

**2016 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
SPRING HILLS CATTLE ALLOTMENT**

This is your Annual Operating Instructions for the Oxford Mountain 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.

NUMBER OF CATTLE (COW/CALF) BY PERMITTEE

Permittee	Term	Non-use	This Year
	375	-	375

Permitted Season of Use

The average use will be 375 cattle from June 1 to September 30 and not exceed 375 Head Months in the period of use. The dates described for moving cattle from allotment are approximate based on proper utilization criteria standards listed below.

PROPER UTILIZATION FOR ALL UNITS

Herbaceous Utilization	Uplands	50%
	Critical winter range	35%
Browse Utilization	Critical winter range	10%
	Uplands	40%
Stubble Height	AIZ (area between the stream and upland vegetation)	4 inch

Riparian Forage Utilization	Utilization Criteria
Herbaceous Utilization (AIZ)	Utilization in the Aquatic Influence Zone at the end of the grazing period will be 25%. (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 8 inches at the end of the grazing period. (e.g. carex)
% Woody Species utilization	Allowable woody utilization 10-20%
% Cumulative Bank Disturbance (Alteration)	Refers to short term (annual) physical disturbance of alternation of the bank by livestock trampling. Allowable disturbance shall not exceed 10%.

MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

When proper use is achieved, all cattle must be cleaned from the allotment. We will need to coordinate the adjacent private land use to incorporate a deferred pasture rotation.

Salt is an important management tool. It must be distributed throughout a given grazing area prior to cattle entering a unit, and must be located at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile from water, meadows, and roads.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Portions of the Spring Hills Unit have been classified as critical winter range. Stricter standards have been issued for those areas and are listed under the Spring Hills Unit above.

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

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

Any change which deviates from these Annual Operation Instructions 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.