

Cherry Creek C&H 2016 Annual Operating Instructions

Permitted Cattle Numbers and Season of Use

Permittee	Cow/Calf Pairs	Season
PU Ranch	405	7/11-10/15
Total	405	

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
PU Ranch	405	0	7/11-10/15
Total	405		

Grazing Rotation and Estimated Days

Units
Richardson
Middle Fork/Lupine
Left Fork
Poison Creek

There are no dates in the rotation schedule. Moves are based on meeting the utilization standards. When you have determined that it is time to begin moving from a unit to meet these standards your representative for the allotment must contact Birk Roseman, your assigned Range Management Specialist, with this information. If needed, contact can first be made by voicemail. A follow-up conversation with Birk, or a representative he identifies to you, is also required three, to no more than four days, after the move is initiated. Both this initial contact and the follow-up conversation is hereby required as Forest Officer instruction.

Utilization Standards

Unit	Upland % Use	Riparian Stubble Height inches	Riparian Woody Browse Use
Richardson	50%	4 inches	50%
Left Fork	50%	4 inches	50%
Middle Fork/Lupine	50%	4 inches	50%
Poison Creek	50%	4 inches	50%

2016 Season Riders: For the 2016 season 2 riders are recommended on the allotment full time, 7 days a week. This means that if days off are granted, permittees or 2 other riders need to fill in

behind for those days missed. The allotment boundary shared with Antelope and Alder Creek will need to be watched closely to ensure that cattle are staying on their permitted allotment. The riders pasture needs to maintain a 50 percent use, this will require additional certified weed free hay to maintain this standard. The rider's camp may have up to 10 horses at a time providing 2 horses per rider, as long as the 50 percent use can be maintained.

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.

Cleaning Grazing Units: Livestock need to begin moving from a unit prior to the stubble height standard being met to ensure allowable use standards are met. This is especially important during drought conditions. In most cases 7 days should be adequate. Permittees should be prepared to assist range riders in checking that the unit cleaned stays clean, and providing range riders with adequate maps and Annual Operating Instructions. Range riders should keep permittees informed of problems cleaning grazed units. Frequent back-riding indicates there is a herd management problem. It is also the permittees responsibility to correct problems caused by drift from other units.

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 cattle entering a new unit. Existing improvements should be maintained each year before requesting new improvements. Particular attention should be focused on the allotment boundary shared with the Alder Creek Allotment. Maintenance responsibilities have been mapped and split between the allotments for increased accountability. The Cherry Creek permittee is now responsible for drift and fence responsibilities between Big Flat Top Mtn. and Shelly Mtn., this means you are responsible for any cattle drifting in or out of this area.

The Forest Service will provide the permittee with additional fence material to ensure the electric fence around the entire perimeter of Mud Lake works. Permittees and riders should watch Mud Lake closely throughout the season to ensure neither Cherry Creek nor Alder Creek cattle are not getting within the fenced areas as occurred in 2014.

The Bear Creek-Cherry Creek fence maintenance will be shared by permittees from both allotments. The Cherry Creek and Antelope permittees will determine the midpoint of the fence. Cherry Creek will maintain the east half and Antelope will maintain the west half. Please remember improvements need to be maintained even when taking resource protection non-use.

The Forest Service has provided the permittee with materials to reconstruct multiple trough systems on the allotment. The permittees need to complete the trough reconstruction on the Little Rough and Mahogany troughs and notify the Forest Service upon completion so each trough may be inspected once they are installed.

Weed Free Hay: In accordance with State Law, please ensure that range riders bring hay that is certified and tagged noxious weed free.

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 shortly after cattle leave the allotment. This form is to be completed and returned to the Lost River Ranger District by December 31, 2016.

Questions and assistance regarding these instructions should be directed to Allison Jackson, District Ranger; Birk Roseman or Lans Stavast the Rangeland Management Specialists at (208) 588-3400.