at what level.

Cleaning Grazing Units: Livestock need to begin moving from a unit prior to the stubble height standard being met to ensure allowable use standards are met. This is especially important during drought conditions. In most cases 7 days should be adequate. Permittees should be prepared to assist range riders in checking that the unit cleaned stays clean, and providing range riders with adequate maps and Annual Operating Instructions. Range riders should keep permittees informed of problems cleaning grazed units. Bulls should be kept with the main herd or removed from the allotment when they disrupt herd management. Frequent back-riding indicates there is a herd management problem. It is also the permittee's responsibility to correct problems caused by drift from other units.

Fence & Water Improvements: Please refer to Part 3 of your Term Grazing Permit. Allotment boundary fences should be maintained prior to cattle entering the allotment, interior fences should also be maintained prior cattle entering a new unit. Existing improvements should be maintained each year before requesting new improvements. Particular attention should be focused on the allotment boundary shared with the Cherry Creek Allotment. Maintenance responsibilities have been mapped and split between the allotments for increased accountability. The Alder Creek permittees are now responsible for drift and fence responsibilities between Big Flat Top Mtn. and Sheep Mountain; this means you are responsible for any cattle drifting in or out of this area. If you feel you need to add some additional drift fence, materials will be available upon request at the Lost River Ranger Station. Permittees in non-use status are still responsible for improvement maintenance.

Weed Free Hay: In accordance with State Law, please ensure that range riders bring hay that is certified and tagged noxious weed free.

Grazing Fees: The grazing fees for the 2016 season are \$2.11/head month. Your grazing fee payment will need to be received prior to turning livestock out on the National Forest.

Actual Use Report: An Actual Use Report will be mailed to you in the fall. Each permittee will need to provide an individual report with dates when their cattle entered and left the allotment. Please return the report by December 31, 2016.

Questions and assistance regarding these instructions should be directed to Allison Jackson, District Ranger; Birk Roseman the Rangeland Management Specialist at (208) 588-3400.