

## ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### Nicholia-Chandler S&G Allotment

2014

These Annual Operating Instructions for the Nicholia-Chandler Creek Allotment for the 2014 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
1200	Ewes/lambs	6/1-9/10	Nicholia-Chandler S&G
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#### 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

The Nicholia unit is scheduled for use during the summer of 2014. Use once over grazing and use each bedground only once during the season.

Use the Chandler allotment for winter grazing as allowed by snowfall.

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 Herder Responsibilities**

- Sheep must use Forest system roads for trailing to and from their allotment.
- Trailing while on National Forest System land will be counted as part of the permitted days.
- Practice “once-over” grazing by grazing sheep in areas only once and then moving on.
- Sheep are to bed in new locations each night. Do not bed sheep near streams, springs, Forest System roads and trails or at the herder’s camp. Noon bedding in riparian areas in not allowed.
- Keep the use of dogs to a minimum.
- Graze sheep into and away from water instead of trailing them.
- Salt should be placed in areas away from water, riparian areas, forest plantations, shade-up areas, or Forest System roads and trails. Salt in a different location each day and remove bags after use.
- Route sheep to avoid steep slopes with loose soil, and active gullies. Keep all camps clean; park herder camps off existing open roads as far as practical.
- Highline, picket, or hobble pack and saddle stock and move them frequently to avoid any over-grazed areas at camp sites.
- Report any fires to the Dubois District as soon as possible (208) 374-5422.

Failure to comply with these management responsibilities 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 otherwise 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**

#1067 Blue cyn W/D sec. 22 T10N R31E (Removed in 2009)  
#1171 Buckhorn W/D sec. SESE27 T11N R31E  
#1173 Chandler W/D sec. 20 T10N R32E  
#1189 Kitty W/D sec. 3 T10N R31E  
#1189A Kitty spring W/D sec. 3 T10N R31E  
#1199 Nicholia W/D sec. NE 12 T11N R30E  
#1206 Reservoir Spr. W/D sec. 15 T11N R31E  
#1222 Well W/D sec. 24 T11N R30E  
#1227 McKinnley Spring W/D sec. 1 T11N R30E  
#1245 North Blue cyn res. W/D sec. NWN 19 T1N R32E  
#1246 Bear Wallow Res. W/D (South) sec. SE 12 T10N R31E  
#1252 Chandler cyn #2 W/D sec. NWSE 1 T10N R31E  
#1253 Chandler cyn #3 W sec. 1 T10N R31E  
#1480 Kitty Spr. Pipeline sec. 34,35,2 T10,11N R31E  
#1480A Kitty Spr. W/D North sec. SENE 35 T11N R31E  
#1480B Kitty Spr. W/D South sec. 2 T10N R31E  
#1422 Chandler storage tank sec. 20 T10N R32E

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 sees 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.

*5/7/2014*  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

*/s/Ron Schlader*  
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Forest Officer—RON SCHLADER

*5/13/2014*  
Date \_\_\_\_\_