

## Arco Pass C&H Allotment 2016 Annual Operating Instructions

### Permitted Cattle Numbers and Season of Use

Permittee	Cow/Calf Pairs	Season
Whynotgraze, llc	269	6/16-9/30
North Slope Ranches	142	6/16-9/30
David Andreason	58	6/16-9/30
<b>Total</b>	<b>469</b>	

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
Whynotgraze, llc	<b>269</b>		<b>6/16-9/30</b>
North Slope Ranches	<b>142</b>		<b>6/16-9/30</b>
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### Grazing Rotation and Estimated Days

Units	Permittee
Wood Canyon	North Slope
Brier/Hurst	Andreason/Whynotgraze
Horse Thief	Andreason/Whynotgraze/North Slope
Seeding	Andreason/Whynotgraze/North Slope

**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 your 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 follow-up 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 follow-up conversation is hereby required as Forest Officer instruction.**

### Utilization Standards

Unit	Upland % Use	Riparian Stubble Height inches	Riparian Woody Browse Use
Wood Canyon	50%	4 inches	50%
Seeding	50%	4 inches	50%
Brier/Hurst	50%	4 inches	50%
Horsethief	50%	4 inches	50%

In order to gather and rest livestock, the Seeding Unit can be used by Andreason and Whynotgraze for up to 5 days at the beginning of the permitted season. In order to gather and rest livestock, the Wood Canyon Unit can be used by North Slope for up to 5 days at the end of the permitted season if resource standards can sustain further livestock activities.

**A rider will be required to be on the allotment 5 days per week. If the rider cannot be there, permittees need to make other arrangements to be on the allotment.**

There is a permitted recreational event held on and around your allotment this year. It is an ATV Rally with guided tours across the Lost River Ranger District on July 8-10.

**Designated Monitoring Areas (DMA's):** DMA's are used to monitor riparian areas representative of livestock grazing within a 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. 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 permittees' responsibility to correct problems caused by drift from other units.

Prevent drift from Horsethief Unit into the Brier/Hurst Units; this will require additional riding while in these units. Identify a proposed fence location to improve management between the two units. Discourage concentration of cattle on key areas in Brier, and riparian areas with salting and riding.

**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 to cattle entering a new unit. Existing improvements should be maintained each year before requesting new improvements. Continue working with Forest Service to review reconstruction of any old drift fences between Horsethief and Brier/Hurst.

Upland water availability for cattle continues to be a limiting factor for scheduling the Brier/Hurst/Wood Units. Continue to work on existing water developments to bring them up to standard. Work with Forest Service to determine if Hurst Canyon trough system can be reconstructed to a working order. Maintain fences around spring sources to keep livestock out.

You are authorized to bring equipment onto the forest for cleaning cattle guards on the allotment. The authorization will include using the equipment to replace a section of pipeline in the seeding pasture adjacent to the road. The equipment may also be used to aid in hauling materials in to reconstruct the round trough in the Horsethief unit. This work will be done prior to turnout.

**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 shortly before cattle leave the allotment. This form is to be completed and returned to the Lost River Ranger District by December 31, 2016.

Applications for refunds/credits for unused portions of your allotment must be requested and filed separately. Please contact our office if you need an application for refund/credit.

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