

Annual Operating Instructions

2015

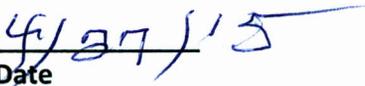
North Indian Allotment

Beaver RD, Fishlake NF

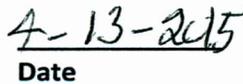
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Partnership

Date

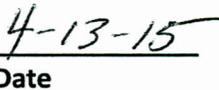

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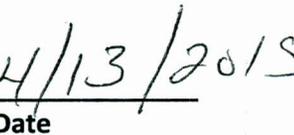

Permittee – Fred & Glenna Puffer


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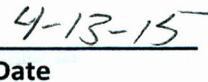

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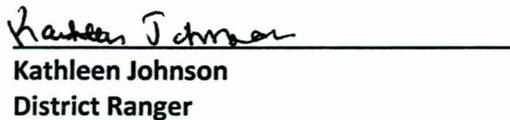

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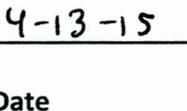

Permittee – Jesse Wright


Date


Permittee – Bar F Ranch
c/o Anthony Bealer


Date


Kathleen Johnson
District Ranger


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
Jesse Wright	1-42	42	Cow/calf	7/21-9/30	42	Cow/calf	7/21-9/30
Clark Bradshaw	43-102	60	Cow/calf	7/21-9/30	60	Cow/calf	7/21-9/30
Cody Wright	103 - 144	42	Cow/calf	7/21-9/30	42	Cow/calf	7/21-9/30
Bar F Ranch	145 - 265	121	Cow/calf	7/21-9/30	121	Cow/calf	7/21-9/30
Fred Puffer	266 - 343	78	Cow/calf	7/21-9/30	78	Cow/calf	7/21-9/30
Blake Smith	344 - 614	271	Cow/calf	7/21-9/30	200 271	Cow/calf	7/21-9/30
	BABY BLUE	614		7/21-9/30	614		7/21-9/30

*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
Sheep Rock/North Sheep Rock		****	614
Summer Pasture	7/21 - 9/30	70	614

In past years a distribution plan and map was part of the AOI. This year the forest intends to monitor use throughout the season. If/when necessary, livestock will be moved to another area or removed from the allotment.

****Gather pasture. Pass through on way up then gather into in the fall.

*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 passed out current drought situation based on snotel data on Beaver Ranger District. Drought advisory letter may be issued to all permittees this year.

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. That means that you should open gates a week prior to your off date and start actively riding to remove livestock. Don't wait until September 30th to start gathering.

Previous year's grazing results: Faster pasture moves and early removal from the Forest may be required in 2014. Use on Sheep Rock and North Sheep Rock is currently at maximum allowable use levels. Use levels are being exceeded in Pole Canyon, Tanner Hollow, and the North Fork of North Creek. Aspen regeneration within Mill Hollow, Indian Creek, Milk Ranch, Cork Ridge and the North Fork of North Creek Swamps is currently occurring at acceptable levels. If livestock presence is having a negative impact on regenerating aspen livestock will need to be removed from those areas.

Pasture Name	Key Area	2014 Utilization
Sheep Rock	NI-SR-01 (North Sheep Rock)	41%
	NI-SR-02 (Miller Hollow)	48%
	NI-SR-03 (South of Pond)	56%
Summer Pasture	NI-SP-01 (Merchant Hollow)	37%
	NI-SP-02 (Johnson Flat)	28%
NEW SITE	NI-SP-03 (Cork Ridge)	% use
NEW SITE	NI-SP-04 (Bubb's Spring)	% use
NEW CAGE	NI-SP-05 (North Creek Swamps)	*Stubble height
NEW CAGE	NI-SP-06 (Indian Creek)	*Stubble height
NEW CAGE	NI-SP-07 (Pork-n-Bean Flat)	% use
NEW SITE	NI-SP-08 (Poison Flat)	% use
NEW SITE	NI-SP-09 (Pole Canyon)	*% use
NEW SITE	NI-SP-10 (Pine Hen Spring)	% use
NEW SITE	NI-SP-11 (Tanner Hollow)	*% use
NEW CAGE	NI-SP-12 (Bosman Ridge)	% use

*- indicates areas to pay special attention to utilization monitoring. These are areas the forest has notices use levels that exceed standards in years past. With current weather conditions these areas need to be monitored more closely than in previous years.

In addition to the above utilization monitoring several long term nested frequency transects were established across the allotment. A copy of this monitoring data was provided to permittees at the AOI.

Notice of Non-compliance/Suspension Actions: None

Additional instructions: Dependent on range readiness, grazing may begin July 21, 2015. Cattle will begin grazing in the Sheep Rock Pasture, then move to the Summer Pasture. Livestock are authorized until September 30, 2015 or until allowable use is reached. Please work together to distribute livestock across the summer pasture. Salting and herding needs to improve to help achieve better distribution.

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 browse	≤50%	# of current year's available twigs removed.
Upland grass/forb	40-60% of key species; varies by grazing system and desired condition	% of current year's growth. Under a Deferred Rotation Grazing maximum allowable use is 40%.
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.

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: If you need a cow camp please let us know so we can get you a Special Use Permit and letter, otherwise you may be issued a citation for staying longer than 16 days.

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:

- 1- Bubb's Spring Pipeline needs attention. Water is only getting into the upper trough.
- 2- Pine Hen Spring needs to be redeveloped, fenced and new trough plumbed.
- 3- Pipeline from North Creek Canal to Sheep rock pond.
- 4- Cattle guard for "monkey gate". Forest Road 988. If money becomes available.

These springs and water developments are more important this year than in past years due to current drought conditions. The permittees and Forest should schedule dates to work on these springs and ensure water is in all locations, including the BLM, prior to livestock turn out.

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: None.

ACTUAL USE, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE 2015 GRAZING SEASON

Allotment: NORTH INDIAN

Permittee: _____

Pasture	Sequence	Entry Date	Exit Date	No. Of Cattle

I maintained the following improvements this year: _____

Material Cost \$ _____ Labor Cost \$ _____

Number of days spent managing the Allotment: _____

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

Comments: _____

Return form at end of Grazing Season

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

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North-Indian

Fishlake National Forest

Beaver Ranger District

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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

