



ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
2016



**William Todd and Allyson Jensen
Sceirine**

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
Bridgeport Ranger District

Fryingpan – Murphy Creek C&H Allotment

Recommended by [Signature] Date: 3/30/2016
Rangeland Management Specialist

Accepted by: William Todd Sceirine Date: 3-30-16
Permittee

Approved by: Eric Dillingham Date: April 4, 2016
District Ranger

Upon signature by the District Ranger, these Annual Operating Instructions are hereby made a part of your Term Grazing Permit number 20070A approved by the Mike Crawley District Ranger on April 1, 2011.

As permittee, my signature on these Annual Operating Instructions certifies that there is *no change to my permitted livestock or base property ownership as described in my grazing permit.*

Any changes or deviation from the direction outlined in the Annual Operating Instructions will need to be requested in a written notice to the Bridgeport Ranger District. This includes changes in animal numbers, class of livestock, period of use (changes in entry or exit dates form unit to unit), or changes in pasture rotation. No changes in these instructions will be recognized without written confirmation from the Bridgeport Ranger District.

Introduction
William Todd and Allyson Jensen Sceirine

Permitted # of Livestock: The following is a summary of your permitted summer use which expires on 12/31/2020.

Allotment	Number	Kind/Class	Season	Billable Head Months
Fryingpan – Murphy Creek C&H	223	Cow/Calf	6/16 - 9/20	711
Fryingpan – Murphy Creek C&H (Yparraquirre Unit)	2 (on)	Cow/Calf	5/01 - 10/31	12
Fryingpan – Murphy Creek C&H (Yparraquirre Unit)	148 (off)	Cow/Calf	5/01 - 10/31	0

Authorized # / Rotation of Livestock: The following is a summary of your authorized use and rotation order for the 2016 grazing season.

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Rotation Schedule:

Unit	Order	Season
Lower	1st	6/16 To 9/20
Lower South Murphy	1st	
Green Ranch	2nd	
Judge Chambers	2nd	
South Murphy	3rd	
Frying Pan	3rd	
North Murphy	Rest	Rest
Yparraquire		2 "on" 5/1-10/31

Livestock movement between units is based on utilization levels. The North Murphy unit will be rested this year. You are authorized to run up to 45 heifers in the Judge Chambers unit for the duration of the grazing season. If use is met in the unit, the heifers must be moved to other units or off the allotment.

This AOI is made part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8 (a). Situations may develop during the grazing season which requires changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some part of these instructions, contact the District Ranger and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.

ALLOWABLE USE

Allowable use standards are listed in part three of your term grazing permit. You are responsible for determining when allowable use has been reached and for moving your livestock to the next scheduled unit or removing them from the allotment when the last unit has been grazed. The Forest Service is responsible for monitoring your compliance with allowable use standards. If you need assistance in determining utilization levels please contact Aaron and he will assist you.

UTILIZATION

Utilization will be limited to within the following standards:

- Riparian Areas: 55% use on the herbaceous species Nevada bluegrass and sedges
30% use overall. 20% use on shrubs (willows).
- Upland Areas: 55% use on herbaceous species and 50% use on bitterbrush.
- Streambank Disturbance: 20% on all creeks, except Murphy Creek
- Murphy Creek Watershed: 10% streambank disturbance on the length of Murphy Creek
30% use on grass and grass-like species in riparian areas
20% use on woody riparian species
45% use on key upland grass species

MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Allotment maps and management requirements for those allotments you are permitted to graze have been provided to you.

Only the 2 over w and Eyeglasses brands are authorized under your term grazing permit.

Range improvements listed under part three in your term permit must be maintained before the livestock enter allotments. The maintenance standards, also listed in part three of your permit, must be followed when maintaining improvements. Range improvements must be maintained even when there is non-use on an allotment; for whatever reason.

Place salt at least ¼ mile from water, roads, and trails. If there are specific areas that require salt placement outside these guidelines, you must obtain approval from this office prior to salting. Haul dead livestock at least 100 yards from roads, trails, and water. All garbage and debris associated with managing your livestock must be removed from the National Forest.

If you or your employees spot a wildfire on any of your allotments, report it immediately to the Interagency Dispatch Center in Minden, NV at (775) 883-5995. As a reminder, if the Bridgeport Ranger District enters into fire restrictions during 2016, this restriction applies to your operation as well.

Invasive weeds are a serious threat to the welfare of our rangelands. Your assistance is needed to identify new outbreaks of weed populations and to prevent the establishment of weeds on the forest. Pay particular attention to areas where stock are concentrated such as loading/unloading areas, water developments, and salting areas. A Noxious Weed Free Hay order has been implemented on our Forest. This requires any hay that is brought onto the National Forest to be certified free from noxious weeds. All livestock entering the National Forest are recommended to be fed Certified Noxious Weed Free Forage for at least 2 days prior to entering the Forest. Pelletized feed is not affected by this order.

REPORTING

I have included forms for recording your actual use and range improvement maintenance on the allotment. Please complete the forms and return them to my office no later than November 30, 2016. Failure to report actual use and improvement maintenance could result in **NON-COMPLIANCE** actions being taken on your permit.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT

The 2016 grazing fees are \$2.11.

As a reminder, approval request for permittee convenience nonuse are not automatic and the authorized officer should discuss the reasons for the nonuse request with the permittee. Approval of a request for permittee

convenience nonuse must be in writing by the authorized officer. Full or partial permittee convenience nonuse may be approved by the authorized officer for no more than three consecutive years and not more than four years in any ten year period.

Payment of your grazing bill is due five days prior to your earliest turnout date to allow time for processing. As a reminder the Forest Service is required to give permittees a minimum of 30 days to pay your grazing fees. The Forest Service is requesting that permittees schedule their AOI meeting a minimum of 35 days prior to their earliest on date to provide adequate time to plan for the upcoming grazing season.

The Bridgeport Travel Management Record of Decision designates all roads and trails for motor vehicle use and identifies them on a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). As detailed in 36 CFR 261.13; 36 CFR 212.51a the prohibitions on motor vehicle use will not apply to motor vehicle use that is specifically authorized under a written authorization issued under Federal Law or Regulation (e.g., Term Grazing Permit). You and your employees are authorized to travel on routes within the allotments in your permit to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of your Term Grazing Permit (e.g., improvement maintenance, dead livestock removal). Please keep a copy of this AOI to provide to a Forest Officer when traveling off MVUM routes within your permitted allotments.

If you have any questions regarding the Fryingpan – Murphy Creek C&H Allotment please contact Aaron at (760) 932-5850.

IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE RECORD

Permittee: _____ Grazing year: 2016

Allotment: _____ Please complete and return by: 11/30/2016

Type of Improvement	Location	Name of Improvement	Amount Maintained	Cost

Remarks: _____

Permittee Signature: _____ Date: _____

GRAZING USE RECORD
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

2016

This form is to be completed by the Permittee showing actual use and send to the appropriate Ranger District at the end of the grazing season (by December 31). Please complete one form for each allotment.

Allotment Name _____ # _____

Permittee Name _____ # _____

Unit (in order of use)	Numbers	Livestock Type	Date ON	Date OFF	Head* Months	AUM's*	Count* Y/N

*These columns for office use only

Number of horses kept on allotment for management purposes _____

ACTUAL LOSS RECORD

Cause of Loss	Cows or Ewes (approx. date)	Calves or Lambs (approx. date)	Bulls (approx. date)	Yearlings (approx. date)
Predator				
Poisonous Plants				
Other				

Hours permittee or herder spent on maintenance of range improvements _____

Cost of permittee donated materials used on maintenance of range improvements \$ _____

Additional remarks or comments:

Signature _____

Date _____