

# ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

## 2016

### GRAVEYARD HILL #2038

PFISTERER FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP  
c/o HARMON PFISTERER  
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BONDURANT, WY 82922

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The authorized use for the Graveyard Hill Allotment is as follows:

360 cattle, yearlings	06/01 - 06/10	PFISTERER FAMILY LIMITED PART.
30 horses, mature	06/01 - 06/10	PFISTERER FAMILY LIMITED PART.

The Permittee(s) must notify the range personnel at Big Piney, 5 days prior to the time livestock enter or leave the Forest.

Non-use of less than 90% of the permitted livestock numbers requires written approval. Verbal applications will not be accepted. If total non-use is approved the permittee is still responsible for their assigned improvement maintenance.

A credit/refund application must be submitted within a week after placing livestock late on the allotment or removing livestock early. A credit/refund is not automatic but must be requested in writing by the permittee(s) and approved by the District Ranger.

The permittees are responsible for meeting the terms and conditions of the grazing permit, including day to day monitoring of forage utilization and moving livestock according to management guidelines. The vegetative utilization limits for this allotment are described below. We have attached a landscape appearance form that provides a narrative description of what different vegetative utilization percentages look like in the field. The vegetative utilization descriptions should aid the permittees and their riders in determining when the vegetative utilization limits are reached. Please contact the range personnel at Big Piney if you have questions or would like additional training in the use of these guides.

Forest Service personnel will be checking permit compliance periodically during the grazing season and will perform long term monitoring to determine if management objectives are being met.

#### IV. ALLOTMENT STATUS

The livestock management on Graveyard Hill allotment will follow the Allotment Management Plan (AMP) approved in 1987. The Standards and Guidelines identified in the Bridger-Teton National Forest Plan that deal with the management of this allotment are included in the AMP. It is very important you understand these Standards and Guidelines since they form the basis for the management of this allotment.

Effectiveness monitoring is long-term monitoring that occurs over an extended period of time. It is used to determine if management practices are effective in meeting Forest Plan Goals, standards and objectives for livestock grazing. The specific objective based on the established monitoring bench mark areas for the Graveyard Hill allotment are, ground cover of 70%, stream bank stability rating of 7 and riparian ecological status of late seral or higher on 85% of the steams. Based on the current allotment conditions the following allowable utilization limits for uplands and riparian areas will be applied:

ALLOTMENT	GROUND COVER/TREND	STREAM BANK STABILITY RATING	RIPARIAN ECOLOGICAL STATUS	CURRENT ALLOWABLE UTILIZATION LIMIT
Graveyard Hill	92/N	8.6	Est. meeting	40% Uplands 50% Riparian

Trend Equals: U-upward, S-stable, D-down, N-one reading no trend yet.

#### VI. OTHER

The grazing fees for the 2016 grazing season are \$2.11 per head month.

You are required to pay your grazing bill before livestock are turned onto the Forest.

ONLY Certified Weed-Free hay is allowed on national forest system land in Wyoming. If you need sources of Certified Weed-Free hay, please contact the Sublette County Weed and Pest Control office at 307/367-4728.

Review by:

Pfister Family LTD Past by Herman Pfister S.P.  
Permittee

Approved by:

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District Ranger