

2016 Annual Operating Instructions

Hurst Canyon S&G Allotment

Permitted Sheep Numbers and Season of Use

Permittee	Sheep	Season
John Anchustegui	576	7/01-9/15
Total	576	

Authorized Sheep Numbers and Season of Use for 2016

Permittee	Sheep	Non-Use	Season
John Anchustegui		576	
Total		576	

Non-Use for Personal Convenience has been authorized for the 2016 grazing season.

Utilization Standards

Unit	Upland % Use	Riparian Stubble Height inches	Riparian Woody Browse Use
Hurst Canyon	50%	4 inches	50%

Sheep are allowed to graze one time once-over-lightly. Once allowable use is achieved in key areas sheep must be moved regardless of how much feed is left. Sheep use on ranges already grazed is not authorized. Once the allowable use standard in any particular area is reached all your sheep must be moved to the next area of the allotment. When proper use in the last area scheduled for use is achieved, sheep must be removed from the allotment. Only bed sheep for one night per bed ground. When there is wolf activity in the area and fladry is used to minimize predation, bed grounds may be used for more than one night. When this situation occurs bed ground site selection needs to be discussed with the Range Management Specialist.

Other factors should be considered for planning sheep moves between areas. These include upland erosion in the form of rills and gullies, bedding ground trampling, and excessive “shading” in aspen clones. Please be mindful of these and other ecological concerns when using the forest and keep sheep moving accordingly.

INFISH Grazing Module Implementation: Key areas are used to monitor representative riparian areas within a grazing unit. Key area monitoring establishes a record of utilization trend, a location for observation to plan sheep moves, a location to record whether end of season stubble height standards are met, a location to evaluate whether management impacts are effective or need to be modified.

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.

Trailing: When trailing to your allotment call the Forest Service Range staff and let them know when you start and when you are finished trailing. When trailing through other allotments do it

in a timely manner of 1-4 days.

Cleaning Grazing Units: Livestock need to begin moving from a unit prior to the indicators of use being met to ensure allowable use levels are not exceeded. This is especially important during drought conditions. Permittees should be prepared to assist herders in checking that the herd stays together. Herders should keep permittees informed of problems regarding lost or separated sheep and this information should be reported to your rangeland management specialist in a timely manner.

Fence & Water Improvements: Please refer to Part 3 of your Term Grazing Permit. Allotment boundary fences should be checked prior to sheep entering the allotment, interior fences should be checked at this time or before sheep enter a new unit. Existing improvements should be maintained each year before requesting new improvements.

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

Bighorn Sheep: Report any sightings of bighorn sheep if any are seen and work to maintain separation from them and your herd. Please contact the district office in the event that you should find a bighorn sheep on your allotment.

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 upon completion of the grazing season. This form is to be completed and returned to the Lost River Ranger by December 31, 2016

Applications for refunds/credits for unused portions of your allotment must be requested and filed separately. Please contact our office if you need an application for refund/credit.

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.