

**Annual Operating Instructions
2016
Kingston/Forshea Cattle Allotments
Richfield 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
Stanton Gleave	Blue	74	Cow/calf	6/6---10/15	74	Cow/calf	6/6---10/15
Gary Allen	Blue	118	Cow/calf	6/6---10/15	118	Cow/calf	6/6---10/15
Scott, Karl, & Glen Allen	Blue & Red	123	Cow/calf	6/6---10/15	123	Cow/calf	6/6---10/15
Garrett Gleave	Blue & Red	123	Cow/calf	6/6---10/15	123	Cow/calf	6/6---10/15
Ryan Brindley	Blue	42	Cow/calf	6/6---10/15	42	Cow/calf	6/6---10/15

*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.
 ***Most of these permitted livestock should be marked with blue or red tags. Most of these livestock will also be marked with personnel tags. Because these livestock are already on BLM lands, some of the livestock may be missing their tags.

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: If yes, identify if for resource protection or personal convenience. If for personal convenience identify if it is 1st, 2nd, or 3rd consecutive year or the 4th in a 10-year period.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

Grazing Schedule

Unit (Pasture)	Tentative Dates*	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
Pole Canyon/Forshea Unit	June/July/August	Approximately 12 Weeks	480
Middle/South/West/East Units	September/October	Approximately 7 weeks	480

*The above schedule is an **estimate** and may be modified at any time. The Richfield District Ranger and the permittees will meet before deciding to move between pastures and to monitor range conditions. DWR representatives will also be invited to attend. As described in the table below, indicators to consider before deciding to move between pastures include utilization, stubble height, seed heads, ground cover, moisture, forage development, etc.

UTILIZATION STANDARDS & MONITORING

Maximum Allowable Forage Use Criteria

Vegetation Type	Stubble Height/Use	Comments
Riparian Hydric Species	4"	Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment.
Riparian Emphasis Management Areas	6"	Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment.
Non-hydric sod forming grass species in riparian areas	1.5"	Primarily Kentucky bluegrass-Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment.
Wheatgrass seedings	60%	Management option to exceed 60% use to maintain healthy seedings.
Riparian/upland browse: Sprouts and young-aged plants	≤40%	# of current year's available twigs removed.
Riparian/upland mature browse	≤50%	# of current year's available twigs removed.
Upland grass/forb	40-60% of key species; varies by grazing system and desired condition	% of current year's growth.
Riparian ground cover	Maintain ground cover of at least 70% within riparian areas.	

Joint utilization monitoring with the permittees and the Forest Service will be conducted in the 2016 grazing season. The Forest Service will contact the permittees prior to conducting utilization studies.

2015 Monitoring Results

Joint utilization monitoring with the permittees occurred throughout the 2015 field season. On the Kingston Allotment, clip and weigh utilization monitoring occurred in three different areas. Upland grass/forb utilization post livestock grazing was 10% in the Kingston East area, 24% in the Brindley Draw area, and 0% in the Kingston West area. Upland utilization was below the 40-60% range as required in the table above.

On the Forshea Allotment, clip and weigh utilization monitoring occurred in one area. Upland grass/forb utilization post livestock grazing was 44% in the Forshea North area although it appeared to be less than 20% occularly. Upland utilization was within the 40-60% range as required in the table above.

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 livestock entering the allotment, 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: The Swift Springs Project is completed but there are functionality problems that the permittees will work on in 2016. In addition, repair of approximately 4 miles of livestock fence dividing Kingston Allotment from Forshea Allotment is scheduled begin in 2016 and be completed in August 2017. Following completion of these improvements, Part 3 of your permit will be updated to include the new improvements.

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

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.

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).

You are required to submit actual use information for the allotment. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the district office within two weeks of removal of livestock from the Forest.

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 or regenerating aspen stands. Exceptions to these standards must have prior approval.

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

The Fishlake National Forest Travel Plan must be followed while managing livestock unless approved in advance and in writing by the District Ranger. Cross country travel is allowed along fence lines for maintenance purposes only. The District Ranger must be notified in advance of maintenance activities where cross country travel is necessary.

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