

ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN
LOST CREEK-BOOBE HOLE C&H
2009
RICHFIELD RANGER DISTRICT
FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST

On-Date

Grazing for the 2009 season will begin on or near June 12, depending on vegetative conditions.

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 to 2 weeks from time of notice from this office.

Grazing Sequence and Utilization Levels

Grazing for the 2009 season and utilization levels as required by the Fishlake National Forest Plan Standards and Guidelines will be as follows;

Spring Range;

Rex's, K-Sov, 27% total forage, 50% key species

Summer Range;

Before Seedripe 27% total forage, 50% key species

Cold Springs
Broadhead Lakes
Mt. Terrill

After Seedripe, 37% total forage, 60% key species

Boobe Hole
Humphrey Springs
Rose Meadow

The above dates are tentative. The above utilization levels will determine the movement of livestock from each unit.

Riparian and Browse Utilization Levels: Utilization in riparian areas will be limited to the following;

Riparian Hydric species will be limited to a 4 inch stubble height.

A 1 ½ inch stubble height of Kentucky bluegrass.

40 percent of current years available twigs removed on sprouts and young aged plants.

50 percent of current years available twigs removed on mature browse.

Riparian areas will receive considerable attention over the next few years. We need to work together to ensure these areas are not over utilized

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 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:

Water Troughs. All water troughs or open water tanks must be modified to allow safe access to and from the water by mammals and birds.

Fences. All wire fences shall be maintained at a top wire height not to exceed 42 inches measured at the post.

Any improvements, which are no longer functional and/or no longer needed will be removed from the allotment by the permittee. Please report any removal of improvements 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 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 shall be disposed by the permittees by depositing it into receptacles or at places provided for such purposes.

General Information

We will be monitoring the allotment closely this year. Please watch the amount of use in the bottoms and along the creeks. When these key areas are used to the proper use level the livestock must be moved. This makes it important to have salt placed properly and forcing cattle to graze the uplands.

We will continue to conduct an inventory of all structural improvements on your allotment this summer. We will be requesting assistance from your association to help locate some of these improvements. We will let you know in advance so that you may fit this into your schedule.

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. We have ordered new tags for your allotment and will have them available for you to install either this spring or next fall.

Grazing Fees

All grazing fees must be paid prior to entry of livestock on the allotment. Since the payment will be sent to Los Angeles we suggest you send it thirty days before the on-date so this office will receive confirmation of your payment. When we receive confirmation that the fee has been paid then you will receive a letter from the District Ranger allowing you to enter the allotment. If you do not receive this letter you will be in unauthorized use. We will no longer be able to accept grazing payments at this office.

Cooperation

We appreciate working with your association, and look forward to working with you this summer. If you have any questions please contact District Ranger Fred Houston, Vince Pace, or Bob Tuttle at the District office, 115 East 900 North, Richfield, phone 896-9233.

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