

Dark Valley Allotment 2009 Annual Operating Instructions (AOIs)

INTRODUCTION

Allotment: Dark Valley

Permitted Use Cattle

Permittee	Number of Livestock	Class of Livestock	Season of Use
Phillip & Jessie Pace	81	Cattle	6/23 - 10/15
Phillip & Jessie Pace	14	Cattle	7/8 - 10/15
Doug & Paulyne Pace	81	Cattle	6/23 - 10/15
Doug & Paulyne Pace	14	Cattle	7/8 - 10/15
Richard & Rebecca Pace	142	Cattle	6/23 - 10/15
Richard & Rebecca Pace	14	Cattle	7/8 - 10/15
Jack King Co. LLC	140	Cattle	6/23 - 10/15
Mack & Marie Morrell	148	Cattle	6/23 - 10/15
Mack & Marie Morrell	41	Cattle	6/28 - 10/15
Ora C. Morrell	80	Cattle	6/23 - 10/15
Ora C. Morrell	41	Cattle	6/28 - 10/15
Ross (Dunk) Taylor	97	Cattle	6/23 - 10/15
Willie & Cherlyn Taylor	130	Cattle	6/23 - 10/15
Elvin & Rebecca Taft	82	Cattle	6/23 - 10/15
Total	1105	Cattle	

Permitted Use Horses

Permittee	Number of Livestock	Class of Livestock	Season of Use
Elvin & Rebecca Taft	2	Horses	6/23 - 10/15
Total	2	Horses	

Permitted Use Sheep

Permittee	Number of Livestock	Class of Livestock	Season of Use
Andrew & Joni Taft	1393	Sheep	6/26 - 9/3**
DLM Livestock, LTD	1187	Sheep	6/21 - 9/13*
Jan & Mary Ellet	604	Sheep	7/1 - 9/15***
Russell & Pamela Peterson	308	Sheep	7/1 - 9/15***
Jerry Chappell	200	Sheep	6/21 - 9/13*
Stanley & Lois Brian	100	Sheep	7/1 - 9/15***
Roger Brian	200	Sheep	7/1 - 9/15***
Shannon & Michelle Brian	200	Sheep	7/1 - 9/15***
Total	4192	Sheep	

Authorized Use Cattle & Horses

Unit (Pasture)	Tenative Dates	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
Sheep Unit	6/23 – 6/27	5	983 Cattle
Sheep Unit	6/28 – 7/7	10	1065 Cattle
Sheep Unit	7/8 – 7/22	15	1105 Cattle & 2 Horses
Big Lake	7/23 – 9/8	48	1105 Cattle & 2 Horses
Station Creek	9/9 – 10/15	37	1105 Cattle & 2 Horses

Authorized Use Sheep (DLM & Jerry)

Unit (Pasture)	Tenative Dates	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
Dog Lake – South East	6/21 – 7/18	28	1387 Sheep
Trailing	7/19 – 7/21	3	1387 Sheep
Donkey Meadows – North	7/22 – 8/11	21	1387 Sheep
Donkey Meadows – South	8/12 – 8/31	20	1387 Sheep
Trailing	9/1 – 9/3	3	1387 Sheep
Dog Lake – South East	9/4 – 9/13	10	1387 Sheep

*DLM Livestock and Jerry Chappell's sheep will be on the Donkey Meadows allotment 43 days within the 6/21-9/13 grazing period.

Authorized Use Sheep (Andy)

Unit (Pasture)	Tenative Dates	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
Dog Lake – North East	6/26 – 7/14	19	1393 Sheep
Trailing	7/15 – 7/17	3	1393 Sheep
Government Point - North	7/18 – 8/5	19	1393 Sheep
Government Point – South	8/6 – 8/25	20	1393 Sheep
Trailing	8/26 – 8/28	3	1393 Sheep
Dog Lake – North East	8/29 – 9/3	6	1393 Sheep

** Andy Taft's sheep will be on the Government Point allotment 41 days within the 6/26-9/03 grazing period.

Authorized Use Sheep (Jan, Russell, Brians)

Unit (Pasture)	Tenative Dates	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
Dog Lake – West	7/1 – 7/15	15	1412 Sheep
Trailing	7/16 – 7/18	3	1412 Sheep
Surveyor Lake - North	7/19 – 8/8	21	1412 Sheep
Surveyor Lake – South	8/9 – 8/29	21	1412 Sheep
Trailing	8/30 – 9/1	3	1412 Sheep
Dog Lake – West	9/2 – 9/15	14	1412 Sheep

*** Jan Ellett, Russell Peterson, Shannon Brian, Roger Brian, and Stanley Brian's sheep will be on the Surveyor Lake allotment 44 days within the 7/01-9/15 grazing period.

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:

Permittee	Brand	Location
Phillip & Jessie Pace	V	RH
Doug & Pauly Pace	P	RR
Richard & Rebecca Pace	O-O	RR
Jack King Co. LLC	K	RR
Mack & Marie Morrell	M	RH
Ora C. Morrell	L V	RH,RH
Ross (Dunk) Taylor	S	LH
Willie & Cherlyn Taylor	VX	LR,LH
Elvin & Rebecca Taft	/7	LR
Andrew & Joni Taft	F	CB
DLM Livestock, LTD		
Jan & Mary Ellet		
Russell & Pamela Peterson		
Jerry Chappell		
Stanley & Lois Brian		
Roger Brian		
Shannon & Michelle Brian		

COMPLIANCE

These AOIs implement the management decisions that you and the Forest Service agreed to for management of the Dark Valley Allotment during 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 requires changes to the AOIs. If changes become necessary, or if you cannot comply with some part of these instructions, contact the District Ranger and obtain approval before changing or deviating from these instructions.

Ear Tags: Red, **1-81 & 82-95** Phillip & Jessie Pace, **96-177 & 178-191** Doug & Pauly Pace, **192-332 & 333-346** Richard & Rebecca Pace, **347-486** Jack King Co. LLC, **487-634 & 635-675** Mack & Marie Morrell, **676-755 & 756-796** Ora C. Morrell, **797-893** Ross (Dunk) Taylor, **894-1023** Willie & Cherlyn Taylor, **1024-1107** Elvin & Rebecca Taft. 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 permittees 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 are outlined in the Authorized Use Tables above. These are only tentative dates 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 23rd and will trail directly to their allotment.

Cattle will start grazing on the Dark Valley Allotment on 6/23 in the Sheep Unit and will remain in this unit until 7/22. Then they will be moved to the Big Lake Unit on 7/23. The cattle will be moved to the Station Unit on 9/9 and will be off of Forest Service Land on 10/15.

There are three authorized sheep grazing rotations. They all start around Dog Lake then some trail to the Donkey Meadows area. Another herd trail to the Government Point area. The third herd will trail to the Surveyor Lake area. Then before going home all the herds trail back to the Dog Lake area for a few days. There are three off dates for the sheep 9/3, 13, & 15. All sheep will be off of Forest Service Land on 9/15.

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: Antelope Springs, Allen Well Draw, Pelham Flat, Dog Lake, Rock Lake, Monument Pond, Duck Ponds Pasture, Hay Lakes, Lake Philo, Big Lake, Butterfly, Pelham Lake, Grass Pond, Peterson Grove, Rock Springs Draw, Dark Valley Pond, Row Lakes, Dark Valley Shelf, Potholes, Baker Spring, Cooks Shelf, Pipeline Ponds, Station Creek, Pine Creek, Rabbitbrush, Cottonwood Spring, Telegraph Flat, Government Creek, Pollywog Lake, Lost Spring, Lost Lake, Hay Lakes, Lake Philo, Jackass, Corner Reservoir, and all Boulder Top Lakes and meadows.

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 23 on this allotment, calves must have been born after December 23.
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.
7. All enclosures within the Dark Valley Allotment will be maintained by the Forest Service at the beginning of the grazing season and then by the livestock permittees in a manner effective at keeping livestock excluded from use in these enclosures.
8. Livestock permittees will be responsible for keeping their livestock excluded from all enclosures. Any livestock use in any enclosure on the allotment will need written authorization from the Forest Officer responsible for the administration of the grazing permit.

Signature Block

KURTIS A. ROBINS
District Ranger

Date