

**Annual Operating Instructions
2015
Manning Creek Cattle Allotment
Richfield RD, Fishlake NF**

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
Grant,Keith Anderton	White***	115	Cow/calf	6/15---9/30	115	Cow/calf	6/15---9/30
Stanton Gleave	White	100	Cow/calf	6/15---9/30	100 + 50****	Cow/calf	6/15---9/30
Waylon Gleave	White	42	Cow/calf	6/15---9/30	42	Cow/calf	6/15---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.
 ***Most of these permitted 115 permitted livestock should be marked with white tags. All of these 115 livestock will be marked with Anderton's personnel green tags. Because these livestock are already on BLM lands, some of the livestock may be missing their white tags.
 ****Extra 50 livestock tied to the Manning Creek private land exchange-of-use.

Non-use:

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.

Non-use requested: If yes, identify if for resource protection or personal convenience. If for personal convenience identify if it is 1st, 2nd, or 3rd consecutive year or the 4th in a 10-year period.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

Grazing Schedule

Unit (Pasture)	Tentative Dates*	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
Smith Canyon Bench Unit	First	2 weeks	307
Windy Ridge Unit – Manning Meadows Unit	Second	9 weeks	307
Big Table-Big Flat Unit	Third	4 weeks	307
Little Table Unit	Rest – Trail through 1 day on the way home after grazing the Big Table-Big Flat Unit		

*The above schedule is an **estimate** and may be modified at any time. The Richfield District Ranger, Richfield Range Conservationist, and the permittees will meet before deciding to move between pastures and to monitor range conditions. DWR representatives will also be invited to attend. As described in

the table below, indicators to consider before deciding to move between pastures include utilization, stubble height, seed heads, ground cover, moisture, forage development, etc. While the livestock are in Manning Meadows and Windy Ridge Units, because livestock are anticipated to use Manning Meadows more, the Manning Meadows Unit will be closely monitored. When utilization levels are met in Manning Meadows, the permittees will make an effort to extend the period in the pasture by pushing livestock into the Windy Ridge Unit until livestock are ready to be moved to Big Table-Big Flat Units.

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.
Riparian ground cover	Maintain ground cover of at least 70% within riparian areas.	

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. Once we have received notification of your payment clearing the lock box, we will issue you a letter authorizing you to turn your livestock onto the allotment. Do not place your livestock on the allotment without this letter.

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 allotment, 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: Work cooperatively with the Richfield Ranger District, Tom Tippetts from Grazing Improvement Program, and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources to construct fence along the boundary between Smith Canyon Bench and Little Table Pastures. Begin removing old pasture fences and troughs that will no longer be used/needed. Following completion of these

improvements, Part 3 of your permit will be updated to include the allotment changes in range infrastructure.

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, shall 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