

**2210**  
**ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**2009**  
**SOUTH FORK CHALK CREEK C&H ALLOTMENT**  
**6/26 - 9/30**

**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.

**Grazing Schedule**

The grazing schedule for this year will be as follows:

1. Enter North Deer Pasture
2. Dry Creek Unit – graze second
3. White Pine – Paradise Unit – graze last
4. Rest – Pine Creek and South half of Deer Pasture

**Permitted Cattle**

Your permit is for 144 cattle from 6/26 to 9/30. As we discussed this spring, you may begin grazing June 19 this year on a trial basis.

All cattle you place on the allotment must be branded with brands that are recorded on your grazing permit application and wear forest ear tags. Each permittee must own the livestock he grazes on the Forest. It is a violation of your grazing permit to graze cows other than your own.

**Management of the Allotment**

It is critical that you maintain your portion of the fence between South Fork and Center Fork Chalk creek allotments early this year. Your section of the fence is that portion east of the ATV cattleguard in the saddle between Dry Creek and Horse Hollow. You must keep your cattle off the Center Fork Chalk Creek allotment.

You will need to use the north half of the Deer Pasture Unit as long as the water holds out. It is important that you keep the cattle in the proper units and do enough riding and salting to keep them distributed to get the best use of the forage.

While grazing the Dry Creek Unit you will need to push cattle up out of the main canyon bottom often as cattle like to congregate there. You will probably not be able to keep cattle in this unit very long. When the bottom of Dry Creek reaches proper use push the cattle up over the head into Flat Canyon, Lost Canyon and Margarets Flat, then into Paradise, Bear Canyon and White Pine areas.

Riparian areas (wet areas) are key areas for management. The South Fork Chalk Creek Allotment does have some of this land type. Where it occurs, we need to monitor it closely for grazing use. Once the cattle have grazed these areas to the proper use level, they will have to be moved to the next area scheduled for grazing or removed from the allotment. This means it is very important that you salt properly and ride often to keep the cattle distributed away from the creek bottoms.

**Grazing Use Standards** (Fishlake Forest Plan)

DEFERRED ROTATION SYSTEM/DEFERRED SYSTEM

<b>Maximum Allowable Forage Use Criteria</b>		
<b>Vegetation Type</b>	<b>Stubble Height/Use</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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	

**Maintenance of Improvements**

The fences around the Deer Pasture Unit will need to be maintained before your cattle enter the allotment. You are responsible for maintaining all the improvements on the allotment.

Improvement work scheduled this year: Maintain and extend fence between South Fork and Center Fork Chalk Creek allotments east of ATV cattleguard between Dry Creek and Horse Hollow.

Your continued cooperation is appreciated. If you have any questions or comments concerning the allotment, please contact Del Barnhurst at 743-5721.

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