



**Annual Operating Instructions
South Cache Cattle Allotment
2016
Logan Ranger District**



| Permitted # | Permitted Season | Authorized # | Authorized Season |
|--|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 683 cow/calf | June 26-Sept 20 | 683 cow/calf | June 26-Sept 20 |
| Total 772 with 89 cow/calf from Private Land Lease | | | |

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.

Turn on Hardware: May 26th

Drought conditions may develop this season depending on precipitation levels. Please be prepared to remove your livestock from the Forest prior to the authorized off date.

| Unit | Dates |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Mahoganies | 6/26-8/4 |
| Elk Hollow | 8/5-9/16 |
| Richards/Seep/Sage | Graze Lightly 8/5-9/16 |
| Left Hand | 9/17-9/20 |

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.

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).

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

The on date for livestock entry onto the allotment for this grazing season is tentatively scheduled for **June 26, 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 September 20th. This includes the agreement from Peterson's Private Land lease. This lease will **expire at the end of the grazing season 2017** and must be renewed at that time. If utilization levels are reached before the off date you will be expected to remove all livestock from the allotment.

The off date for a pasture is the date when the livestock are to be fully out of the unit, or in the case of the last pasture, fully off National Forest System (NFS) lands. It is your responsibility to ensure compliance with this requirement.

South Cache Livestock Allotment LLC is administered as a Grazing Agreement by the Forest Service.

- The Bylaws of your association are incorporated into your forest permit. Any violation of those bylaws will be a violation of your forest permit.
- All livestock must be hauled to the unloading site by 5:00 pm on the designated on date. Please coordinate any other times and dates with Jay R. first and then with forest personnel. Failure to do this may result in a violation of your permit.
- The Forest Service recognizes that moves from one pasture to another cannot usually be accomplished in one day. It is your responsibility to begin early movements of livestock to ensure that pastures are cleaned out by the dates specified.
- Failure to completely remove livestock from a pasture 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 fees.

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- Entering the allotment, cattle will be trailed from the Hardware Ranch to the Elk Hollow Unit.
- Extra effort must be taken to keep cattle off of the sheep allotments.

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. Make the effort to place these in the uplands and far from water to use all available feed.

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

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.

A rider will be required on the allotment every day to manage the cattle and insure proper livestock distribution and adhere to the grazing sequence. The riders on the allotment and all permittees must take an active responsibility in livestock management, movement, and disbursement.

Keep rider camps clean, in order and adhere to the “Leave No Trace” and “Tread Lightly” principles. Stay alert for campfire restrictions or other special forest orders and keep your riders informed.

All hay or straw used on NFS lands must be tagged or marked as noxious weed free as directed by the USDA Weed Free Order.

MONITORING AND KEY AREAS

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

| Key Areas | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Pig Hole | Pleasant Valley | Pole hollow |
| Lower Herd Hollow | Upper Herd Hollow | Seep Hollow |
| Elk Hollow | Richards Hollow | Sow Hole |

Actual Use: An association member will complete the Current Plan and Actual Use Record form throughout the summer and return it to the district within 30 days of your actual off date.

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% |
| Riparian Class I (Greenline) | All | ≥ 5” |
| Riparian Class II (Greenline) | All | ≥ 4” |
| Riparian Class III (Greenline) | All | ≥ 3” |

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 construction on your allotment:

2016:

- Seep/Herd Hollow fence (GIP \$\$)
- Pole Hollow north
- Replace bad trough at Seep Spring, FS will supply
- Clean pond in Herd Hollow on east side-the one that filled with gravel

2015--Construct 1 mile fence between DWR and Forest Service at Squaw Flat-GIP\$ Completed 7/10^{ths} ; Reconstruct or maintain Torpedo Spring-Complete; North Boundary Fence Maintenance + Electric on west end-Complete

BILLING & NON-USE

The 2016 grazing fee has not been set. Last years' fee was **\$1.69** 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>

South Cache Livestock, LLC Annual Authorization 2016

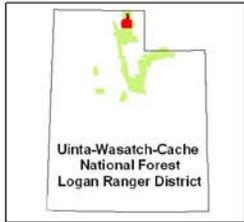
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|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---|
| Anderson, Jay | 8 | |  |
| Anderson, John | 5 | |  |
| Anderson, Lex | 8 | |  |
| Cornwall, Rusty & Teresa | 103 | |  |
| Fuhriman, HJ | 34 | |  |
| Jenson Family Trust | 30 | |  |
| Maughan, Dallan D. & Tennyly | 12 | |  |
| McBride, Rick | 7 | |  |
| Nielson, Derle | 8 | |  |
| Rinderknecht, Jay | 141 | |  |
| Rinderknecht, Odell | 132 | |  |
| Ropelato Properties LLC | 95 | |  |
| Rowser Angus & Simmental | 31 | |  |
| Sorensen, Steve | 6 | |  |
| Marjean Summers | 96 | |  |
| Summers, Shawn | 56 | |  |
| TOTAL | 772 | | |

Approved By _____ Date _____
President, South Cache Livestock



South Cache Cattle Allotment

This map shows the South Cache Allotment and Pasture Boundaries



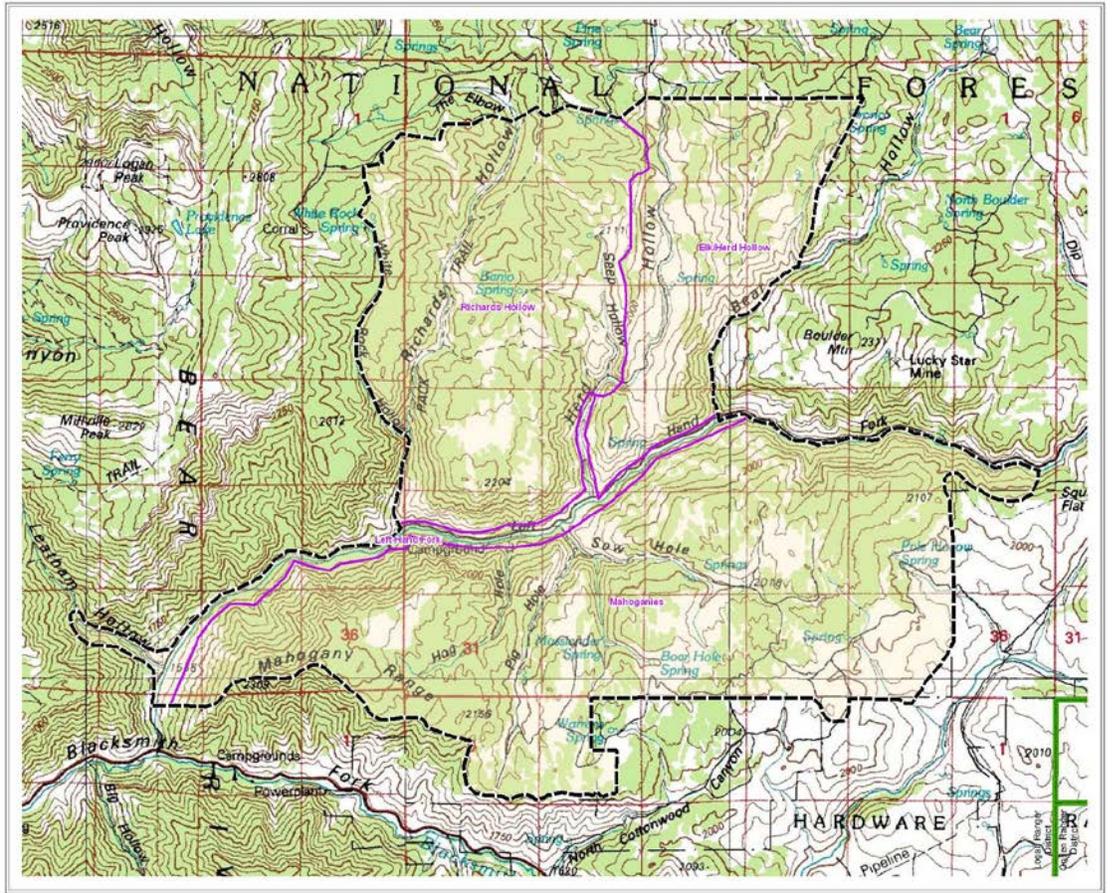
Legend

- Allotment
- Pastures
- Forest Boundary



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The Forest Service uses the most current and complete data available. GIS data and product accuracy may vary. Using GIS products for purposes other than those for which they were created may yield inaccurate or misleading results.



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