

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

**Bald Mountain, Burnt Canyon, Spring Canyon, Willow Creek and Eidelman Canyon
C&H Allotments
2016**

These Annual Operating Instructions for the Bald Mountain, Burnt Canyon and Spring Canyon Allotment for the 2016 grazing season will be considered part of your term grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2 item 8(a).

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 **prior to initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.**

Livestock Management

Permitted #s	Class of Livestock	Season of Use	Allotment
299	Cow/Calf	7/16 – 9/25	Bald Mountain C&H
50*	Cow/Calf	11/1 – 12/31	Spring Canyon C&H
67**	Cow/Calf	6/9—10/31	Burnt Canyon C&H
143	Cow/calf	7/16 – 9/15	Willow Creek C&H
73***	Cow	11/1 –12/31	Eidelman Canyon C&H

* The Spring Canyon permitted use is On/Off with the BLM Scott Butte allotment. 100 H.M.'s on Forest. (60 Days)

** The Burnt Canyon permitted use is On/Off with the BLM Burnt Canyon allotment. 80 H.M.'s on Forest. (36 Days). Early or Late season as directed by BLM rotations.

*** The Eidelman Canyon permitted use is On/Off with the BLM Smelter Gulch allotment. 146 H.M.'s on Forest. (60 Days)

Planned #s	Class of Livestock	Season of Use	Allotment
299	Cow/Calf	7/16 – 9/25	Bald Mountain C&H
50	Cow	11/1 – 12/31*	Spring Canyon C&H
67	Cow/Calf	6/9—10/31	Burnt Canyon C&H
143	Cow/Calf	7/16 – 9/15	Willow Creek C&H
73	Cow	11/1 –12/31	Eidelman Canyon C&H

*May use early as directed by BLM management actions.

Bill for Collection

The bill for collection will be made due and payable five (5) days prior to the scheduled turn on date. Payment must be received prior to the turn on date regardless of whether or not actual turn on is delayed. Failure to pay by the due date may result in additional administrative and interest charges. Grazing use that occurs prior to fee payment constitutes non-compliance with the grazing permit and will be charged at the unauthorized use rate, and may also subject the permit to suspension or cancellation action.

Proposed Pasture Rotation

Bald Mountain C&H

Unit	Tentative Stocking	Tentative Schedule of Use
Sawmill Canyon Unit 3	299*	7/16-9/25
Bald Mtn. Unit 1	50-60	8/1-9/25
N. Fork Pass Creek Unit 2	239-249	8/1-9/25**

* Total stocking for the allotment is for 340 head, which includes 41 pairs on/off with the BLM.

** Allow Cattle to drift out of N. Fork Pass Creek Unit into Sawmill Canyon Unit.

Willow Creek C&H

Unit	Tentative Stocking	Tentative Schedule of Use
Smelter Gulch	35*	7/16 – 8/15
Lower Unit	53	7/16 – 9/15
Middle Unit	55	7/16 – 8/15
Upper Unit	55	8/16 – 9/15

*Water dictates stocking numbers and season.

The livestock rotations are tentative. Vegetative conditions on the allotment will dictate the actual turn out date and when livestock are moved from unit to unit.

Grazing Standards and Guides

The following Standards and Guides from the 1997 Revised Forest Plan as included in Part 3 of your term grazing permit will be monitored and used for determining removal of livestock from a unit and/or the allotment.

- 4 inch stubble height of key species along the hydric greenline.
- 3 inch stubble height of key species within the aquatic influence zone.
- 30% utilization of current year’s growth on riparian woody plants.

Upland Utilization Standards	Season-long Grazing		Rotation Grazing	
	Unsatisfactory Range Condition	Satisfactory Range Condition	Unsatisfactory Range Condition	Satisfactory Range Condition
Grasses and Herbaceous species	35%	45%	45%	55%
Shrubs	25%	35%	35%	35%

*The figures shown represent the best estimate of acceptable use levels which will provide for maintenance or improvement of these ecosystems. They shall be used as maximum use levels unless there is site-specific information to show that these levels are incorrect. Percent use is based on a dry weight percentage.

Utilization monitoring and long-term trend monitoring will take place throughout the season while livestock are on the allotment. Permittee participation is encouraged in these monitoring activities.

Permittee and Rider Responsibilities

Salt should be placed in lightly used areas and used as a distribution tool. Salt is not permitted in riparian areas, forest plantations, shade-up areas, forest system roads and trails, areas of high public use or areas where cattle normally tend to congregate. Under no circumstances will salt or supplement be placed closer than ¼ mile to streams, springs, water developments, or other wetlands. Use of a packhorse is recommended to get salt into areas that receive light use. Rotate or remove salt from areas receiving heavy use.

Effective and frequent riding is a good method of achieving uniform forage utilization and extending use in riparian areas. The longer cattle can be kept out of these critical areas, the longer they can remain in the unit. Units should be checked regularly to ensure cattle are distributed evenly and are not exceeding utilization standards in any one area. Cattle repeatedly in the wrong area may be cause for action to be taken against the grazing permit including suspension or cancellation, in whole or in part.

Motorized Travel

Motorized travel is only allowed on designated routes. However, grazing permittees can travel cross country to maintain or construct range improvements and manage the allotment. This motorized access must be less than two vehicles per week. The permits that you receive will authorize this use and must be in the vehicle when traveling cross country.

Noxious Weeds

Noxious Weeds are known to exist on your allotment. Please notify our office of any new (small) noxious weed populations on your allotment so that we can attempt to eradicate them early. Any hay or straw brought on the Forest must be certified "**weed free**". Contact the District Office for information on where to obtain weed free feeds. Trucks or trailers transporting livestock to the allotment from areas where noxious weeds are present should not be cleaned out on National Forest System lands.

Range Improvement Maintenance

All range improvements must be maintained prior to livestock entering the allotment. Failure to properly complete the assigned maintenance to standard and in a timely manner will be cause for denial of permission to either place livestock on the allotment, or to move to another pasture, and/or may result in action being taken against the grazing permit. If the improvement is deteriorated beyond repair please contact our office to discuss options to resolve the situation. Coordination with adjoining allotment permittees will be necessary to insure fences they are responsible for have been maintained.

Improvements

Bald Mountain

#1075 Bald MT B/F #1

sec. 20,29,28,33,34 T10N R29E &
sec 3,10,11 T9N R29E

#1076 Bald Mountain D/F

sec. 29, 30 T10N R29E

#1091 Bald Mountain B/F #2

sec. 18,19,20 T10N R29E

Bald Mountain, Burnt Canyon, Spring Canyon, Willow Creek and Eidelman C&H's

#1093 Bald Mountain basin Fence	sec. 15,22 T9N R29E
#1160 Bald Mountain W/D	sec. NWNE 22 T9N R29E
#1161 Bald Mountain Basin W/D	sec. NESW 22 T9N R29E
#1164 Big Horn W/D	sec. NWNW 29 T10N R29E
#1211 Sawmill Canyon spring #1 W/D	sec. 18 T10N R29E
#1225 Wright W/D	sec. NW 29 T10N R29E
#1228 Diamond Peak W/D	sec. NWNE 5 T9N R29E
#1248 Wright Extension trough #1	sec. 32 T10N R29E
#1249 Wright Extension waterline #1	sec. 29, 32 T10N R29E
#1250 Wright Extension trough #2	sec. 33 T10N R29E
#1251 Wright Extension waterline #2	sec. 32, 33 T10N R29E
#1267 Wright Extension trough #3	sec. 33 T10N R29E
#1268 Wright Extension waterline #3	sec. 33 T10N R29E
#1093B Bald MTN Basin Fence extension	sec. 15,16 T9N R29E
#1211A Sawmill canyon Fence (protect spring)	sec. 18 T10N R29E
# Middle Pass CR W/D (Spring)	sec. 4 T9N R29E

Burnt Canyon

#1092 Pierce Canyon Boundary Fence	sec. 4,9,16, T10N R30E
#1420 Burnt Canyon Pipeline and Trough	sec.9,16 T10N R30E

Spring Canyon

#1072 Bloom Canyon Fence, 0.1 mi.	sec. 15, R9N R31E
#1073 Deadman Canyon Fence, 0.1mi.	sec. 14, R9N R31E
#1401 Spring Canyon Fence, 0.1 mi.	sec. 15, R9N R31E

Willow Creek and Eidelman Canyon C&H

#1034 Eidelman Canyon D/F; 0.1 mi.;	Sec. 23, T.12N., R39E.
#1077 Smelter Gulch B/F; 0.3 mi.;	Sec. 15 T.12N., R.29E.
#1078 Willow Cr. B/F; 0.3 mi.;	SW Sec. 4, T.12N., R.29E.
#1079 Willow Cr. Cross fence #1; 1 mile;	Sec. 3 T12N R29E & Sec. 34 T13N R29E
#1080 Willow Cr. Cross fence #2; 0.3 mi.;	Sec. 1, T.12N., R.29E.
#1081 Upper Smelter Gulch cross Fence; 0.8 mi;	Sec. 11 and 3, T.12N., R.29E.
#1214 Smelter Gulch W/D;	Sec. 11, T.11N., R.31E.
#1224 Willow Cr. W/D;	Sec. 5, T.12N., R.29E.

By signing below I certify that the above improvements are present and in satisfactory condition unless otherwise noted.

Grizzly Bear/Wolf Recovery Management

If you or your rider see any wolves or grizzly bears on your allotment please contact John Farr of Wildlife Services at 374-5202 **immediately** after any possible sightings. Then contact Scott McCoy at 374-5422. Please keep us informed of the predator control activities conducted on your allotment. The information that you provide us on your Actual Use Form is very helpful.

Any dead livestock shall be moved to a location greater than 200 feet from water, out of view of roads or trails, and away from any areas of significant public use.

Reports and Record Keeping

Please fill out the forms in your folder that tracks your actual use, losses and expenditures for maintenance and management on your allotment and return to our office within **15 days of removing livestock**. That information is very helpful for our records and is used for upward reporting.

Notification of Problems/Coordination

In order to prevent small problems from becoming big problems, please work closely with your rangeland management specialist in his/her capacity as the representative of the District Ranger. Your rangeland management specialist is Scott McCoy. The work telephone number is 374-5422, or you can call him at home. The mailing address is P.O. Box 46, Dubois, ID 83423.