

**Annual Operating Instructions
2015
Cedar Ridge Allotment
Fillmore 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
Wasden Ranch LLC	Orange 1-360 453-588	512	Cow/calf	6/26-10/10	512	Cow/calf	6/26-10/10
X Bar Land & Livestock, LLC	Orange 361-452	96	Cow/calf	6/26-10/10	96	Cow/calf	6/26-10/10

*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.

Please be aware that nonuse in excess of 10% of your permitted numbers must be requested and approved 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

2014

Grazing Schedule

Unit (Pasture)	Tentative Dates*	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
Willow Creek-Pharo's Canyon	Based on proper-use	Variable	608
Terraces	Based on proper-use	Variable	608
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Strawberry Canyon	Based on proper-use	Variable	608
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Cattle will begin grazing this year when the perennial grasses are in the flower head.

Cattle need to be spread out in the pastures that are to be grazed.

Please do not drift cattle through lower willow creek canyon.

ALL cattle must be removed from, and kept out of, units that have met grazing use standards.

It is expected that previously grazed units will be kept 100% clean the remainder of the grazing season.

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If allowable use levels are met early in the scheduled pasture, cattle must be moved to the next pasture, or removed from the Forest.

When cattle are moved from pasture to pasture it is expected you will move all cattle as quickly as possible. Drifting cattle from one pasture to the next, over a period of several days or weeks is unacceptable.

All livestock must be removed from the Forest by the permitted off date listed above. This means if it takes you ten days to gather your cattle you should begin gathering September 30.

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.	

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.

KEY AREAS: Willow Creek Canyon, Strawberry Flat, Head of Choke Cherry
 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.

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. 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.

Fences	Length
Red Canyon Boundary Fence	7.0 miles
Strawberry Div Fence	2.5 miles
Willow Creek Drift Fence	2.3 miles
Red Canyon Check Fence	.1 miles
Amos Canyon Drift Fence	.1 miles
Indian Spring Ridge	.5 miles
Unlucky Ridge Fence	.7 miles
Broad Canyon Fence	.8 miles
Lower Pharos Ridge Fence	1.4 miles
Jacks Peak Watershed. Broad Canyon to Indian Spring	2.7 miles
Middle Fork Check Fence	1.5 miles
North Cedar Ridge Check Fence	.3 miles
South Cedar Ridge Check Fence	.5 miles
Trough Canyon Check Fence	.3 miles
Lone Pine Division	1 mile
WATER DEVELOPMENTS	
Rock Spring Ridge Trough	
Pine Hen Spring Trough	
Willow Creek Spring Trough	
Strawberry-Lone Pine Trough	
Rock Spring Trough	
Solitude Water System	
Water Developments Cont.	

Red Canyon Water System Head Box, Pipeline, 6 Troughs.	
Willow Creek Pond	
Rock Ridge Pond	
Nightgown Ridge Pond	
Hans Ridge Pond	
Chokecherry Pond	
Amos Canyon Road Pond	
Burnt Point Pond	
CORRALS	
Willow Creek Drift Corral	
Willow Creek Lower Corral	

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.

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.

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.

