

## Annual Operating Instructions 2016

### I. Authorized Use for 2016

Permittee	No. and Class	Permit Type	Season of Use
Talli Rose Manning Trust	162 C/c, 9 B	Term	06/27-09/15
Glenn Millard	120 C/c, 5 Bulls	Term	07/01-09/15

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 Soda Lake Allotment and are considered an extension of your term grazing permit.

### II. Pasture Rotation Sequence and Use Standards

Cattle will be placed in the Lower Unit to begin the season. The cattle from the Lower Unit will be placed in the Upper Unit on August 1<sup>st</sup>. All cattle will be moved to the Fremont Lake Unit on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Cattle will not be allowed to congregate on the shore of Fremont Lake.

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 allotment 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 allotment is diminished. Use of riparian areas need to be carefully monitored. The range personnel will monitor forage use in areas where cattle concentrate.

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. The permittee is responsible for using water and salt to achieve the best distribution of cattle throughout the pasture.

The Soda Lake allotment is within the mandatory food storage area. All food, pet food, processed livestock feed and grain, and refuse must be made unavailable to bears. Any carcass or animals remains will be moved at least 100 yards from live water and roads.

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. Cattle move-on counts may be conducted on randomly selected allotments this year. Brands will be checked periodically throughout the grazing season.

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 in to 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.

Situations may develop during the grazing season which require changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if it appears 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.

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

Sincerely,

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ROB HOELSCHER  
Pinedale District Ranger

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Date

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Permittee or Authorized Agent Date