

**2016 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS  
NEW CANYON CATTLE ALLOTMENT**

This is your Annual Operating Instructions for the New Canyon C&H Allotment. This Plan is part of your Term Grazing Permit as specified in Part 2, Number 8 (a) 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. Non-use does not relieve any permittee from their range improvement maintenance responsibility.

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.

*Drift cattle from both private land and neighboring allotments are factors that need to be minimized to unsure utilization levels are reflected from authorized use. Please contact Hans Bastian if you observe any problems.*

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK (COW/CALF) BY PERMITTEES

<i>Permittee</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Non-use</i>	<i>This Year</i>
	43	0	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43</b>

PERMITTED SEASON OF USE

June 1 to September 30

The dates described for moving cattle from unit to unit are approximates based on proper utilization criteria standards listed below. The lower New Canyon unit is lower elevation and has earlier summer vegetation. The range readiness is dependent upon spring conditions to allow +/- a week for turnout and roundup.

Lower New Canyon Unit: 60 days

Upper New Canyon Unit: 60 days

\*No cattle are authorized to be in Upper New Canyon prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>

PROPER UTILIZATION FOR ALL UNITS

<b>Riparian Forage Utilization</b>	<b>Utilization Criteria</b>
Herbaceous Utilization (AIZ)*	Utilization in the Aquatic Influence Zone at the end of the grazing period will be 50%. (e.g. poa, redtop, etc)
Stubble Height (AIZ)*	Allowable stubble height measurements in the AIZ will vary between 3 to 5 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 45% depending on the time of grazing and the condition of the stream.
% Woody Species utilization	Allowable woody utilization 40%
% Cumulative Bank Disturbance (Alteration)	Refers to short term (annual) physical disturbance of alternation of the bank by livestock trampling. Allowable disturbance shall not exceed 20 %.

Should bank erosion of perennial streams be evident, soil displacement guidelines may also be used. In addition, dispersed recreation sites may need to be grazed at a lower level, depending on the situation. Any changes in utilization levels for these areas will be cooperatively determined with you at each specific site.

Upland Forage Utilization	Utilization Criteria
Grass and herbaceous species (% dry weight)	Utilization of upland forage species on this allotment should not exceed 50% of key species (Blue Bunch Wheat Grass and Idaho Fescue).
Shrubs (% Annual leader growth)	Utilization in the uplands 25% to 35%.

### MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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. Drift back is detrimental. The objective of rotational grazing is to give vegetation and soils time for recovery in order to promote continued and increased productivity. Failure to follow this direction can result in reduced grazing seasons.

Sensitive sites on the New Canyon Allotment that need close attention during the grazing season include:

- Upper New Canyon meadow
- Lower New Canyon between road and stream
- Beaver pond areas

Wide distribution of salt. Salt is an important tool. It must be distributed throughout a given grazing area prior to cattle entering a unit. Do not place salt within ¼ mile of water, meadows, or roads.

### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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

Cattle must be herded, not drifted home. Cattle on the forest after the approved grazing season are not authorized.

A Forest closure order exists for any hay or straw used in association with your permit. All hay and straw will be certified and tagged as noxious weed, or noxious weed seed free as directed by the order.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Hans Bastian at 236-7526 or Clayton Collins at 236-7504.