

North Slope East Division Allotment 2009 Annual Operating Instructions (AOIs)

INTRODUCTION

Allotment: North Slope East Division

Permittee: W-4 Ranch

Permitted Use

Number of Livestock	Class of Livestock	Season of Use
130	Cow - Calf	6/6 - 10/9
20	Hefiers	7/15 - 10/9
150	Cattle	6/6 - 10/9

Authorized Use

Unit (Pasture)	Tenative Dates	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
Chidister Ridge Below Fence	6/6 - 6/30	25	130 Cattle
Blind Lake	7/1 - 7/14	14	130 Cattle
Blind Lake	7/15 - 8/5	22	150 Cattle
Rock Creek/White Flat	8/6 - 9/5	31	150 Cattle
East Fish Creek Seedings	9/6 - 10/9	34	150 Cattle

Non-use:

No non-use is authorized for the 2009 grazing season, personal convenience nonuse is only allowed for up to three consecutive years and no more than four years in any 10 year period.

Permitted Livestock Brands:  , LH

COMPLIANCE

These AOI implement the management decisions agreed to by you and the Forest Service, for management of the North Slope East Division Allotment for the 2009 grazing season. 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 require changes to the AOI. If changes become 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.

Ear Tags: Black, **1- 130** cows with calves and **131-150** heifers. All cattle are to be tagged with tags from the Forest Service. These tags remain the property of the Forest Service and need to be accounted for if cattle are sold or die.

All livestock feed or straw brought on to the forest must be certified weed free.

BILLING

Grazing fees must be paid in full and confirmation of payment through the “lock box” process must be received before livestock can enter NFS lands.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

Counting Livestock: The Forest Service requires the permittee to notify them of when and where livestock will be turned out on the allotment, 5 days prior to livestock turnout so a count can be made if desired.

The order of unit rotation from the allotment management plan and applicable utilization guidelines is outlined above in the Authorized Use Table. These are only tentative dates used as guidelines. Livestock may need to rotate sooner than normal through the scheduled units to stay within the allowable utilization levels outlined in the term grazing permit.

Livestock will not enter National Forest Lands prior to June 6th and will trail directly to their allotment.

One hundred thirty cattle will enter the allotment on 6/6 and be placed in the Chidister Ridge Below Fence Unit. On 7/1 they will be moved to the Blind Lake Pasture. On 7/15 20 head of heifers will enter the allotment and be placed in the Blind Lake Pasture with the other 130 cattle. The cattle will be moved to the Rock Creek/White Flat Pasture on 8/6. On 9/5 cattle will enter the East Fish Creek Seedings and will be moved off the National Forest Land by 10/9.

STANDARDS AND GUIDES / INSPECTIONS & MONITORING

Permittees should familiarize themselves with the Forest Service allowable forage use criteria in the terms and conditions of their grazing permits. Maximum forage utilization is 40 – 60% depending on the grazing system or vegetation type. Permittees are responsible to monitor their livestock’s use and are invited to accompany Forest Service personnel on utilization checks. These checks will be made in key areas following livestock removal from pastures unless circumstances require otherwise. Permittees and Forest Service should cooperatively monitor proper use to insure this criterion is met. Permittees need to properly distribute livestock within a given unit. When proper utilization is reached in key areas in a pasture, the permittees need to move livestock to the next pasture or off the allotment.

Key areas include: Fish Creek Seedings, Carcass Creek, Upper and Lower Rock Creek, White Flat, Wide Hollow, Blind Lake, Upper Fish Creek, Hickman Pasture, Chidister Ridge

IMPROVEMENTS

Maintenance of range structural improvements must be completed prior to cattle entering each scheduled pasture. Livestock entry onto the Forest may be delayed if improvements are not maintained to acceptable standards.

RIDER OR PERMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Dixie National Forest Travel Plan must be followed while managing livestock unless approved in advance by the District Ranger.
2. All Livestock that have attained the age of six months or older by the on date must be tagged and counted. For the entry date of June 6 on this allotment, calves must have been born after December 6.
3. You must obtain prior written approval from the District Ranger before; Constructing/installing structural improvements or using or applying any pesticide.
4. All dead livestock associated with this permit shall be moved at least one-fourth mile from roads, water sources, and camping spots which have evidence of frequent use.
5. Any garbage resulting from activities associated with this permit shall be deposited into receptacles or at places provided for such purposes.
6. The District Ranger shall be notified 30 days before the start of the grazing season if total permitted numbers will not enter the allotment. Actual use numbers will be provided to the Forest Service by the permittee after livestock have been removed from the allotment.

Signature Block

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Date