

2210 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTION

HUNTS LAKE SHEEP ALLOTMENT

2009

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

On- Date

Livestock will enter the allotment on or near June 17, 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

Live Oak Unit	45% total forage
Sawmill Basin Unit	45% total forage
Nielson Canyon Unit	45% total forage
Lower Hunts Lake Unit	Rest

The Fishlake National Forest Land Management Plan directs utilization on your Rest Rotation units as 45% total forage or 70% of key species.

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

Grazing Permit Part 3 Requirements

Due to the environmental work that has been done on some of the grazing allotments on the District the following stipulations have been identified as conditions required by analysis of grazing programs. These conditions will become part of the grazing permits and the allotment management plans in the immediate future, forest wide. Therefore they are listed below and will become some of the criteria which will govern the management of the Allotment.

All structural improvements within a unit shall be maintained by the permittee to the proper standards prior to livestock entering the unit.

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.

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

Sheep must be removed from the forest by the "off date" of September 2, 2009.

Grazing Fees

Grazing fees for the 2009 season must be paid prior to sheep 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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