

Annual Operating Instructions

2015

Marysvale Allotment

Beaver RD, Fishlake NF

Cory Fouts  
Permittee- MooDee Ranch

4/6/15  
Date

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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
MooDee Ranch	01-147	147	Cow/calf	06/01-09/30	147	Cow/calf	6/1 - 9/30

\*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.

**Non-use:** None.

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.

**LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT**

**Grazing Schedule**

Unit (Pasture)	Tentative Dates*	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
Deer Trail	6/1 - 6/15	15	107
Little Deer Trail	6/16 - 7/30	45	107
Three Mile	8/1 - 9/30	60	107
Rainbow	6/1 - 9/30	122	40

\*The above schedule is an **estimate** and may be modified at any time if: utilization levels are met, water availability is inadequate, drought, delayed forage development or wet soil conditions.

Forest shared current drought conditions based on snotel data from Beaver Ranger District. Drought advisory letter may be sent to all permittees.

**Allowable use levels are more important than tentative dates listed above.** If allowable use levels are met early in the scheduled pasture, cattle will be required to be moved to another area of the pasture, moved to another pasture, or removed from the Forest. If early pasture moves occur, District range personnel or the District Ranger must be notified. Delayed pasture moves must be coordinated with District range personnel or the District Ranger prior to the scheduled move date.

Type of rotation: Deferred Rotation

All livestock must be removed from the Forest by the permitted off date listed above.

Previous year's grazing results: Range readiness conducted on the allotment prior to livestock turn out. Utilization and key area selected and monitored in the fall. Below are the results of the 2013 utilization monitoring.

Pasture	% Use	Key Species	UTMs
Deer Trail			
MV-DT-01		AGCR	389787, 4248999
MV-DT-02		AGCR	389699, 4249662
Little Deer Trail			
MV-LDT-01		AGCR	388004, 4251253
Three Mile			
MV-TM-01		AGCR	387934, 4251859
Rainbow			
MV-RB-01		BRIN	387147, 4255853
MV-RB-02		BRIN	386737, 4253800

Range readiness as well as compliance inspections will occur again in 2015.

During 2014 two long term nested frequency plots were established on the Marysvale Allotment. These plots are used to evaluate Rangeland Health and Trend. Summary and photos of these plots were provided to the permittee at the AOI. These plots will not be reread until 2019.

Notice of Non-compliance/Suspension Actions: None.

Additional instructions: Just a reminder that if you decide to not run livestock to inform the forest. Also ensure that livestock from neighboring allotments don't gain access to your allotment. If you see trespass livestock on your allotment please notify Reggie Swenson.

**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	≤50%	# of current year's available twigs removed.

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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.	

**The above utilization standards take precedence over the tentative dates listed in the grazing schedule.** You are responsible to monitor your livestock and comply with the listed utilization standards and to move livestock prior to any of the above standards being exceeded.

Compliance monitoring inspections will be conducted by Forest Service personnel throughout the grazing season in key areas across the allotment. You are invited and it is recommended that you participate in these inspections. Multiple key areas with utilization cages were established during the 2012 season. These plots were monitored during the 2014 grazing season.

Exceeding the utilization standards may be considered as non-compliance with your Term Grazing Permit and may be subject to suspension or cancellation of the permit.

Additional instructions: None.

#### **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 pasture, 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: Check with Fuels program about schedule for retreatment of chaining within three mile pasture.

You must obtain prior written approval from the District Ranger before constructing/installing 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.

Additional instructions: None.

## 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.

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: Adequate livestock control on the allotment is becoming a more difficult task each year. It is in your best interest to frequently check gates within the pastures and ensure they are closed as needed. Report all situations to the Forest where livestock gain access to incorrect pastures as you become aware of them. When moving livestock from one pasture to another (or off the allotment) it is expected that the pasture be clean of livestock within 5 days of the initial move.

# ACTUAL USE, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE 2015 GRAZING SEASON

Allotment: Marysvale

Permittee: MooDee Ranch

Pasture	Sequence	Entry Date	Exit Date	No. Of Cattle

I maintained the following improvements this year: \_\_\_\_\_

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Material Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Labor Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of days spent managing the Allotment: \_\_\_\_\_

Death Loss: \_\_\_\_\_ Cows, \_\_\_\_\_ Calves. Caused by: Poisonous plants \_\_\_\_\_  
Disease \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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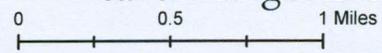
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Return form at end of Grazing Season

Return form to: District Ranger  
PO Box E  
Beaver, Utah 84713

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**Legend**

- Allotment Boundary
- Pasture Boundary
- Range Improvements**
- Handling Facility
- Spring, Trough, Pond, Pit Tank or Reservoir
- Fence
- Handling Facility
- Distribution Pipeline

