

2016 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

HORSE CREEK, MEADOW CREEK, AND WESTSIDE ALLOTMENTS

Below is your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Horse Creek, Meadow Creek, and Westside Allotments.

The Horse Creek, Meadow Creek, and Westside Allotments are grazed as an on/off management system in conjunction with the adjoining BLM allotments.

Permitted Cattle Numbers and Season of Use

Permittee	Cow/Calf Pairs	Season
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Horse Creek	6	5/16-9/10
Meadow Creek	37	5/1-11/7
Westside	63	5/1-5/30
Westside	63	11/16-12/26
Total	169	

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
Horse Creek	6		5/16-9/10
Meadow Creek	37		5/1-11/7
Westside	63		5/1-5/30
Westside	63		11/16-12/26
Total	169		

Utilization Standards

Unit	Upland % Use	Riparian Stubble Height inches	Riparian Woody Browse Use	Streambank Alteration
Horse Creek Allotment	50%	6 inches	35%	N/A
Meadow Creek Allotment	50%	6 inches	35%	10%
Westside Allotment	50%	4 inches	50%	N/A

Grazing is restricted from the Horse Creek Allotment, Badger Creek Unit (on Forest Service administered lands) for the protection of bull trout. The boundary fence should be maintained to ensure that cattle do not enter this unit.

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.

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.

Response to Predators: Should predator issues arise on the allotment, please contact your range management specialist and Idaho Fish & Game or Wildlife Services with the information. Coordination with permittees and all agencies listed above is important to assess predator issues and share information on predator management decisions on National Forest administered lands and those areas adjacent to National Forest.

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: Toward the end of the grazing season you will be receiving an INDIVIDUAL ACTUAL USE REPORT. This form is to be completed and returned to the Lost River Ranger District by December 31, 2016.

If you have any questions about these instructions, or management of the allotment please contact Allison Jackson, District Ranger; Lans Stavast or Birk Roseman, the Rangeland Management Specialists at (208) 588-3400.