**ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**
**FOR THE 2016 GRAZING SEASON**

**WEST LAKE C&H ALLOTMENT**

The following instructions represent the operating plan for the grazing season. These instructions are issued as provided for in Part 2, Clause 8 (a) of your Term Grazing Permit. The instructions state the yearly direction as described in the allotment management plan. These operating instructions become a part of your term grazing permit when signed by the forest officer in charge. Situations may develop during the grazing season which require 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.

## 1. PERMITTED LIVESTOCK

| Permittee | Term | Temp. | Non-use | Private | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 101 c/c | | | | 101 |
| | 191 c/c | | | | 191 |
| | | | | **Total** | **292** |

## 2. PERMITTED SEASON OF USE 6/16 - 9/30

| Unit | Head | Period of Use | Actual Use |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rock Creek | 292 | 6/16 – 7/1 | |
| Stateline/Divide | 292 | 7/2 – 7/29 | |
| Duck Creek | 292 | 730 – 8/26 | |
| Schoolhouse | 292 | 8/27 – 9/30 | |

**Unsatisfactory conditions will occur when:**

A. Sequence of use for each unit is not followed.

B. Grazing use occurs in closed areas.

C. Specified dates are not followed unless modified by actual use conditions or a Forest Officer.

D. Complete livestock removal is not attained by the end of a specified season of use.

E. Livestock are allowed to graze outside the permitted allotment or outside the permitted season of use.

## 3. ALLOWABLE USE

Allowable use is the degree of grazing specified for a particular area and/or plant(s). The use level stated below is the maximum utilization allowed for the planned season of use.

Rotation and/or removal of livestock will be required if allowable use levels are met before the planned rotation date. Cattle should be rotated to meet the allowable use level. This may require you to begin rotating cattle before the standards are met.

| Unit & Key Area | Key Species | Proper Use |
|---|---|---|
| **Unit**: Rock Creek<br><br>**Key Area**: Ingals Creek (NW1/4, SW1/4, Sec. 26, T15N, R42E) | Riparian grasses and sedges<br><br>Riparian shrubs<br>Upland grasses<br>Upland shrubs | 4 inch stubble height (HGL)<br>3 inch stubble height (AIZ)<br>30% current years growth<br>55% current years growth<br>35% current years growth |
| **Unit**: Stateline (Divide)<br><br>**Key Area**: Uplands only (SE1/4, NE1/4, Sec. 16, T15N, R42E) | Riparian grasses and sedges<br><br>Riparian shrubs<br>Upland grasses<br>Upland shrubs | 4 inch stubble height (HGL)<br>3 inch stubble height (AIZ)<br>30% current years growth<br>55% current years growth<br>35% current years growth |
| **Unit**: Duck Creek<br><br>**Key Area**: Duck Creek (SW1/4, SE1/4, Sec. 21, T15N, R42E) | Riparian grasses and sedges<br><br>Riparian shrubs<br>Upland grasses<br>Upland shrubs | 4 inch stubble height (HGL)<br>3 inch stubble height (AIZ)<br>30% current years growth<br>55% current years growth<br>35% current years growth |
| **Unit**: Schoolhouse<br><br>**Key Area**: Schoolhouse Reservoir (NW1/4, NW1/4, Sec. 14, T15N, R42E) | Riparian grasses and sedges<br><br>Riparian shrubs<br>Upland grasses<br>Upland shrubs | 4 inch stubble height (HGL)<br>3 inch stubble height (AIZ)<br>30% current years growth<br>55% current years growth<br>35% current years growth |

## 4. MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS

A. Improvement maintenance is assigned to you as shown in the grazing permit and/or attached map.

B. All fences and water developments will be maintained to Forest Service standards annually prior to the time the improvement is needed to serve its intended purpose. This includes the needs of adjoining allotments with respect to allotment boundary fence maintenance.

C. Unsatisfactory condition will occur when:
1. Fences and spring developments do not serve the intended purpose or maintenance does not meet Forest Service standards.
2. Livestock are outside the permitted area or in the wrong grazing unit due to down fences.

**5. MULTIPLE USE COORDINATION**

A. None identified

**6. DEVELOPMENT WORK**

A. None identified

Items needing further field review and planning:

A. None identified

**7. OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED**

A. Fees: $2.11/HM. **Fees must be paid/received prior to turnout.**

B. 2016 Grazing Season: Rock, State, Duck, Schoolhouse.

C. Standards were met in 2015.

D. Travel Restrictions on FS Lands: Travel permit only authorizes maintenance or construction of improvements. It does not authorize salting, nor driving at-will through allotment area.

E. Wolf and grizzly bear activity—Be Aware and take necessary precautions!

F. Notify FS and Wildlife Services of any predation within 24 hrs. Contact **John Farr** 681-8798 (Ashton or Island Park area).

G. Salt will be placed greater than ¼ mile from water & road, *or as far as practicable*.

H. Programmatic Biological Assessment from U.S. Fish and Wildlife service and future permit Modification requirements for Grizzly Bear (currently in Draft form) on the Targhee NF.

**<u>Additionally:</u>**
A food storage order is in place which will require proper storage of food to render it unavailable to bears on National Forest System lands in Teton, Fremont, Madison, and Clark Counties east of Interstate-15. As part of the food storage order, human food, refuse and prepared livestock/pet foods associated with livestock operations will be made unavailable to bears through proper storage, handling and disposal. Proper storage includes:

- inside bear-proof container (such as bear proof pannier)

- suspended at least 10 feet clear of the ground at its lowest point and at least 4 feet horizontally from adjacent posts or trees

- stored in a hard-sided vehicle or trailer

- other methods approved by the District Ranger

Motorized travel is allowed only on designated routes. Permittees can travel on non-designated routes and/or cross-country to maintain, construct, or repair improvements. If you need to drive on a non-designated route more than twice a week, please call or stop by our office to obtain a permit for this situation.

**The following acts are prohibited on National Forest System Lands:**
Possessing, storing, or transporting, non-pelletized hay, straw or mulch on National Forest System Lands without having each individual bale or container tagged or marked as weed free, or having original and current evidence of weed free certification documentation present. All markings must meet the State and/or County standards for certification as weed free.