Annual Operating Instructions
2015
Quitchumpah 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 Orange	Permitted* Number	Permitted* Class	Permitted* Season	Authorized** Number	Authorized** Class	Authorized** Season
Bensen, Brad	LD1-335	335	Cow/calf	6/11-9/30	335	Cow/calf	6/11-9/30
Eardly, Cy	CY1-98	98	Cow/calf	6/11-9/30	98	Cow/calf	6/11-9/30
Christiansen, Kent	C1-32	32	Cow/calf	6/11-9/30	32	Cow/calf	6/11-9/30
Stansfield, Bill	S1-255,H1-100	355	Cow/calf	6/11-9/30	355	Cow/calf	6/11-9/30

*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:
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
Beaver Creek	6/11		All
Skutumpah	7/15		All
Quitchumpah	8/15		All
Mud Springs	RESTED		

*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.

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: Rest Rotation

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

Additional instructions: Please move cattle from one unit to the next in a timely manner. 5-7 days should be ample time to clean out the previous unit.

Dixie Harrow work and reseeding was completed in the Mud Springs Unit, and a little of the Quitchumpah Unit. Please limit the use in Mud Springs to trailing through so the new seedlings can get established. In the Quitchumpah Unit do not put water in the troughs on the south end along the main road and that should keep cattle away and allow establishment.

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.	

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.

Inspections and monitoring in 2014 indicated that the utilization levels for the three units grazed are within the Fishlake National Forest Utilization Standard and Guidelines.

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: Cooperate with Salina Creek on GIP money for new boundary fence.

You must obtain prior written approval from the District Ranger before constructing/installing structural range improvements or using or applying any pesticide/herbicide.

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: The pipelines and fences inspected in 2014 were found to be acceptable in acceptable condition. We appreciate the work you have done on the reconstruction of the boundary fence next to the Manti-LaSal National Forest. This fence will greatly aide in your livestock control.

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).

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.

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: If you have any questions please give Bob Tuttle a call at (435)-896-9233.

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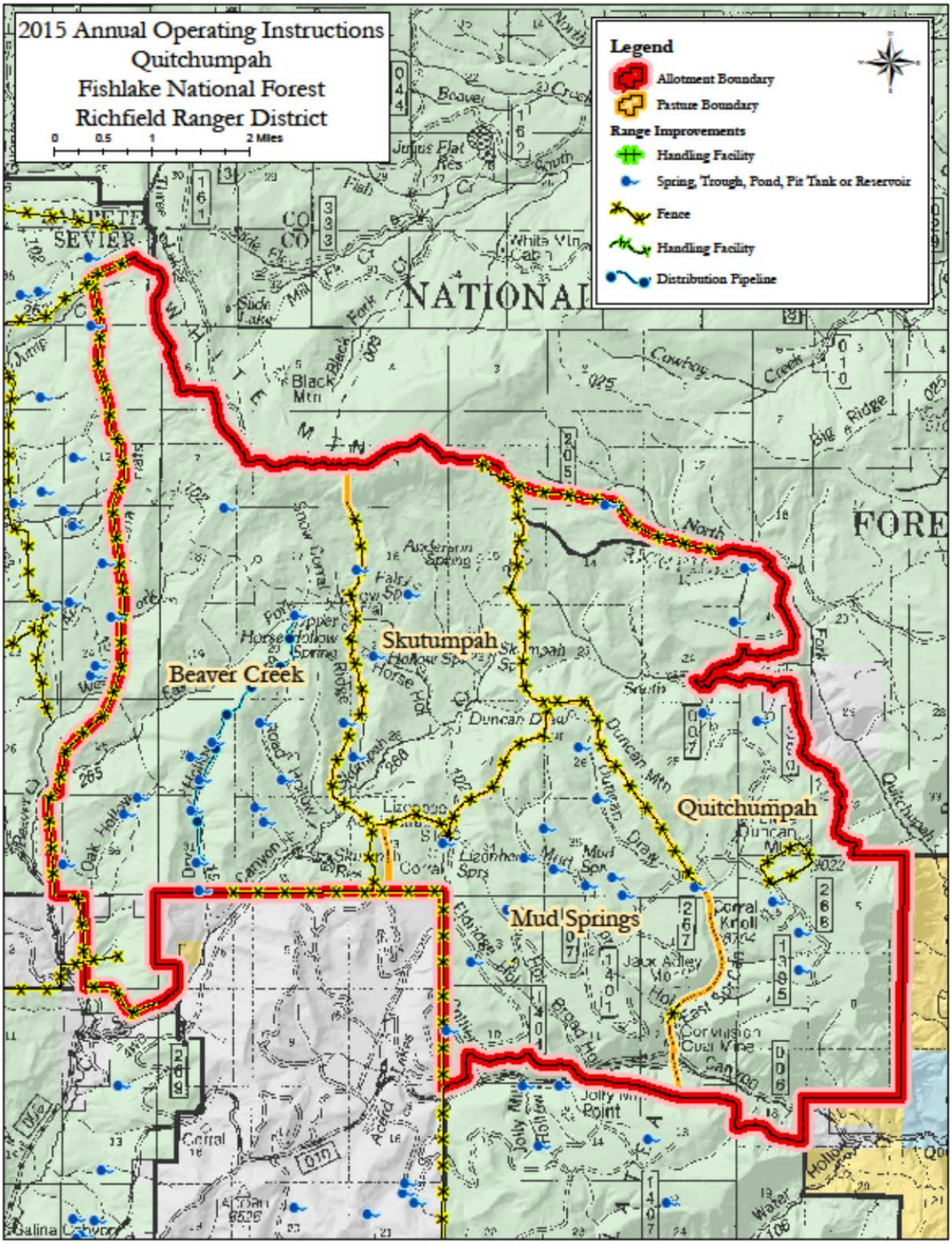
District Ranger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Legend
Allotment Boundary
Pasture Boundary
Range Improvements
Handling Facility
Spring, Trough, Pond, Pit Tank or Reservoir
Fence
Handling Facility
Distribution Pipeline
Beaver Creek
Skutumpah
Quitchumpah
Mud Springs