

**2016 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
WRIGHTS CREEK CATTLE ALLOTMENT**

This is your Annual Operating Instructions for the Wrights Creek 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 LIVESTOCK (COW/CALF) BY PERMITTEE

PERMITTEE	TERM	NON-USE
	114	0
	81	0
	58	0
	72	0
	46	0
Totals	371	0

PERMITTED SEASON OF USE

Approximately June 1 through September 30

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

Rotation:

Rotation	Unit	Number	Days
1 st	South Fork Unit	139 (J. Daniels & Ward)	45
	Meadow Unit	232 (Buist cattle)	3 (mother up period)
2 nd	Thorpe Creek Unit	371 (entire herd)	30
3 rd	Mountain Unit	371 (entire herd)	45

*You may only enter a new unit ahead of the main herd in advance when you come in from the Grassland as agreed by the association as since the 2006 grazing season.

PROPER UTILIZATION FOR ALL UNITS

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 will vary from 25% to 35% depending on whether it is considered as: winter range, critical winter range, or non-winter range.

When proper use in any particular unit is reached, all your cattle must be moved to the next unit of the allotment. When proper use in the last unit scheduled for use is achieved, cattle must be removed from the allotment.

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, redtop, 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 (Alteration)	Refers to short term (annual) physical disturbance of alternation of the bank by livestock trampling. Allowable disturbance shall not exceed 10-15 %.

Should bank erosion of perennial streams be evident, soil displacement guidelines may also be developed. In addition, recreation sites may have 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.

MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Part of good cattle management on the allotment is riding and salting to assure proper cattle distribution. Keeping cattle off "Key" areas and into areas of lesser use serves to prolong the time cattle can expect to stay in a unit. Key areas include the riparian in Wrights Creek and the spring area in South Fork of Hawkins. Salt must be located at least a ¼ of a mile from water, meadows, and roads. Riding should be done a minimum of three days per week throughout your grazing units.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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

At the end of the grazing season, cattle must be herded, not drifted home. Cattle on the Forest after September 30 are not authorized.

A Forest closure order exists for any hay or straw used in association with your permit and 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 a crew can be sent out to map and treat them.

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