

DEER VALLEY ALLOTMENT 2009 Annual Operating Instructions

1. PERMITTED & AUTHORIZED USE

Permitted use is the livestock numbers and season of use listed in your grazing permit. **It is not necessarily the numbers and season of use for the current year. Authorized use is the number of livestock and season of use you are authorized for in 2009** (authorized use reflects stocking and/or season of use changes for the given year).

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Permit</u>	<u>Permitted Numbers</u>	<u>Permitted Season</u>	<u>Authorized Numbers</u>	<u>*Authorized Season</u>
Brad Guymon	Term	800 e/l	7/11-8/31	800 e/l	7/11-8/31
		Total 800 e/l		Total 800 e/l	

* Livestock will be removed prior to the end of the season if grazing-use standards have been met.

2. PASTURE ROTATIONS

The dates listed below are considered approximate; move dates will be based on the level of livestock use in the grazing unit or area (see grazing-use standards). It is a violation of your term grazing permit for livestock to occupy any pastures or areas other than those scheduled for use according to these instructions. **You are expected to frequently monitor your allotment and notify Brian Monroe immediately if you are unable to keep livestock in the scheduled area; or if you are experiencing any other problems that would prevent you from following these instructions.**

<u>Unit (Pasture)</u>	<u>Order of Use</u>	<u>Authorized</u>		<u>*Actual Use</u>	
		<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Approx. Dates</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Deer Valley (South)	1	800 e/l	7/11-7/22	11	
East (near lava beds)	2	800 e/l	7/23-8/6	14	
Deer (North)	3	800 e/l	8/7- 8/18	11	
Gooseberry	4	800 e/l	8/19- 8/31	12	

*You are expected to record actual use and provide this information to the Forest Officer at the end of the grazing season.

3. GRAZING-USE STANDARDS

<u>Site</u>	<u>Use of Sedges, Rushes, Grasses/Forbs</u>	<u>Use of Shrubs/Trees (Browse)</u>	<u>Streambank Disturbance</u>
Riparian Sites	4-6" of <i>residual</i> stubble height for wetland plants (<i>sedges and rushes</i>) 2-4" of <i>residual</i> stubble height for non-wetland plants (<i>grasses</i>)	50% use of total annual leaders available to livestock	15-20%
Upland Sites	50% use of grasses & forbs	50% use of total annual leaders available to livestock	NA

***Since sheep prefer forbs and browse, pay particular attention to the use on these species. Practice once-over, light grazing use and rotate bedgrounds/campsites frequently to avoid overusing the same areas each year. Graze the sheep in loose bands and trail, rather than drive, the animals to water. When a significant portion of the site, key area, or grazing unit has achieved any one of the three standards, livestock will be removed from the area or grazing unit. The permittee has the responsibility for ensuring that these standards are not exceeded.**

4. MONITORING

Permittees must monitor grazing use and independently move livestock when the grazing-use standards described above are met.

5. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE AND LIVESTOCK HERDING

- All assigned improvements **must be adequately maintained prior to placing livestock in the grazing unit.** All allotment boundary fences must be maintained prior to the turn-on date for **Deer Valley** or any of the adjacent allotments. Permittees in non-use status are still responsible for their proportionate share of maintenance.
- Refer to the **Range Improvement Maintenance and Livestock Herding Standards attached** to these instructions for a description of the Forest Service Maintenance Standard for structural improvements and for livestock herding standards.

6. SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES/SPECIAL CONCERNS FOR 2009

- **Planning is complete for the Deer Valley ponds.**
- **As funding is available the Deer Valley Ponds will be implemented**

7. MISCELLANEOUS

- **Your annual grazing bill must be paid and notification received in our office prior to turning livestock onto the Forest.** It may take 10 days or more from the time you mail your payment until we receive payment notification so plan accordingly.
- **Only certified noxious weed free hay and straw is authorized on the Dixie National Forest. All sheep camps will be checked this year for weed free hay.** If you do not have *current* documentation of this certification posted at the camp in full view, permit non-compliance actions will be immediately initiated. In addition, hay samples will be randomly taken for weed content analysis.
- You are expected to comply with the Dixie National Forest Special Order for Roads, Trails, and Areas. **In areas designated as L-2 on the 1998 Dixie National Forest Travel Map, the use of motorized vehicles off of designated roads or trails is prohibited. The entire Deer Valley Allotment is designated as L2.** Exemptions to this order may be granted in some instances for improvement maintenance or other unique circumstances related to livestock management. Contact Brian Monroe for details regarding this issue.
- **These *Annual Operating Instructions and attachments* are a part of your grazing permit (see item 8a, Part 2). A failure to follow these instructions is a violation of your permit.**

8. ATTACHMENT

- A. Range Improvement Maintenance and Livestock Herding Standards (3 pages).

We look forward to working with you this year. If you have question or concerns please contact Brian Monroe at 865-3231 or in the field at 691-3231. If you witness illegal action on the forest take photos and notes of identification numbers and contact the Dixie National Forest Office at 865-3200.

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District Ranger

I have read and understand these Operating Instructions.

PERMITTEES _____

DATE_____