



CARIBOU-TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST

PALISADES RANGER DISTRICT

IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO

2016

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

TABLE ROCK CATTLE ALLOTMENT

CONTACT US PRIOR TO STOCKING THE ALLOTMENT

PERMIT INFORMATION

Due to the large amount of fence it would require to separate the small area of National Forest from your private land and the fact that due to the topography you would need to cross Forest Service land to access other portions of your range, you have been issued a Term Grazing Permit for the National Forest portion with “on and off” provisions to address the private land portion. The stocking capacity for the National Forest portion of the allotment is 10 head, of cow/calf pairs. The capacity for the private land is 40 head, cow/calf pairs. The National Forest Term Grazing Permit is for 10 cow/calf pair. The On and Off provisions authorize an additional 40 cow/calf pairs of cattle. **Total cattle to graze the combined lands are 50 head of cow/calf pairs.** The period of use specifies 52 days to be used in the period between May 15th and October 30th.

All cattle must be your own livestock and branded with your registered brand.

The following brand is permitted on the allotment:

GRAZING SCHEDULE

The grazing schedule for the 2016 season is for the cattle to enter the allotment and associated private land on **June 1**. The cattle may then graze the allotment until **July 6th** or until proper use standards are met, whichever comes first. You will be allowed to turn cattle back on to the allotment for **16 days** in the fall if proper use standards of the National Forest portion were not reached in the spring.

ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT

During the spring meeting we will set a date to look at the allotment and show you the forest boundary.

Utilization

These utilization guidelines apply to native and desirable nonnative vegetation as recorded at the end of the grazing period.

There are no riparian areas located on the National Forest portion of the allotment so only upland use rates will apply.

The following rates for forage utilization apply to the combined use from wildlife and domestic stock. As any of the specified use levels are reached the cattle will be moved off of the allotment.

Upland Forage Utilization

<u>Vegetation type</u>	<u>Percent Utilization</u>
Herbaceous vegetation including grasses on rangeland in satisfactory range condition	55%
Herbaceous vegetation including grasses on rangeland in unsatisfactory range condition	45%
Shrubs (current years growth)	35%

Cattle should be moved off the forest prior to exceeding the proper use rates.

There are no riparian areas on the allotment.

COORDINATION & COOPERATION

Wolf Management

You need to comply with the most current rules concerning wolf management. To receive the latest information on wolf management you can contact the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Any problems with wolves will be reported to Wildlife Services as well as Palisades Ranger District as soon as possible.

Travel Management

If you need to travel off of designated routes for any reason you must get a permit from the District Ranger prior to the activity.

Noxious Weeds

The Palisades Ranger District will again have a crew treating weeds on the District this summer. Report any new infestations you find to us. The weed crew may contact you to

access the portions of the Forest through your private land.

Information

In addition to this grazing plan the folder contains: An allotment map, a page of general grazing instructions, information and contact numbers relating to wolf depredations and an Actual Use Record. Keep the record current with allotment information and return the folder and completed actual use form to the Palisades District Office by November 15th. The information is used for reports and planning during the winter.

You may mail or deliver this folder to:

Palisades Ranger District
3659 East Ririe Highway
Idaho Falls, ID 83401

This Annual Operating Instruction document is part of your Term Grazing Permit. If a situation develops that require changes to this plan contact the District Ranger and obtain approval prior to initiating changes or deviating from these instructions. If you have any questions about the instructions or the allotment in general, please contact us. The phone number for the Idaho Falls Office is 523-1412.

These instructions have been reviewed by the permittee and the Palisades Ranger District and in combination with the permit and Allotment Management Plan will be the guide for this allotment for the 2016 grazing season.