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ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
2009
CORN CREEK C&H ALLOTMENT
6/16 to 10/15

Introduction

These annual operating instructions are 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 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 before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.

Remember that your grazing fees must be paid before your cattle are permitted to enter the allotment. If you have not received your grazing billing for this season, please call. When you send your grazing fees, write the billing number on the upper left of your check. This will insure your payment is properly credited.

All cattle you place on the allotment must be branded with brands that are recorded on your grazing permit application, and tagged with forest eartags. Each permittee must own the livestock he grazes on the Forest.

Grazing Schedule

As we discussed in our meeting this spring we will begin grazing this spring after the perennial grasses are into the flower head. This is estimated to be about June 16

1. **This year we will graze** Main Corn Creek Crazy Hollow, West Fork Corn Creek, and the Yellow Mare area.
2. Total Rest for **North Fork Corn Creek, Cottonwood, Lute Barney, Hell Hole areas.**

Permitted Grazing Use

The following number of cattle are authorized to graze during the 2009 grazing season from June 16 through October 15 or until proper use as described below is reached, whichever comes first.

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Cattle No.</u>	<u>HM's</u>	Green tag Numbers
Russell Crook	236	784	1-226
Total	236		

No cattle are authorized to enter the allotment until the boundary fence between the Corn Creek and Cottonwood Allotments is maintained to standard this year.

Remember all salt must be placed out of the stream bottoms and away from water and roads. It will be especially important to keep the cattle well distributed and up out of the stream bottoms as much as possible.

You need to keep all cattle out of the Leavitts spring area as much as possible . This will require frequent riding to herd the cattle out of this area up to Monk Spring trough as they start coming into this area later in the grazing season.

Riparian areas (wet areas) are key areas for management. Once cattle have grazed these areas to the proper use level, they will have to be removed from the allotment (see grazing use standards below). This means it will be extremely important to use salting and herding to keep the cattle up out of the creek bottoms as much as possible.

Grazing Use Standards

ALTERNATE YEARS SYSTEM

Maximum Allowable Forage Use Criteria		
Vegetation Type	Stubble Height/Use	Comments
Riparian Hydric Species	4"	Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment
Riparian Emphasis Management Areas	6"	Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment
Non-hydric Sod-Forming Grass Species in Riparian Areas	1 ½ "	Primarily Kentucky bluegrass--Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment
Wheatgrass Seedings	60%	Management option to exceed 60% use to maintain healthy seedings
Riparian/Upland Browse Sprouts and Young-Aged Plants	≤40%	# of current year's available twigs removed
Riparian/Upland Mature Browse	≤50%	# of current year's available twigs removed
Upland Grass/Forb	40-60% of key species; varies by grazing system and desired condition	% of current year's growth
Riparian Ground Cover	Maintain ground cover of at least 70% within riparian areas	

These standards must be adhered to. Any grazing use beyond these standards could damage the vegetation resource. You need to monitor grazing use closely and remove all cattle from the forest when these standards are met.

Maintenance of Improvements

Improvements must be maintained before cattle enter the allotment. Remember to call so Del can verify completion before you place cattle on the allotment.

We look forward to working with you this year. If you have any questions or comments concerning the allotment, please call Del Barnhurst at (435) 743-5721.

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cc: All permittees on the Corn Creek C&H Allotment