Annual Operating Instructions
2015
East Pinto Allotment
Pine Valley RD, Dixie NF

This AOI is made part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a). Situations may develop during the grazing season which requires changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some or part of these instructions, contact the District Ranger and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions. Failure to follow these instructions is a violation of your permit.

Permittee	Ear Tag Color & #'s	Permitted*			Authorized**		
		Number	Class	Season	Number	Class	Season
Dwight Iverson	NA	96	Cow/calf	06/01-10/15	96	Cow/calf	06/01-10/15
Malin Iverson	NA	50	Cow/calf	06/01-10/15	50	Cow/calf	06/01-10/15

*Permitted use is the livestock numbers and season of use listed on your grazing permit.
**Authorized use is the number of livestock and season of use you are authorized for in the current grazing season and reflects stocking and/or season of use adjustments for the given year.

Non-use

Please be aware that nonuse in excess of 10% of your permitted numbers must be requested at least 30 days before the "on" date. Nonuse for personal convenience may be approved on a year-to-year basis for a maximum of three consecutive years and not more than four years in any 10-year period. Longer periods of nonuse for range protection will only be approved under a written agreement.

Non-use requested: If yes, identify if for resource protection or personal convience. If for personal convience identify if it is 1st, 2nd, or 3rd consecutive year or the 4th in a 10-year period.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

Grazing Schedule

Unit (Pasture)	Tentative Dates*
North Richie	June 1 – June 21
Pinto Flat	June 22 – July 31
Harrison Peak	Aug 1 – Aug 31
South Richie	Sept 1 – Sept 30
Little Pinto Creek Pasture	Oct 1- Oct 15
All Cattle OFF Forest	**Oct 16**

*The above schedule is an **estimate** and may be modified at any time if: utilization levels are met, water availability is inadequate, drought, delayed forage development or wet soil conditions.

Allowable use levels are more important than tentative dates listed above. If allowable use levels are met early in the scheduled pasture, cattle will be required to be moved to another area of the pasture, moved to another pasture, or removed from the Forest. If early pasture moves occur, District range personnel or the District Ranger must be notified. Delayed pasture moves require prior approval by the District Ranger.

Type of rotation: Deferred

All livestock must be removed from the Forest by the permitted off date listed above.

Notice of Non-compliance/Suspension Actions: None

Additional instructions: None

UTILIZATION STANDARDS & MONITORING

Maximum Allowable Forage Use Criteria

Vegetation Type		Very Early	Early	Mid	Late	Comments
Riparian Hydric Species (i.e. rushes & sedges)		6”	6”	4”	4”	Stubble height remaining at end of growing season.
Riparian Emphasis Management Areas (Little Pinto Creek - Page Ranch)		6”	6”	6”	6”	Stubble height remaining at end of growing season.
Hydric species in wet meadows not influenced by streams (i.e. rushes & sedges)		6”	6”	4”	4”	Stubble height remaining at end of growing season.
Non-hydric species in riparian areas (i.e. Kentucky bluegrass)		2”				Stubble height remaining at end of growing season.
Upland species		50%				Varying in specific unit from 40-60%.
Wheatgrass seedings		60%				Management option to exceed 60% to maintain healthy seedings.
Riparian browse		<50%				New leader production.
Stream bank alteration		<20%				Sloughing, trampling, dislodged stones, & animal tracks.
Goshawk nest areas & post-fledging family areas (PFAs)	Grass & forbs	<20%				Average <20% by weight and not exceed 40% in any given area.
	Shrubs	<40%				Average <40% by weight and not exceed 50% in any given area.

The above utilization standards take precedence over the tentative dates listed in the grazing schedule. You are responsible to monitor your livestock and comply with the listed utilization standards and to move livestock prior to **any** of the above standards being exceeded.

Compliance monitoring inspections will be conducted by Forest Service personnel throughout the grazing season in key areas across the allotment. You are invited and it is recommended that you participate in these inspections.

Exceeding the utilization standards may be considered as non-compliance with your Term Grazing Permit and may be subject to suspension or cancellation of the permit.

Additional instructions: NONE

BILLING

Your annual grazing bill must be paid and notification received in our office prior to turning livestock onto the National Forest. It may take 10 days or more from the time you mail your payment until we receive payment notification so plan accordingly.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

You are responsible for maintaining the range improvements assigned to you in Part 3 of your Term Grazing Permit. All improvements are to be maintained to standard prior to livestock entering the pasture being used, even in the event of non-use. Standards are in part 3 of your Term Grazing Permit or at http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/dixie/resources/rangemgt.shtml . Livestock entry onto the Forest may be delayed if improvements are not maintained to acceptable standards.

Scheduled improvement Maintenance for **2015** season:

DWIGHT IVERSON

FENCE

East Pinto/West Pinto Division Fence – from private land boundary near the pinto cemetery north to the end of fence - .25 miles and from the southwest corner of Orman Mitchells property at pinto, southwest to the corner of the fence below the Big cottonwood tree. .5 miles

Richie Flat Fence from the cattle guard on the pinto Road east to the fence separating pages Ranch from the National Forest hence south to a point ¼ mile east of Lockeridge Spring. 3.25 miles

East Pinto/Pine Valley Division Fence – from the cattle guard on the Pinto to Grass Valley road southwesterly to the Magotsu Allotment boundary 2.75 miles

Pinto/South Richie pasture fence from the pine valley allotment boundary fence near the pinto spring cattleguard north through the Pinto Reveg Seep Seeding to a point southwest of the Iron Peg exclosure. 1.5 miles

WATER

Pinto and Iverson Spring Developments – head box, pipe and trough
Kane and Harrison Spring Developments – head box, pipe and trough

Equal share of stock ponds based on percentage of permitted livestock

MALIN IVERSON

FENCE

Kane Spring Fence (Iron Town /East Pinto Division) from the west rim on Kane Point southwesterly to the top of the first hill west of Kane spring .75 miles

Page Point fence (East Pinto/New Harmony Division) from the cattle guard on the Grants Ranch to page's ranch road southwesterly to a point .25 miles east of page point. .75 miles

North Richie Pinto Pasture fence from the cattle guard on the into Road north to Kane Spring 1.5 miles

Pinto/South Richie pasture fence - from the cattle guard on the pinto Road south to a point southwest of the Iron Peg exclosure 2.25 miles

East Pinto/Pint valley Div Fence - from the cattle guard at Pinto Spring to the cattle guard on the Pinto to Grass Valley Road 1.25 miles

WATER

Cottonwood Pipeline – 1.5 miles of pipe and 2 troughs

Equal share of stock ponds based on percentage of permitted livestock

You must obtain prior written approval from the District Ranger before constructing/installing structural range improvements or using or applying any pesticide/herbicide.

Any improvement, which is no longer functional or no longer needed, will be removed from the allotment by the permittee. The removal of any improvement must have prior approval by the District Ranger.

Failure to maintain your assigned range improvements may be considered as non-compliance with your Term Grazing Permit and may be subject to suspension or cancellation of your permit.

Additional instructions: None

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

You or the association will furnish sufficient riders or herders for proper distribution, protection and management of livestock on the allotment as required by the Allotment Management Plan (AMP) and/or Annual Operating Instructions (AOI).

You are required to submit actual use information for the allotment. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the district office within 30 days of removal of livestock from the Forest.

Salt and other dietary supplements are a distribution tool, and as such, should not be placed within ¼ mile of riparian areas, water troughs and ponds; within 200 ft. of designated roads, trails, trail heads or camping spots which have frequent use. Avoid salting in or near tree plantations or regenerating aspen stands. Exceptions to these standards must have prior approval.

Salt will be moved from areas where feed has been used to standards.

The Dixie National Forest Travel Plan must be followed while managing livestock unless approved in advance and in writing by the District Ranger.

Livestock should be drifted instead of trailed wherever possible. Previously grazed units must have all livestock removed from them.

All livestock feed or straw brought onto the Forest must be certified weed free per Regional Forester's Order #04-00-058, dated March 26, 1996 (http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/dixie/resources/rangemgt.shtml).

Dead livestock shall be moved at least ¼ mile from roads, water sources, and camping spots, which have evidence of frequent use.

All garbage resulting from activities associated with this permit shall be removed from National Forest lands and disposed of properly.

Additional instructions: none