

**2016 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

**WILLIAMS CREEK ALLOTMENT**

Below are your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Williams Creek Allotment.

**Permitted Cattle Numbers and Season of Use**

<b>Permittee</b>	<b>Cow/Calf Pairs</b>	<b>Season</b>
Rocky Ross and Don Phillips	155	5/01-6/30 & 11/16-12/15
<b>Total</b>	<b>155</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**

<b>Permittee</b>	<b>Cow/Calf</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>Season</b>
William Creek (Williams Creek Unit)	155	77 (50%)	78 (50%)	5/01-6/30
Williams Creek (Cedar Creek Unit)	120	66 (55%)	54 (45%)	11/16-12/15
<b>Total</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>132</b>	

The Williams Creek Allotment is comprised of two drainages; Cedar Run and Williams Creek Units are grazed as an on/off management system in conjunction with an adjoining BLM allotment. You are authorized for 138 head on the Williams Creek Allotment from May 14 thru June 30 and from November 16 thru December 15, or until the allowable use levels are met. The Williams Creek Unit will be grazed early to avoid impacts to bull trout spawning. This makes the Williams Creek Unit on the Forest Service unavailable for the fall grazing cycle.

**Utilization Standards**

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Upland % Use</b>	<b>Riparian Stubble Height inches</b>	<b>Riparian Woody Browse Use</b>	<b>Streambank Alteration</b>
Williams Creek	50%	6 inches	35%	10%
Cedar Creek and Williams Creek Seeding	50%	4 inches	50%	N/A

**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.

**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; Birk Roseman or Lans Stavast the Rangeland Management Specialists at (208) 588-3400.