

## Annual Operating Instructions 2016

### I. Authorized Use for 2016

Allotment	No. and Class	Permit Type	Season of Use
Newfork-Boulder	Non-Use	Term	Non-Use
Little Flattop	175 C/c	Term	06/15-09/20

These Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) are made part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a) of your Term Grazing Permit for the Newfork-Boulder and Little Flattop Allotments and are considered an extension of your term grazing permit.

### II. Pasture Rotation Sequence and Use Standards

Grazing Unit	Approximate Livestock Numbers	Date Cattle Enter Unit	Date Cattle Leave Unit
West Unit	175	06/15	08/01
East Unit	175	08/01	09/20

The move-on date is only a guide since the on-date will be when range readiness occurs. Move dates are dependent on precipitation and temperature and their effects on vegetation production. Forage utilization will indicate when moves need to be made earlier. Longer stays can be arranged if an excess forage condition exists, but must be coordinated with the Forest Service Rangeland Management Specialist.

Situations may develop during the grazing season which require changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some part of these instructions, contact Gary Hayward and obtain approval from the District Ranger before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.

Distribute cattle over the entire pasture being used. Make a concerted effort to use all grazable areas in a pasture. Please realize that it is in your best interest to keep cattle distributed throughout the pasture being used. Cattle will be moved off the pasture when forage use in riparian and/or upland areas is at grazing standards. If cattle are allowed to concentrate in riparian areas and/or water developments without being pushed to unused areas, the grazing capacity of the pasture is diminished. Use of riparian areas need to be carefully monitored.

Place salt in areas where past and or present forage use is light. Salt should be used to spread utilization across the pasture being grazed. Place salt at least a ¼ mile from riparian areas and at least 200 yards from system trails. Salt should be picked up and moved when an area has been sufficiently used. Contact the Rangeland Management Specialist if you need suggestions. The permittee is responsible for using water and salt to achieve the best distribution of cattle throughout the pasture.



The Newfork-Boulder and Little Flattop Allotments are within the mandatory food storage order area. Any carcass or animal remains will be moved at least 100 yards from live water and roads. Animal carcasses must be moved at least 200 yards from system trails.

Range improvements must be maintained prior to placing cattle on the allotment. Any plans to reconstruct or build new improvements on the National Forest must first be coordinated with the Rangeland Management Specialist. Improvements and associated maintenance specifications are listed in your grazing permit.

No ground disturbing activities should be conducted on the National Forest by the permittee or their personnel without approval from the Rangeland Management Specialist or other District staff.

Grazing fees must be paid before livestock can enter the National Forest. Please notify Gary Hayward at 367-4326 before cattle are turned onto the National Forest.

Range inspections may occur several times during the grazing season to check maintenance of range improvements, forage utilization, and compliance with the grazing rotation and standard requirements. You may be invited to participate in inspections conducted on the allotment.

Because of increasing public use, gates are often left open and cattle stray into the wrong pasture. I realize this is a problem and an inconvenience. However, it is still the permittee's responsibility to keep their animals in the proper unit. Routine checks need to be made by you and your rider.

If you have any questions concerning the Annual Operating Instructions, please call Gary Hayward in Pinedale at 367-5723.

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