ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Corral-Crab S&G, Cottonwood-East Camas S&G, Pleasant Valley-Stoddard/Idaho Hollow S&G, and East Indian-Modoc S&G Allotments, 2016

These Annual Operating Instructions for the Corral-Crab, Cottonwood-East Camas, Pleasant Valley-Stoddard/Idaho Hollow, and East Indian-Modoc Allotments for the 2016 grazing season will be considered part of your term grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2 item 8(a).

Situations may develop during the grazing season which require changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some part of these instructions, contact the District Ranger and obtain approval **prior to initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.**

Livestock Management

Permitted #s	Class of Livestock	Season of Use	Allotment
1000	Ewe-lamb	7/1-9/25	Cottonwood-East Camas S&G
2	Horses	7/1-9/25	
1000	Ewe-lamb	6/16-9/15	Corral-Crab Creek S&G
2	Horses	6/16-9/15	
1000*	Ewe-lamb	6/16-9/15	East Indian-Modoc S&G
2	Horses	6/16-9/15	
1000*	Ewe-lamb	6/16-9/15	Pleasant Valley-Stoddard/Idaho Hollow S&G
2	Horses	6/16-9/15	
1000	*Ewe-lamb*	*6/16-9/15*	*(Snake River Butte S&G at Island Park)*
2	*Horses*	*6/16-9/15*	**Rested in 2016**

*On odd numbered years, one of these bands goes to Island Park District's Snake River Butte Allotment

Planned #s	Class of Livestock	Season of Use	Allotment
1,000	Ewe-lamb	7/1-9/25	Cottonwood-E. Camas S&G
2	Horses	7/1-9/25	
1,000	Ewe-lamb	6/16-9/15	Corral-Crab Cr. S&G
2	Horses	6/16-9/15	
1,000	Ewe-lamb	6/16-9/15	East Indian-Modoc S&G
2	Horses	6/16-9/15	
1,000	Ewe-lamb	6/16-9/15	Pleasant Valley-Stoddard/Idaho Hollow S&G
2	Horses	6/16-9/15	

<u>Bill for Collection</u>

The bill for collection will be made due and payable five (5) days prior to the scheduled turn on date. Payment must be received prior to the turn on date regardless of whether or not actual turn on is delayed. Failure to pay by the due date may result in additional administrative and interest charges. Grazing use that occurs prior to fee payment constitutes non-compliance with the grazing permit and will be charged at the unauthorized use rate, and may also subject the permit to suspension or cancellation action.

Proposed Pasture Rotations

Cottonwood-East Camas S&G Allotment Rotation

Unit Name	Use
Saw Creek	Spread Use Evenly throughout the Units. Do Not Exceed 50% Use in Any one Area
Coalmine	
Cottonwood Lakes	
Little Creek	

Corral-Crab Creek S&G Allotment Rotation

Unit Name	Use
Rattlesnake Creek (E. and W. fork of Rattlesnake Creek)	Spread Use Evenly throughout the Units. Do Not Exceed 50% Use in Any one Area
Corral Creek (Spring Cr., Bear Cat, Corral Creek)	
Crab Creek (Crab Creek, Goldmine, McGarry)	

Pleasant Valley-Stoddard and Idaho Hollow **S&G Allotment Rotation**

Unit Name	Tentative Schedule of Use
Stoddard Creek (Thomas Draw, Van-Noy, and Picnic Hollow)	Spread Use Evenly throughout the Units. Do Not Exceed 50% Use in Any one Area
Pleasant Valley Creek (White Pine, Kite, and Ramshorn)	
Idaho Hollow (School Sec., Headquarters, Upper Idaho Creek)	

East Indian-Modoc S&G Allotment Rotation

Unit Name	Tentative Schedule of Use
Lower West Indian	Spread Use Evenly throughout the Units. Do Not Exceed 50% Use in Any one Area
Scull Canyon	
Upper West Indian	
Modoc	

The livestock rotations are tentative. Vegetative conditions on the allotment will dictate the actual turn out date and when livestock are moved from unit to unit.

Grazing Standards and Guides

The following Standards and Guides from the 1997 Revised Forest Plan as included in Part 3 of your term grazing permit will be monitored and used for determining removal of livestock from a unit and/or the allotment.

- 4 inch stubble height of key species along the hydric greenline.
- 3 inch stubble height of key species within the aquatic influence zone.
- 30% utilization of current year's growth on riparian woody plants.

Upland Utilization Standards	Season-long Grazing			Rotation Grazing	
	Unsatisfactory Range Condition	Satisfactory Range Condition		Unsatisfactory Range Condition	Satisfactory Range Condition
Grasses and Herbaceous species	35%	45%		45%	55%
Shrubs	25%	35%		35%	35%
*The figures shown represent the best estimate of acceptable use levels which will provide for maintenance or improvement of these ecosystems. They shall be used as maximum use levels unless there is site-specific information to show that these levels are incorrect. Percent use is based on a dry weight percentage.					

Utilization monitoring and long-term trend monitoring will take place throughout the season while livestock are on the allotment. Permittee participation is encouraged in these monitoring activities.

Permittee and Herder Responsibilities

- Sheep must use Forest system roads for trailing to and from the allotments.
- Trailing while on National Forest System land will be counted as part of the permitted days.
- Practice "once-over grazing" by grazing in areas only once and then moving on.
- Sheep are to bed in new locations each night. Do not bed sheep near streams, springs, Forest System roads and trails or at the herder's camp. Noon bedding in riparian areas in not allowed.
- Keep the use of dogs to a minimum.
- Graze sheep into and away from water instead of trailing them.
- Salt should be placed in areas away from water, and riparian areas. Salt in a different location each day and remove bags after use.
- Route sheep to avoid steep slopes with loose soil, and active gullies.
- Keep all camps clean; park herder camps off existing open roads at least 25 feet.
- Highline, picket, or hobble pack and saddle stock and move them frequently to avoid any over-grazed areas at camp sites.
- Report any fires to the Dubois District as soon as possible (208) 374-5422.

Failure to comply with these management responsibilities may be cause for action to be taken against the grazing permit including suspension or cancellation, in whole or in part.

Motorized Travel

Motorized travel is only allowed on designated routes. However, grazing permittees can travel cross country to maintain or construct range improvements. This motorized access must be less than two vehicles per week. The permits that you receive will authorize this use and must be in the vehicle when traveling cross country.

Noxious Weeds

Noxious Weeds are known to exist on your allotment. Please notify our office of any new (small) noxious weed populations on your allotment so that we can attempt to eradicate them early. Any hay or straw brought on the Forest must be certified **"weed free"**. Contact the District Office for information on where to obtain weed free feeds. Trucks or trailers transporting livestock to the allotment from areas where noxious weeds are present should not be cleaned out on National Forest System lands.

Range Improvement Maintenance

All range improvements must be maintained prior to livestock entering the grazing unit. Failure to properly complete the assigned maintenance to standard and in a timely manner will be cause for denial of permission to either place livestock on the allotment, or to move to another pasture, and/or may result in action being taken against the grazing permit. If the improvement is deteriorated beyond repair please contact our office to discuss options to resolve the situation. Coordination with adjoining allotment permittees will be necessary to insure fences they are responsible for have been maintained.

Corral-Crab S&G Improvements

#1133	Crab Creek Water Development (W/D)	T12N, R38E, Sec. 5
#1136	Corral Creek Hydraulic Ram	T12N, R37E, Sec. 1
#1150	Bear Cat W/D	T13N, R38E, Sec. 31
#1137	Corral Creek W/D	T12N, R38E, Sec. 6
#1165	Corral Creek Pipeline1	T12N, R38E, Sec. 5 and 6

Pleasant Valley-Stoddard/Idaho Hollow S&G

*****#1142	Pleasant Valley W/D	T13N, R36E, Sec. 20
*****#1153	Ramshorn Creek W/D	T13N, R36E, Sec. 23
	*****(*maintenance shared with Idaho Hollow cattle permittees*)	
#1141	Picnic Hollow W/D	T13N, R36E, Sec. 21
#1155	North Stoddard W/D	T13N, R36E, Sec. 21
	(*maintenance shared with W. Beaver cattle permittees*)	
#1130	Idaho Hollow – Middle Fork W/D	T13N, R35E, Sec. 14
#1132	Headquarters Creek W/D	T13N, R36E, Sec. 17
#1159	Sheep Draw W/D	T13N, R36E, Sec. 17

#1230	Thomas Spring W/D	T13N, R35E, Sec. 10	(spring is not reliable)
#1292	Idaho Hollow Drift Fence	T13N, R35E, Sec. 11	
#1384	Modoc Sheep Corrals	T13N, R35E, Sec. 9	

E. Indian-Modoc S&G

#1002	Modoc Sheep and Cattle division fence	T13N, R35E, Sec. 9 & 10
	(*maintenance shared with Modoc cattle permittees*)	
#1139	West Modoc W/D	T13N, R35E, Sec. 17
#1185	Frog Pond W/D	T13N, R35E, Sec. 19
	(*maintenance shared by West Indian cattle permittees*)	

Table Mountain S&G

#1364A	Rock Springs W/D Trough	sec. 16 T14N R38E
#1466 and A	Hidden Spr. W/D Trough & Headbox.	sec. SWSW 20 T14N R37E
#1475	Wheeler Spr. Dev.	sec. 17 T14N R38E
#1499	Bear Gulch Sheep Corral	sec. 9 T13N R38E

By signing this AOI, I, the permitted user, certify that the above improvements are present and in satisfactory condition unless otherwise noted.

Grizzly Bear/Wolf Recovery Management

If you or your rider see any wolves or grizzly bears on your allotment please contact John Farr of Wildlife Services at 374-5202 **immediately** after any possible sightings. Then contact Scott McCoy at 374-5422. Please keep us informed of the predator control activities conducted on your allotment. The information that you provide us on your Actual Use Form is very helpful.

A food storage order is in place which will require proper storage of food to render it unavailable to bears on National Forest System lands in Teton, Fremont, Madison, and Clark Counties east of Interstate-15. As part of the food storage order, human food, refuse and prepared livestock/pet foods associated with the livestock operation will be made unavailable to bears through proper storage, handling and disposal. Proper storage includes:

- inside a bear-proof container (such as bear proof panniers),
- suspended at least 10 feet clear of the ground at its lowest point and at least 4 feet horizontally from adjacent posts or trees,
- stored in a hard-sided vehicle or trailer, or
- other methods approved by the District Ranger.

The exception is when the food is being eaten or prepared for eating or when food and similar organic matter is being transported. Unburned human foods, garbage or other refuse will be carried off the Forest as often as practical.

Any dead livestock shall be moved to a location greater than 200 feet from water, out of view of roads or trails, and away from any areas of significant public use.

Reports and Record Keeping

Please fill out the forms in your folder that tracks your actual use, losses and expenditures for maintenance and management on your allotment and return to our office within **15**

days of removing livestock. That information is very helpful for our records and is used for upward reporting.

Notification of Problems/Coordination

In order to prevent small problems from becoming big problems, please work closely with your rangeland management specialist in his/her capacity as the representative of the District Ranger. Your rangeland management specialist is Scott McCoy. The work telephone number is 374-5422, or you can call him at home. The mailing address is P.O. Box 46, Dubois, ID 83423.