Annual Operating Instructions
2016
Dark Valley Allotment
Fremont River RD, Fishlake NF

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 these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some or part of these instructions, contact the District Ranger and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions. Failure to follow these instructions is a violation of your permit.

Permittee	Ear Tag Color & #'s	Permitted*			Authorized**		
		Number	Class	Season	Number	Class	Season
CATTLE PERMITS							
Phillip & Jessie Pace	Orange 1 -81	81	Cow/calf	6/16 – 10/15	81	Cow/calf	6/16 – 10/15
Phillip & Jessie Pace	Orange 82-95	14	Cow/calf	7/01 – 10/15	14	Cow/calf	7/01 – 10/15
Doug & Paulyn Pace	Orange 96-176	81	Cow/calf	6/16 – 10/15	81	Cow/calf	6/16 – 10/15
Doug & Paulyn Pace	Orange 177 -190	14	Cow/calf	7/01 – 10/15	14	Cow/calf	7/01 – 10/15
Richard & Rebecca Pace	Orange 191 -332	142	Cow/calf	6/16 – 10/15	142	Cow/calf	6/16 – 10/15
Richard & Rebecca Pace	Orange 333 - 346	14	Cow/calf	7/01 – 10/15	14	Cow/calf	7/01 – 10/15
Jack King Co. LLC	Orange 347 - 486	140	Cow/calf	6/16 – 10/15	140	Cow/calf	6/16 – 10/15
Mack & Marie Morrell	Orange 487 – 714	228	Cow/calf	6/16 – 10/15	228	Cow/calf	6/16 – 10/15
Mack & Marie Morrell	Orange 715 – 796	82	Cow/calf	6/21 – 10/15	82	Cow/calf	6/21 – 10/15
Riley & Joni Taylor	Orange 797 – 893	97	Cow/calf	6/16 – 10/15	97	Cow/calf	6/16 – 10/15
Ross & Kaylin Fillmore	Orange 894 – 1023	130	Cow/calf	6/16 – 10/15	130	Cow/calf	6/16 – 1015
Elvin & Rebecca Taft	Orange 1024 – 1107	82	Cow/calf	6/16 – 10/15	82	Cow/calf	6/16 – 10/15
		1105 TOTAL CATTLE					
Elvin & Rebecca Taft	No Tags	2	Horses	6/16 – 10/51	2	Horses	6/16 – 10/15
		2 TOTAL HORSES					

SHEEP PERMITS							
Andrew & Joni Taft	No Tags	1393	Ewe/lamb	6/26 – 9/03	1393	Ewe/lamb	6/26 – 9/03**
William & Mindy Talbot	No Tags	1387	Ewe/lamb	6/21 – 9/13	1387	Ewe/lamb	6/21 – 9/13*
Jan & Mary Ellett	No Tags	429	Ewe/lamb	7/01 – 9/15	429	Ewe/lamb	7/01 – 9/15***
Russell & Pamela Peterson	No Tags	308	Ewe/lamb	7/01 – 9/15	308	Ewe/lamb	7/01 – 9/15***
Roger Brian	No Tags	200	Ewe/lamb	7/01 – 9/15	200	Ewe/lamb	7/01 – 9/15***
Shannon & Michelle Brian	No Tags	200	Ewe/lamb	7/01 – 9/15	200	Ewe/lamb	7/01 – 9/15***
Harry & Shane Brian	No Tags	175	Ewe/lamb	07/01 – 9/15	175	Ewe/lamb	7/01 – 9/15***
Stanley & Lois Brian	No Tags	100	Ewe/lamb	7/01 – 9/15	100	Ewe/lamb	7/01 – 9/15***
		4192 TOTAL SHEEP					

*Permitted use is the livestock numbers and season of use listed on your grazing permit.
**Authorized use is the number of livestock and season of use you are authorized for in the current grazing season and reflects stocking and/or season of use adjustments for the given year.

*1387 head of Will Talbot's sheep will be on the Donkey Meadows allotment 43 days within the 6/21 – 9/13 grazing period.
**1393 head of Andy Taft's sheep will be on the Government Point allotment 41 days within the 6/26 – 9/03 grazing period.
***Jan Ellett, Russell Peterson, and the Brian's sheep will be on the Surveyor Lake allotment 44 days within the 7/01 – 9/15 grazing period.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

CATTLE Grazing Schedule

Unit (Pasture)	Tentative Dates*	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
Dog Lake	6/16 – 6/20	5	983 Cattle
Dog Lake	6/21 – 6/30	10	1065 Cattle
Dog Lake	7/01 – 7/20	20	1107 Cattle
Big Lake	7/21 – 9/05	47	1107 Cattle
Station Creek	9/06 – 10/15	40	1107 Cattle

SHEEP (Will) Grazing Schedule

Unit (Pasture)	Tentative Dates*	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
Antelope Springs – South	6/21 – 7/18	28	1387 Sheep
Trailing	7/19 – 7/21	3	1387 Sheep
Donkey Meadows - South	7/22 – 8/11	21	1387 Sheep
Donkey Meadows - North	8/12 – 8/31	20	1387 Sheep
Trailing	9/01 – 9/03	3	1387 Sheep
Antelope Springs – Entire Unit	9/04 – 9/13	10	1387 Sheep

SHEEP (Andy) Grazing Schedule

Unit (Pasture)	Tentative Dates*	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
Pollywog Lake – South	6/26 – 7/14	19	1393 Sheep
Trailing	7/15 – 7/17	3	1393 Sheep
Government Point - South	7/18 – 8/05	19	1393 Sheep
Government Point - North	8/06 – 8/25	20	1393 Sheep
Trailing	8/26 – 8/28	3	1393 Sheep
Pollywog Lake – Entire Unit	8/29 – 9/03	6	1393 Sheep

SHEEP (Jan, Russell, Brians) Grazing Schedule

Unit (Pasture)	Tentative Dates*	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
Lake Philo - South	7/01 – 7/15	15	1412 Sheep
Trailing	7/16 – 7/18	3	1412 Sheep
Surveyor Lake - South	7/19 – 8/08	21	1412 Sheep
Surveyor Lake - North	8/09 – 8/29	21	1412 Sheep
Trailing	8/30 – 9/01	3	1412 Sheep
Lake Philo – Entire Unit	9/02 – 9/15	14	1412 Sheep

*The above schedule is an **estimate** and may be modified at any time if: utilization levels are met, water availability is inadequate, drought, delayed forage development or wet soil conditions.

Allowable use levels are more important than tentative dates listed above. If allowable use levels are met early in the scheduled pasture, livestock will be required to be moved to another area of the pasture, moved to another pasture, or removed from the Forest. If early pasture moves occur, District range personnel or the District Ranger must be notified. Delayed pasture moves must be coordinated with District range personnel or the District Ranger prior to the scheduled move date.

Type of rotation: Deferred rotation

All livestock must be removed from the Forest by the permitted off date listed above.

Previous year's grazing results: The Livestock were well managed with good distribution throughout the various pastures. Forage utilization was within Forest Standards.

Notice of Non-compliance/Suspension Actions: None

Additional instructions: All exclosures 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 exclosures throughout the remainder of the season.

UTILIZATION STANDARDS & MONITORING

Maximum Allowable Forage Use Criteria

Vegetation Type		Very Early	Early	Mid	Late	Comments
Riparian Hydric Species (i.e. rushes & sedges)		6”	6”	4”	4”	Stubble height remaining at end of growing season.
Riparian Emphasis Management Areas		6”	6”	6”	6”	Stubble height remaining at end of growing season.
Hydric species in wet meadows not influenced by streams (i.e. rushes & sedges)		6”	6”	4”	4”	Stubble height remaining at end of growing season.
Non-hydric species in riparian areas (i.e. Kentucky bluegrass)		2”				Stubble height remaining at end of growing season.
Upland species		50%				All pastures will be managed to a 50% upland utilization standard.
Wheatgrass seedings		60%				Management option to exceed 60% to maintain healthy seedings.
Riparian browse		<50%				New leader production.
Streambank alteration		<20%				Sloughing, trampling, dislodged stones, & animal tracks.
Goshawk nest areas & post-fledging family areas (PFAs)	Grass & forbs	<20%				Average <20% by weight and not exceed 40% in any given area.
	Shrubs	<40%				Average <40% by weight and not exceed 50% in any given area.

The above utilization standards take precedence over the tentative dates listed in the grazing schedule. You are responsible to monitor your livestock and comply with the listed utilization standards and to move livestock prior to **any** of the above standards being exceeded.

Compliance monitoring inspections will be conducted by Forest Service personnel throughout the grazing season in key areas across the allotment. You are invited and it is recommended that you participate in these inspections.

Exceeding the utilization standards may be considered as non-compliance with your Term Grazing Permit and may be subject to suspension or cancellation of the permit.

Additional instructions: None

NON-USE

Please be aware that nonuse in excess of 10% of your permitted numbers must be requested at least 30 days before the “on” date. Nonuse for personal convenience may be approved on a year-to-year basis for a maximum of three consecutive years and not more than four years in any 10-year period. Longer periods of nonuse for range protection will only be approved under a written agreement.

Non-use requested: No

BILLING

Your annual grazing bill must be paid and notification received in our office prior to turning livestock onto the National Forest. It may take 10 days or more from the time you mail your payment until we receive payment notification so plan accordingly.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

You are responsible for maintaining the range improvements assigned to you in Part 3 of your Term Grazing Permit. All improvements are to be maintained to standard prior to the pasture being used, even in the event of non-use. Standards are found in your Term Grazing Permit or at http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/resources/rangemgt.shtml . Livestock entry onto the Forest may be delayed if improvements are not maintained to acceptable standards.

Scheduled reconstruction for upcoming season: **Reconstruction of the Lake Philo/Pollywog Boundary Fence started in 2015 and will continue in 2016. The Pollywog Exclosure, Slope Springs Water System are both scheduled to be reconstructed in 2016.**

You must obtain prior written approval from the District Ranger before constructing/installing structural range improvements or using or applying any pesticide/herbicide except for personal use of insect repellant.

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 must have prior approval by the District Ranger.

Failure to maintain your assigned range improvements may be considered as non-compliance with your Term Grazing Permit and may be subject to suspension or cancellation of your permit.

Additional instructions: None

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

You or the association will furnish sufficient riders or herders for proper distribution, protection and management of livestock on the allotment as required by the Allotment Management Plan (AMP) and/or Annual Operating Instructions (AOI).

Salt and other dietary supplements are a distribution tool, and as such, should not be placed within ¼ mile of riparian areas, water troughs and ponds; within 200 ft. of designated roads, trails, trail heads or camping spots which have frequent use. Avoid salting in or near tree plantations. Exceptions to these standards must have prior approval.

Salt will be moved from areas where feed has been used to standards.

The Dixie National Forest Travel Plan must be followed while managing livestock unless approved in advance and in writing by the District Ranger.

Livestock should be drifted instead of trailed wherever possible. Previously grazed units must have all livestock removed from them.

All livestock feed or straw brought onto the Forest must be certified weed free per Regional Forester's Order #04-00-058, dated March 26, 1996 (http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/resources/rangemgt.shtml).

Dead livestock shall be moved at least ¼ 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 removed from National Forest lands and disposed of properly.

Additional instructions: None