

CARIBOU-TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST

**ASHTON/ISLAND PARK
RANGER DISTRICT**

**ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
FOR THE 2011 GRAZING SEASON**

ANTELOPE PARK C&H ALLOTMENT

The following instructions represent the operating plan for the grazing season. These instructions are issued as provided for in Part 2, Clause 8 (a) of your Term Grazing Permit. The instructions state the yearly direction as described in the allotment management plan. These instructions become a part of your term grazing permit when signed by the forest officer in charge. Situations may develop during the grazing season which require changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some part of these instructions, contact the District Ranger and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.

1. PERMITTED LIVESTOCK

Permittee	Term	Temp.	Non-use	Private	Total
Clark Brothers	350 yrl.				350
Glenn & Dorothy Dalling	250 c/c				250
Clay & Laura Pickard	200 c/c				200
Total					800

2. PERMITTED SEASON OF USE 6/21 - 9/4

Unit	Head	Period of Use	Actual Use
Golden Lake	450c/c	6/21 – 7/17	
Reservoir	350 yrl	6/21 – 8/14	
Box Canyon	450 c/c	7/18 – 8/9	
Last Chance	450 c/c 800 all	8/10 – 9/4 8/15 – 9/4	

Unsatisfactory conditions will occur when:

- A. Sequence of use for each unit is not followed.
- B. Grazing use occurs in closed areas.

- C. Specified dates are not followed unless modified by actual use conditions or a Forest Officer.
- D. Complete livestock removal is not attained by the end of a specified season of use.
- E. Livestock are allowed to graze outside the permitted allotment or outside the permitted season of use.

3. ALLOWABLE USE

Allowable use is the degree of grazing specified for a particular area and/or plant(s). The use level stated below is the maximum utilization allowed for the planned season of use.

Rotation and/or removal of livestock will be required if allowable use levels are met before the planned rotation date. Cattle should be rotated to meet the allowable use level. This may require you to begin rotating cattle before the standards are met.

Unit & Key Area	Key Species	Proper Use
Unit: Last Chance Key Area: Antelope Park Spring Creek	Riparian grasses and sedges Riparian shrubs (willows) Upland grasses Upland shrubs	4 inch stubble height (HGL) 3 inch stubble height (AIZ) 30% current years growth 55% current years growth 35% current years growth
Unit: Reservoir Key Area: Reservoir shoreline	Riparian grasses and sedges Riparian shrubs (willows) Upland grasses Upland shrubs	4 inch stubble height (HGL) 3 inch stubble height (AIZ) 30% current years growth 55% current years growth 35% current years growth
Unit: Golden Lake Key Area: East/West Thurmon Creek and Thurmon Creeks	Riparian grasses and sedges Riparian shrubs (willows) Upland grasses Upland shrubs	4 inch stubble height (HGL) 3 inch stubble height (AIZ) 30% current years growth 55% current years growth 35% current years growth
Unit: Box Canyon Key Area: Antelope Park Spring Creek	Riparian grasses and sedges Riparian shrubs (willows) Upland grasses Upland shrubs	4 inch stubble height (HGL) 3 inch stubble height (AIZ) 30% current years growth 55% current years growth 35% current years growth

4. MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS

A. Improvement maintenance is assigned to you as shown in the grazing permit and/or attached map.

B. All fences and water developments will be maintained to Forest Service standards annually prior to the time the improvement is needed to serve its intended purpose. This includes the needs of adjoining allotments with respect to allotment boundary fence maintenance.

C. Unsatisfactory condition will occur when:

1. Fences and spring developments do not serve the intended purpose or maintenance does not meet Forest Service standards.
2. Livestock are outside the permitted area or in the wrong grazing unit.

5. MULTIPLE USE COORDINATION

A. Continue to coordinate allotment management activities with the Henrys Fork Foundation to ensure timely maintenance of their fence prior to livestock entering the Last Chance unit.

6. DEVELOPMENT WORK

A. None identified

Items needing further field review and planning:

A. None identified

7. OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED

A. Grazing Fees: \$1.35/HM. Same as 2010. Fees must be paid prior to turnout.

B. Water and forage conditions to be adequate for the 2010 grazing season.

C. 2010 Grazing Season: Stream bank damage in Golden Lake unit is decreasing. No yearlings allowed in Golden Lake Unit. Current rotation is meeting standards.

Keep same rotation again for the 2011 grazing season.

D. Monitor Thurman Creek and Antelope spring again for heavy use by trailing yearlings.

F. Travel Restrictions on FS Lands: Travel permit only authorizes maintenance or construction of improvements. It does not authorize salting, nor driving at-will throughout allotment area.

G. Wolf and grizzly bear activity increasing—be aware and take necessary precautions.

Permittees can kill wolf if predating on livestock (10j Regulation). Please report within 24 hrs.

Grizzly Bear re-listed on Endangered Species List. Does not change how permittees operate.

Contact FS and Wildlife Services for wolf and grizzly predation within 24 hours.

Wildlife Services Contact(s) **John Farr** 681-8798 (Ashton or Island Park area) or call

Lee Czapenski out of Rexburg at (208) 359-1828 or cell (208) 681-0321

H. Drop yearling cattle off at the East end of the Reservoir unit by the dam again.

I. Permittees with yearlings have option to return to cow/calf operations in the future. FS moving in that direction for this allotment.

Motorized travel is allowed only on designated routes. Permittees can travel on non-designated routes and/or cross-country to maintain, construct, or repair improvements. If you need to drive on a non-designated route more than twice a week, please call or stop by our office to obtain a permit for this situation.

The following acts are prohibited on National Forest System Lands:

Possessing, storing, or transporting, non-pelletized hay, straw or mulch on National Forest System Lands without having each individual bale or container tagged or marked as weed free, or having original and current evidence of weed free certification documentation present. All markings must meet the State and/or County standards for certification as weed free.

Agreed to by Permittee(s):

Clay Pickard

3/21/2011

Clay Pickard

Date: _____

Glenn Dalling

3/21/2011

Glenn Dalling

Date: _____

David Clark

3/21/2011

Clark Brothers

Date: _____

APPROVED BY:

Elizabeth Davy

3/21/2011

ELIZABETH DAVY
District Ranger
Ashton/Island Park Ranger District

Date: _____