

## 2210 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTION

### GLENWOOD CATTLE ALLOTMENT

2009

The following document constitutes the Annual Operating Instructions for the Glenwood Cattle Allotment, Richfield Ranger District, Fishlake National Forest. These instructions direct the management and movement of cattle for the 2009 grazing season and become part of your grazing permit.

#### **On- Date**

Livestock will enter the allotment on or near June 16, 2009. The exact date will be determined by the District Ranger and will be based on vegetation condition and general range readiness. The sequence of use will be as follows:

#### **Grazing Sequence and Utilization Levels**

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| Davis Hollow Unit | 27% total forage |
| Big Lake Unit     | 27% total forage |
| Circle Unit       | 27% total forage |
| Section 5 Unit    | 37% total forage |
| Bell Rock Unit    | 37% total forage |

When utilization levels are met, cattle will be moved to the next unit. If utilization levels are met in each unit prior to the end of the grazing season, the cattle will be removed from the allotment in a timely manner. A timely manner will be between 5 days and 2 weeks from the time of notice from this office.

The Fishlake National Forest Land Management Plan directs utilization on your Deferred Rotation units as 27% on units before seed ripe conditions and 37% on units after seed ripe conditions.

Utilization on riparian hydric species will not exceed 4" stubble height.

Utilization on Kentucky Blue grass will not exceed 1 ½" stubble height.

Utilization of current year's available twigs on sprouts and young aged plants will not exceed 40%.

Utilization on Riparian/Upland Mature Browse will not exceed 50%.

When proper use of the vegetation, listed above, occurs the cattle will be moved into the next unit. Recognize it is your responsibility to move your cattle to the next unit before use exceeds the utilization standards as shown above. Do not rely on Forest Service personnel to tell you when to move.

### **Grazing Permit Part 3 Requirements**

The permittee is responsible for maintenance of all improvements on the allotment. Before allowing livestock to enter a unit of the allotment, the permittee shall ensure that all structural improvements of that unit are in an operative condition. The permittee shall maintain the operative condition of the improvements while livestock are present. The following specifications are part of these maintenance responsibilities:

All water troughs or open water tanks must be modified to allow safe access to and from the water by mammals and birds with an escape log or ladder.

All wire fences shall be maintained at a height not to exceed 42 inches at the top wire where attached to each post. Log fences shall be continuous except at gates or cattle guards and in good functional condition.

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 will be reported to the District Ranger annually.

Salt and other dietary supplements shall not be placed within one-half mile of riparian areas, water troughs, ponds, or tanks, within one-fourth mile of roads or camping spots which have evidence of frequent use, or within tree plantations.

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

All garbage resulting from activities associated with this permit should be deposited into receptacles or at locations identified by Forest officials.

### **Off-Date**

Cattle must be removed from the forest by the "off date" of October 10, 2009.

## **Tagging**

All cattle must be tagged before they enter the allotment. If you need replacement tags please call and we can have the tags ready for you to pick up at your convenience.

## **Grazing Fees**

Grazing fees for the 2009 season must be paid prior to cattle entering the allotment. When your fees have been cleared through the lock box system you will be notified by letter authorizing you to turn your livestock onto the allotment. Do not turn on without this authorization.

## **Cooperation**

If you have any questions contact District Ranger Fred Houston, Vince Pace or Bob Tuttle at the District Office, 115 East 900 North, Richfield, telephone 896-9233.

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