

2016 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

STODDARD CANYON ALLOTMENT

Permitted Cattle Numbers and Season of Use

Permittee	Cow/Calf Pairs	Season
Evlynn Reese	48	6/01-9/30
Total	48	

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
Evlynn Reese	48		6/01-9/30
Total	48		

Utilization Standards

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

You are authorized to graze 48 head of cattle on the allotment from June 1 to September 30. The Stoddard Canyon Allotment is managed in conjunction with the BLM and your private land. In total, there are 117 head of cattle permitted between the BLM and Forest Service administered lands; 48 Forest Service and 69 BLM.

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.

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.

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

NEPA and Allotment Management Plans (AMP): Our office is in the process of completing an environmental analysis and documentation for livestock grazing in the Stoddard Canyon Allotment and four others in the Antelope Creek drainage. Permittees will need to work closely with your rangeland management specialist and other Forest personnel to develop a proposed action for grazing management in conjunction with a long term grazing management strategy (AMP) for your allotment.

This work will include taking a hard look at historic and existing grazing activities to determine whether current management is adequate to comply with the Forest Plan and other laws and regulations that govern the management of public lands. This process will include several meetings with permittees to discuss and agree on feasible and appropriate management goals and monitoring objectives on the allotment that will meet or move us toward the desired conditions for multiple resources on the allotment. The ultimate goal of this analysis is to determine the existing condition and trend of those areas most likely to be affected by livestock grazing and develop a plan to minimize impacts through best management practices for livestock grazing. Your participation in development of the proposed action and AMP are crucial to the success of your operation and our long term management of the area.

If you have any questions about this plan, or management of the allotment please contact Allison Jackson, District Ranger; Birk Roseman the Rangeland Management Specialist at (208) 588-3400.