

**2016 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**BUCKSKIN BASIN ALLOTMENT**  
**WEBB CREEK SHEEP ALLOTMENT**  
**ROBBERS ROOST SHEEP ALLOTMENT**

This is your Annual Operating Instruction for the Webb Creek and Buckskin Sheep Allotments. 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 water developments must be completed before sheep enter the forest.

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.

*Consideration needs to be given to the boundary conflict at the North Fork of Inman and Inman Pass, so mixing of adjacent sheep bands does not occur.*

A grazing capacity study is ongoing on the Robbers Roost Allotment and it is estimated that this allotment can support the restored carrying capacity of livestock.

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK BY PERMITTEE and PERMITTED NUMBERS

| <u>ALLOTMENT</u>                   | <u>NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK</u> | <u>PERMITTED SEASON OF USE</u> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Robbers Roost/Reed<br>(odd)/(even) | 1030                       | 6/6-8/25                       |
| Webb Creek*                        | 1000                       | 5/22- 7/6 (1600 HM)            |
| Buckskin                           | 1000                       | 7/7-9/6 (2100 HM)              |

\*This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year to graze dyers woad for weed control in the area

**Specific Riparian Standards for:**

| <b>Stream</b>   | <b>Indicator</b> | <b>Standard</b> |
|---|------------------|-----------------|
| McNabb Creek<br>Upper Middle Toponce  | Bank Alteration  | 15%             |
|   | AIZ Utilization  | 40%             |
| Webb Creek  | Bank Alteration  | 15%             |
|   | AIZ Utilization  | 30-40%          |
| Hagler Creek<br>Sawmill Creek<br>N. Fork of Inman Creek                                   | Bank Alteration  | 15%             |
|   | AIZ Utilization  | 30%             |
| Inman Creek   | Bank Alteration  | 15%             |
|   | AIZ Utilization  | 30-40%          |
| Two Mile Creek<br>Crane Creek<br>Upper Rock Creek<br>Robbers Roost Creek                  | Bank Alteration  | 15%             |
|   | AIZ Utilization  | 30%             |
| Quinn Creek<br>Lower Rock Creek<br>Harkness Creek   | Bank Alteration  | 15%             |
|   | AIZ Utilization  | 40%             |
| East Bob Smith  | Bank Alteration  | 10-15%          |
|   | AIZ Utilization  | 40%             |
| West Bob Smith<br>Reed Canyon (N & S Forks)<br>Kelly Gulch<br>Bell Canyon<br>Beach Hollow | Bank Alteration  | 15%             |
|   | AIZ Utilization  | 30%             |

AIZ= Aquatic Influence Zone is area between the stream and upland vegetation

### PROPER UTILIZATION FOR ALL UNITS

| <b>Upland Forage Utilization</b>            | <b>Utilization Criteria</b>  |
|---|--|
| 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 will vary from 25% to 35% depending on whether it is considered as: winter range, critical winter range, or non-winter range. |

Should bank erosion of perennial streams be evident, soil displacement guidelines may also be used. In addition, 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.

#### GRAZING MANAGEMENT

Watering on live water is limited to 1 hour per day. Instruct your herder to move sheep to water earlier in the day to avoid noon shade-up. Once sheep have watered, herder must move sheep off-site. Do not allow your sheep to water more than once in any given location.

"Once-over" grazing use and open herding should be practiced when it is possible. Bed grounds should not be used in excess of one night when possible.

When salting, please salt in a different place from last year. We would prefer that salt be applied on rocky areas, and avoid salting steep, east facing slopes where snow cornices build-up. Please do not bed or salt sheep near springs or running water.

All camps should have a serviceable ax and shovel for fire control. Please keep your camps clean and pack out your refuse.

#### ROTATIONAL USE

The sheep enter the allotment from the west end and work towards higher country. Instruct your herder to avoid bedding sheep within 600 feet of the Webb Canyon Yurt. Do not bed within 1/8 mile of the Boundary Trail. When you cross the trail, instruct your herder to remove rocks dislodged by the sheep.

#### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

Please contact Hans Bastian at 236-7526 or Clayton Collins at 236-7504 if you have any questions.