

**ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**Emigration S&G, North Canyon S&G, Hells Kitchen S&G, Strawberry S&G**  
 For the  
**2011 Grazing Season**

I. Management of Livestock:

Permittee	Livestock			Period of Use		Pasture or Unit
	Number	Kind	Class	From	To	
Young Resources Emigration & North Canyon	1000	Sheep	Ewe/Lamb	6/25	9/20	1 band/ 2 allotments
Young Resources Hells Kitchen & Strawberry Cyn	500	Sheep	Yearlings	6/16	9/15	1 band/ 2 allotments

Variable numbers, season of use, and/or areas to be grazed are specified in the allotment management plan or annual operating instructions.

II. Grazing Management:

Generally, loose herding and once-over light grazing should be practiced. Bed grounds, shade-up areas, and salting locations should not be used more than once during the grazing season. Watering at a different location along the creek each day will reduce impacts to the riparian area. After sheep have watered, they should be encouraged to move off the riparian area before being allowed to noon bed. Do not allow sheep to noon bed near water. Do not place salt by designated Forest Service trails, roads or within the riparian areas of creeks, springs and ponds. Do not salt in the same location twice.

Water may be hauled onto the Sinks Allotment – Right Hand Fork Williams Creek when grazing on the Hell’s Kitchen Allotment. This will reduce the need to water along the highway. The Williams pipeline will be constructed this year.

III. Grazing Standards and Guides:

Standards and Guides covering the allotments are found in the *2003 Revised Forest Plan for the Caribou National Forest* and are part of your permit. The proper use standards/triggers for this allotment are listed in Tables one and two below. Your livestock must be removed from an area when the allowable forage utilization levels are reached in either the uplands or the riparian areas. The utilization standards will apply to both native and desirable non-native key species. Stubble heights on riparian areas will have to be adjusted to meet percent utilization standards if non-native species such as red-top or Kentucky blue grass are monitored. Monitoring of use will include using utilization cages, utilization scales/gauges, ocular estimates or a combination of these three.

Table 1. Riparian Zone Forage Utilization and Stubble Heights (AIZ)

Season of Use	Properly Functioning Condition (%/Stubble Height)	Functioning at Risk (High to Moderate) (%/Stubble Height)	Functioning at Risk (Low to Non Functioning) (%/Stubble Height)	Non Functioning (States C & D) (%/Stubble Height)
Spring	65/2	55/3	45/4	55/3
Summer	55/3	45/4	35/5	45/4
Fall	45/4	35/5	20/6+	35/5

**Site Specific Standards:**

Creek	Ratings
Emigration Creek	Functioning at risk-3/4/5
North Canyon	Non Functioning- 4/5/6
Copenhagen	Functioning at risk -3/4/5
Meadow Creek	Non Functioning-4/5/6
Mill Hollow	Proper Functioning Condition- 2/3/4

If it is determined that bank disturbance/alteration, greenline stubble height or woody/shrubby species utilization should replace the utilization triggers listed above it will be addressed in the site specific standards. Riparian site specific standards will be established when a Proper Functioning Condition (PFC) rating is conducted on the riparian area. The site specific standards for riparian areas will come directly from the PFC rating and the Grazing Implementation Guide dated 12/28/2005. If a site specific PFC rating has not been conducted on a riparian area standards for the area will be established by the Range Specialist on the allotment.

Table 2: Upland Forage Utilization\*\*

Vegetation Component	Type of Upland Area	
	Winter Range	Non-Winter Range
Grass and Herbaceous Species (%dry weight)	45	55
Shrubs (% annual leader growth)	20	35

\*\*Table from Revised Forest Plan for the Caribou National Forest Table 3.6 (2003).

Winter range on the allotment is located on the upper northwest end of the Hell’s Kitchen allotment.

As the season progresses, Forest Personnel will be routinely checking range and forage conditions. If monitoring determines that utilization is met, or other associated resources are sustaining unacceptable impacts, early removal of livestock from the allotment will occur.

**Closed Areas to sheep grazing** on the allotments are: Emigration Campground, RC&D (4H camp), and Archery Range, all units in the Emigration Timber Sale and the graveled camping area in Mecham Hollow.

**IV. Range Improvement Maintenance Responsibilities:**

In 2011 the following improvements will be evaluated and prioritized in an effort to bring all improvements up to standards. Following completion of these upgrades, it is required

that annual maintenance of range improvements are accomplished as specified in your grazing permit for the specific allotment or before the sheep move into the area.

<b>Emigration</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Status</b>
Log Spring Trough	NW SW 33 12S 42E 701-74, 2001	Unknown
Emigration Pond	SE SW 17 12S 42E, 0452780 4691380	OK
Summit Pond	NW NW 21 12S 42E	Unknown
Moonlight Meadow	SE NW 7 12S 42E	OK 2009
Pole Canyon Pond	Look through water rights	Unknown
Sawmill Pond	Look through water rights	Unknown
Squirrel Hollow Pd	By forks of road	OK 2009

<b>North Canyon</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Status</b>
Humberg Spring Trough	SW NW 6 12S 42E 450567 4695150	Remove very little water 2008
Bear Wallow Trough	NW NE 12 12S 41E 449906 4694107	Good Spring Needs new troughs 2010
Grunder Hollow	SE NW 5 12S 42E 452571 4695333	OK May need to reconstruct soon - 2010
Tie Camp Pond	NE NW 1 12S 41E 449480 4695787	OK
Meadow Creek Pd 1	NE SW 33 11S 42E 454493 4696055	OK

<b>Hells Kitchen</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Status</b>
Emigration Spg Trough	SE SE 20 12S 42E	Tap into other spring-check pipeline
Lower Salt ground Pond	SW SW 36 12S 41E	Do not hold water
Mid Salt Ground Pond	SW SW 36 12S 41E	Do not hold water
Alpine Spring Pond	SW NW 19 12S 42E	Unknown
Upper Salt Ground Pond	SE SW 36 12S 41E	Do not hold water May hold water very early before sheep arrive
Rt. Fk. Williams Creek Trough	NW NE 34 12S 41E 446313 4687915	Need to reconstruct
Log Pond		

<b>Strawberry Canyon</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Status</b>
Mink Creek Trough	NW NW 18 13S 42E	Non-functioning-water questionable 2009
Green Pass Trough	NE NE 19 13S 42E	Needs new pipeline
Hells Kitchen Trough	SW NW 6 13S 42E 450829 4685210	Holding tank appears OK. Need troughs and pipeline. Construct Pond?2009
Strawberry Spring Pond	SE NE 11 13S 41E 448573 4684444	OK 2009
Sink Hole Pond	SW NE 25 13S 41E	Unknown
Dry Basin Pond	SW NW 30 13S 42E 450399 4679461	OK, use early
Hells Kitchen Pond	NW SE 1 13S 41E	Unknown

**V. Range Improvement Projects this Year:**

RAC grant money was obtained to reconstruct the Williams Pipeline. This work will involve a cooperative effort from the permittees and the Forest Service. Approximately

1.2 miles of new pipe will be ripped in the ground with two sets of troughs along the length. Temporary corrals sites need to be located to avoid use around the Copenhagen parking lot.

VI. Trailing &/or Trucking Information:

- ❖ Sheep will be trucked on and off the allotments. Fall trailing to private land and BLM is permitted.

VII. Special Instructions:

- ❖ Please review the terms and conditions of your grazing permit.
- ❖ **Please inform the Montpelier Ranger District (208-847-0375), especially during entry date, of a convenient time and place to enable an accurate count of livestock to be made.**
- ❖ Be certain that your herder is aware of all unit and allotment boundaries, and that sheep are kept in the proper areas.
- ❖ Areas around sheep camps should be kept clean and trash packed out.
- ❖ Salting - Salt should be placed in lightly used areas and used as a distribution tool. Salt is not permitted in riparian areas, forest plantations, shade-up areas, roads and trails. Use of a packhorse is recommended to get salt into areas that receive light use. Rotate or remove salt from areas receiving excessively heavy use. Salt bags must be packed out.
- ❖ Leaving campfires unattended could result in a wildfire hazard. Camps should be equipped with a shovel and axe for putting out campfires.
- ❖ Logging has been completed in the Emigration Timber Sale. Please avoid those units that have been harvested. A map is included to show those areas. Seedling establishment will be by natural regeneration. Units 6 and 7 were harvested to encourage the regeneration of aspen.
- ❖ The water truck can be filled at the turnoff to the Archery Range as has been done in the past. Strawberry Spring and Meadow Creek Spring are additional sources. **There is a new gate to the water access point at the Archery Range-you will need to provide your own lock and double lock it with the Forest Service lock.** The herders may get potable camp water at the Emigration Campground water development, but filling the water truck from this location is prohibited. The system can barely meet the demands of the campground. Temporary dams created for water draw, should be removed after the water source is no longer needed. When moderate use on surrounding vegetation is reached (55%) water troughs should be moved to a new location. When watering at the troughs below the Bear River RC&D, keep sheep away from the camping area. A locked gate to the RC&D is in place. A combination is needed to open the gate. The combination for 2011 is 2948. Do not allow sheep to noon bed around the picnic area. It is best to encourage the sheep to bed west of the troughs. When trailing to this trough it would be best to trail from above the camp.
- ❖ When hauling water, place troughs as far away from the highway as possible and limit the time spent watering at each location. When watering sheep in Mecham Hollow avoid trailing through the camping area and the ATV trail head crossing.

- ❖ Sheep are to be bedded in a new location every night. Sheep are not allowed to bed near streams, ponds, springs, trails or roadways.
- ❖ **Actual Use Forms must be returned by November 30<sup>th</sup> following the grazing season. Failure to do so may result in Permit Action.**
- ❖ This year all AOI's will be posted on the internet. In conjunction with this action all permittees must sign the AOI showing that they have read it and accepted the terms, conditions, and management practices presented in it.

#### VIII. Wolf Recovery Management:

**The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is now responsible for managing wolves in the State of Idaho.**

The following statement came from the Idaho Fish and Game web site 2/17/11  
<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/wildlife/wolves/current.cfm>

#### Current Legal Status

August 5, 2010, wolf management south of Interstate 90 reverted to a section of the Endangered Species Act known as the 10(j) rule. Simply put, the 10(j) rule allows states and tribes with approved wolf management plans some options to manage wolves to ensure the health of wild elk and deer herds. It also provides more flexibility to protect livestock and private property. The rule allows individuals on private or public land to kill a wolf that is in the act of attacking their stock animals (horses, mules, donkey, llamas, goats used to transport people and possessions) or dogs provided there is no evidence of intentional baiting, feeding or deliberate attractants of wolves. On land north of Interstate 90 in Idaho, or land administered by the National Park Service, wolves may be killed only to protect human life.

For wolf sightings, wolf mortalities or wolf management questions, contact:

**U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Idaho State Office - Toll-free at: 877-661-1908**

To report suspected wolf depredations on livestock or pets, contact

**USDA Wildlife Services: Toll-free at: 866-487-3297 or 208-378-5077**

#### IX. Multiple-Use Coordination Requirements:

Livestock should be carefully managed so as to avoid and reduce conflicts with other resources and uses.

#### X. Certified Weed Free Hay:

**Weed Free Hay Order is in effect. If hay is needed while on the forest: Certified Weed free hay and other forages are required on the Forest and must be identified as such with a State and/or County tag. Failure to do so will result in a violation notice or permit action.**

If you have questions or concerns during the grazing season, feel free to call me or any of the range staff on the zone. Our phone numbers are as follows.

	<b>Office</b>	<b>Cell</b>
<b>Dennis Duehren District Ranger</b>	(208) 847-0735	
<b>Kevin Parker Supervisory Range Specialist</b>	(208) 547-4356 (208)547-1108	(208) 313-7328
<b>Jane Rushane Range Specialist</b>	(208) 847-0375 (208) 847-8939	(208) 313- 5683

Please sign and date.

/s/ Charlie Young 4/13/2011

/s/ John Young

Permittee(s)

/s/ Dennis Duehren 5/23/2011

Dennis Duehren District Ranger