

**Ramshorn C&H Allotment
2016 Annual Operating Instructions**

Permitted Cattle Numbers and Season of Use

Permittee	Cow/Calf Pairs	Season
Harry Crawford	24	5/01-6/30
Total	24	

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
Harry Crawford	24		5/01-6/30
Total	24		

Utilization Standards

Unit	Upland % Use	Riparian Stubble Height inches	Riparian Woody Browse Use
Ramshorn	50%	4 inches	50%

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: Grazing units should be thoroughly cleaned of cattle to ensure allowable use standards are met. Enough time should be made to thoroughly clean the unit, in most cases 7 days is 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 during breeding or removed from the allotment when they disrupt herd management. Frequent back-riding indicates there is a herd management problem. It is the permittee's responsibility to correct grazing management disruption due to cattle location.

Fence & Water Improvements: Please refer to Part 3 of your Term Grazing Permit for a list of improvements to be maintained. Allotment boundary fences should be checked and maintained prior to cattle entering the allotment, interior fences should be checked and maintained at this time or before cattle enter a new unit. Existing improvements should be maintained each year before requesting new improvements.

Permittees need to ensure that allotment boundary fences between the Forest Service and BLM are in good condition to keep livestock from accessing archeological sites as occurred in 2014.

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 in the fall. This form is to be completed and returned to the Lost River Ranger District by December 31, 2016.

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