

**2016 ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN
MAPLE HOLLOW CATTLE ALLOTMENT**

This is your Annual Operating Instructions for the Maple Hollow C&H Allotment. This Plan is part of your Term Grazing Permit as specified in Part 2, Number 8 (a) of your permit.

Before livestock enter the forest, your grazing fees must be paid and notice received in this office. Failure to follow this procedure is a violation of your permit.

As part of the Terms & Conditions of your Permit, Part 2 Number 8 (i), **all range improvements and maintenance on fences and water developments must be completed before cattle enter the forest. This will be verified by a pre-season inspection.**

NON-USE DOES NOT RELIEVE ANY PERMITTEE FROM THEIR RANGE IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY.

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK (COW/CALF) BY PERMITTEES

PERMITTEE	TERM	NONUSE
	42	0
	25	0
	59	0
	40	0
	79	0
	21	0
	10	0
TOTALS	267	0

PERMITTED SEASON OF USE

Approximately June 1 through September 30.

Time allotted in each unit is approximate, based on proper utilization standards listed below.

Rotation:

	Unit	Days
1 st	Maple Hollow Unit	40
2 nd	Two Mile Drift Unit	10
3 rd	Mud Springs Unit (70-80 head after June 1)	70
	Pine Hollow Unit	

Mud Springs Unit: 70-80 head will use this unit from late-June till September or when proper utilization has been met. If utilization has been met before the scheduled off date, the cattle can be moved to Pine Hollow unit providing there is adequate forage available.

PROPER UTILIZATION FOR ALL UNITS

Riparian Forage Utilization	Utilization Criteria
Herbaceous Utilization (AIZ)*	Utilization in the Aquatic Influence Zone at the end of the grazing period will be 50%. (e.g. poa, redbtop, etc)
Stubble Height (AIZ)*	Allowable stubble height measurements in the AIZ will vary between 3 to 6 inches at the end of the grazing period depending on the time of grazing and the condition of the stream.
Stubble Height (Greenline)*	Allowable stubble height measurements, along the greenline, will be 6 inches at the end of the grazing period. (e.g. carex)
Herbaceous Utilization (Greenline)	Utilization at the greenline at the end of the grazing period will be 50% depending on the time of grazing and the condition of the stream.
% Woody Species utilization	Allowable woody utilization 40%
% Cumulative Bank Disturbance	Refers to annual physical disturbance of alternation of the bank by

(Alteration)	livestock trampling. Allowable disturbance shall not exceed 15 %.
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Upland Forage Utilization	Utilization Criteria
Grass and herbaceous species (% dry weight)	Utilization of upland forage species on this allotment should not exceed 35% of key species (Blue Bunch Wheat Grass and Idaho Fescue) in critical winter range and 50% for non-winter range.
Shrubs (% Annual leader growth)	Utilization in the uplands 10% in critical winter range and 25 to 35% in non-winter range.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Any change which deviates from this Annual Operation Instruction must be made in advance and be in writing to the District Ranger.

When proper use is achieved in each grazing unit., all cattle must be cleaned from the unit and pushed into the next scheduled unit of use. Five days will be allowed to move cattle from one unit to the next. After that, the previously used unit should be back rode to remove any cattle missed and cattle should not be allowed to return there again during the season.

Cattle must be herded, not drifted home. Cattle on the forest after the September 30th are not authorized.

Sensitive riparian zones areas are scattered throughout the units and since the units are so large, it will be difficult at best to keep cattle herded away from select areas. Streams needing priority management include:

1. Pine Hollow
2. Trail Hollow

Wide distribution of salt. Salt is an important management tool for livestock distribution. Salt must be scattered throughout a given grazing area prior to cattle entering a unit, and must be located at least a ¼ of a mile from water, meadows, and roads.

A Forest closure order exists for any hay or straw on National Forest System Lands to be certified as weed free. All hay and straw used in association with your permit will also be certified as weed free as directed by the order.

Please notify our office of any noxious weed populations on your allotment so that a crew can be sent out to map and treat them.