



Annual Operating Instructions  
**Franklin Basin Cattle Allotment**  
**2016**

Logan Ranger District



Permitted #	Permitted Season	Authorized #	Authorized Season
608 cow/calf	June 25-Oct 10	608	June 22 - Oct 7

Please review your Term Grazing Permit prior to grazing livestock on National Forest System (NFS) lands. Listed below are the topics we discussed and agreed to during your Annual Operating Meeting. 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 that requires 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.

**TAGS:** All cattle will be tagged with Forest Service (FS) ear tags prior to entering the forest. Replacement/lost tags will replace existing numbers assigned to each permittee. Numbers must be identified for replacement. Tags are available for pick up at the Logan Ranger District. Tags will be fastened to each mature cow with the tag number facing forward. The FS Symbol must be visible on the backside of each tag (do not place another tag adjacent to FS tags).

The following rotation table is from the Allotment Management Plan that was agreed to and signed on 04/10/2010. This will be the rotation schedule. Do not put cattle on both Steep Hollow and White Pine at the same time. Steam Mill is not to be used as a buffer. It is to be used as a single unit. Please follow the rotation schedule.

**Table 1: Unit Rotation Schedule**

Sequence	Year A	Year B
First	White Pine	Steep Hollow
Second	Steam Mill	Steam Mill
Third	Steep Hollow	White Pine

Dates for rotation are considered approximate; actual dates will be determined by utilization levels. When utilization levels are reached for a particular area or the allotment as a whole, the cattle will be moved to the next area or off the forest. Please review the attached Utilization Standards table prior to turning out.

**GRAZING INSTRUCTIONS**

The grazing system on this allotment is a deferred rotation system following the schedule above. The use of riders is **REQUIRED** throughout the grazing season to maintain good distribution of cattle and avoid excessive use of riparian and key areas. **No livestock are authorized in the White Pine Lake area.**

**GENERAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

If any trespass occurs on the forest by livestock from Kellers' private land this grazing season please keep the forest range contact informed and note dates, times and locations and number of livestock.

It is your responsibility to keep your cattle on your allotment. The Montpelier Ranger District has notified us they will initiate permit action against Franklin Basin permittees if your cattle are found grazing on the Logan River Allotment, north of the Franklin Basin Allotment in Utah and Idaho.

The on date for livestock entry onto the allotment for this grazing season is tentatively scheduled for **June 22, 2016**. You will need to contact the district's range staff at least five days prior to this turn on date to confirm that the rangeland is ready and that all required maintenance is complete.

**Turn Out:** After a sufficient time for mothering up, livestock are to be distributed throughout the pasture on the same day as they are turned out. In no case is it acceptable to leave the livestock to distribute themselves. Livestock are not to be turned out onto areas of resource concern such as riparian areas, areas near concentrated public use, trailheads, and so forth. Coordinate with the range staff to ensure that we are not creating problems for ourselves.

**Exit: All cattle must be removed from the forest by October 7<sup>th</sup>.** Again, if utilization levels are reached before this date you will be expected to remove all livestock from the allotment. The off date is the date when the livestock are to be fully off National Forest System (NFS) lands. It is your responsibility to ensure compliance with this requirement.

Drought conditions may develop this season dependent on precipitation levels. If this occurs please be prepared to remove your livestock from the Forest prior to the authorized off date.

- Because this allotment is difficult to remove livestock from at the end of the season, make sure you give yourself enough time to remove livestock to meet the off date and avoid unauthorized and excess use.
- Failure to completely remove livestock from the allotment by the off date may result in action being taken against the grazing permit(s).
- Extensions of the authorized grazing season, if desired, must be requested in advance of the off date to allow time for inspection and billing of additional grazing fee

Livestock remaining on the National Forest System lands after the end of the authorized grazing season must be billed for at the unauthorized use rate and may be cause for action to be taken against the grazing permit.

Livestock should be kept well distributed and drifted away from areas where they tend to concentrate. Keep livestock from drifting back into areas previously grazed.

Salt and mineral blocks must be placed at least ¼ mile away from canyon bottoms, roads, water, and areas where livestock tend to concentrate.

Livestock that die near roads, water, or trails will be moved at least 100 ft. from these areas.

Please be proactive in trying to keep cattle pushed away from Highway 89.

## **RIDING & CAMPS**

- Riding is critical to achieve uniform distribution across the allotment. Please take extra effort in distributing your livestock into the uplands and less desirable and hard to herd areas. Use all available methods to achieve this such as salt and mineral placement and extensive herding.
- Riding will be required on the allotment daily to manage the cattle and ensure proper livestock distribution. The permittees must take an active responsibility in livestock management, movement, and disbursement.
- One camp will be located at Twin Creeks throughout the grazing season.
- Camps are for riders only and are not authorized for recreational purposes.
- Up to six horses per rider may be kept at each camp.
- Keep herder camp areas clean, in order and practice 'Leave No Trace' and 'Tread Lightly' principles.
- Stay alert for Campfire Restrictions and inform your riders of any Special Orders issued by the Forest Service.
- **PLEASE ENSURE CATTLE DO NOT GO INTO THE WHITE PINE LAKE AREA or TONY GROVE LAKE AREA**

**MONITORING AND KEY AREAS**

It is the responsibility of the permittee to monitor livestock use and apply the attached utilization standards and guidelines to determine when livestock need to be removed to avoid excessive use. The Forest Service will coordinate inspection trips throughout the summer and again soon after the livestock leave. The following Key Areas have been identified on the allotment:

#	Study Name
6-021	Steam Mill Upland
6-022	Steep Hollow Upland
6-023	Bunchgrass Upland
6-024	Beaver Spring Upland
5-021	White Pine Upland
6-001	Steep Hollow Riparian
6-003	Logan River Riparian
6-005	White Pine Riparian

**Grazing Utilization and Stubble Height Standards**

Vegetation Type	Condition	Utilization or Stubble Height Standard
Upland and Aspen	Satisfactory	50%
Upland and Aspen	Unsatisfactory	40%
Riparian Class I (away from greenline)	Satisfactory	50%
Riparian Class I (away from greenline)	Unsatisfactory	40%
Riparian Class II & III (away from greenline)	Satisfactory	60%
Riparian Class II & III (away from greenline)	Unsatisfactory	40%
Upland/Riparian shrubs and trees (all classes)	All	50% current year's growth
Riparian Class I (Greenline)	All	≥5"
Riparian Class II (Greenline)	All	≥4"
Riparian Class III (Greenline)	All	≥3"

Please complete the attached Current Plan and Actual Use Record form throughout the summer and return it to the district within 30 days of your actual off date.

**RANGE IMPROVEMENTS-MAINTENANCE**

You are responsible for maintenance of all range improvements assigned to you in your grazing permit. Basic standards for maintenance are attached in the appendix. All assigned improvements must be maintained to standard whether grazing occurs or not.

- Fences  
All exterior fences must be maintained to standard prior to the earliest turn on date of either yourself or your neighbor on the adjacent allotment. It is your responsibility to coordinate with your neighbor to ensure that the maintenance occurs on time. All interior fences must be maintained to standard prior to turning livestock against them.
- Water Developments  
Water developments must be maintained to standard prior to livestock entering the pasture containing the development.

Failure to properly complete the assigned maintenance to standard and in a timely manner may result in action being taken against the grazing permit.

#### CONSTRUCTION/RECONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE

The following projects are scheduled for completion on your allotment:

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- Clear ground for new Corral-Field Trip required prior to implementation. Wait for FS clearance.
- Any pond cleaning or other maintenance requiring equipment must have written permission from the district ranger. Please contact the district at least one week in advance to schedule heavy maintenance.
- Beaver Spring maintenance (FS)

#### BILLING & NON-USE

The 2016 grazing fee is set at **\$2.11** per head month. Payment is due in full 2 weeks before your On-Date. All fees must be paid, received, and processed before livestock can enter NFS lands.

Personal convenience non-use must be requested in advance of the permitted “on date”. Approval of non-use is not automatic. In the absence of approved non-use, the permittee must place 90% or more of the permitted numbers on the allotment. Non-use applies only to numbers and not to dates. Personal convenience non-use will not normally be approved for more than three consecutive years or for more than four years in any consecutive ten-year period. A permit cannot be waived based on sale of permitted livestock if that permit is in personal convenience non-use status.

#### VIOLATIONS

Violations of the Terms and Conditions of your grazing permit, including these Annual Operating Instructions, will result in action being taken against your permit. If violations occur, you will be notified and informed of the violation, the remedy and timeframe required to correct the violation and the consequences if you fail to remedy the situation.

#### COOPERATION

In order to prevent small problems from becoming big problems, please work closely with the district range staff. Your Rangeland Management Specialists are Anthony VonNiederhausern, (435) 755-3636, and Ann Robins, (435) 755-3634. Our mailing address is:

USDA Forest Service  
1500 East Highway 89  
Logan, UT 84321.

Web address to access AOI's: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/uwcnf/AOI>

The permittee will provide the District Ranger with written notification of any changes or deviation he or she wishes to make in these Annual Operating Instructions. This includes changes in animal numbers, class of livestock, period of use (changes in entry or exit dates from unit to unit), or changes in pasture rotation.

The District Ranger will verify the response in writing to the permittee. No changes in these instructions will be recognized without this verification.

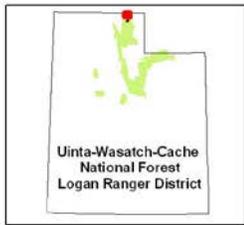
**As permittee, my signature certifies that there is no change to my permitted livestock or base property ownership as described in my grazing permit and I understand these annual Operating Instructions.**

Permittee	Permitted Number	Authorized Number	Brand	Tag #'s PINK Issued 2014	Permittee Signature	Date
Kunzler Ranch, LLC (Alan)	268	268	JU	A 1-191 R1-77		
Kunzler Livestock, Inc. (Jeff)	249	249	CK JK	J 1-249		
Clawson, Pete	91	91	PC	P 1-58 L 1-33		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>608</b>				

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ */s/ Jennefer Parker* \_\_\_\_\_ Date: April 6, 2016  
**District Ranger**

# Franklin Basin Cattle Allotment

This map shows the Franklin Basin Allotment Boundaries



## Legend

- Allotment
- Forest Boundary



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