

**Annual Operating Instructions
2015
Center Fork Chalk Creek 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
Keyhole Ranch LLC	Green 1-154	154	Cow/calf	6/26-9/30	154	Cow/calf	6/26-9/30
Justin Johnson	Green 155-230	76	Cow/calf	6/26-9/30	76	Cow/calf	6/26-9/30

*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.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

Grazing Schedule

Unit (Pasture)	Tentative Dates*	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
Spring Unit (George Rowley Flat)	Not before June 26 When perennial grasses are in the head	Variable	Up to 230
Cedar Springs-Cottonwood	NOT before July 10	Variable	Up to 230
Bear Hollow-Dry Lakes	Enter when Actual Use standards are reached in previous pasture. Exit No Later than Sept 30	variable	Up to 230

*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.

When allowable use levels are met in the scheduled pasture, cattle MUST be moved to another pasture, or removed from the Forest.

Type of rotation: Deferred Rotation.

All livestock must be removed from the Forest by the permitted off date or when allowable use standards are met in all both upper pastures. The “off” date means the date when ALL cattle are off of the forest. This means if it takes you 14 days to gather your cows off the mountain you should begin gathering no later than September 16

Additional instructions: **No Cattle are allowed into Bear Hollow/Dry Lake, or Cedar Springs/Cottonwood unit until at least July 10 and all fences in pastures are maintained to Forest Service Standards.**

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 for this year are Bear Hollow-Dry Lakes – Bottom of Bear Hollow and Cedar Springs-Cottonwood Unit – Area adjacent to road south of the Bear Hollow Corral and George Rowley Flat on the Spring Range.

Exceeding the utilization standards will be considered as non-compliance with your Term Grazing Permit and may will 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 a 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 will be delayed if improvements are not maintained to acceptable standards.

Fences			
1	010036A	Choke Cherry Drift	.042 Miles, Sec. 9, T22S, R3W
2	010055	Joe Payne Block Drift	.015 Miles, Sec. 5, T22S, R3W
3	010264	S. Chalk Seed Fence	2 Miles, Sec. 2, T22S, R4W
4	010265	Unlucky Ridge Fence	1.02 Miles, Sec. 2, T22S, R3W
5	010590B	Cedar Ridge-Center Fork Div Fence	.662 Miles, Sec. 25, 35, 36, T31S, R4W
		Cedar Spring/Cottonwood-Dry Lake/Bear Hollow Division	~1.75 miles

Corrals			
1	010202	Bear Hollow Corrals	Sec. 34, T21S, R3W

Water Development			
1	010102	Bear Hollow Spr No 1 Trough	SW1/4, Sec. 34, T21S, R3W
2	010173	Cedar Spr No.2 Upper Tr.	SW1/4, Sec. 3, T22S, R3W
3	010178	Turner Timber Wash Trough	Sec. 35, T21S, R3W
4	010186	Cottonwood Spring Trough	NE1/4 Sec. 10, T22S, R3W
5	010197	Water Canyon W/D	SW1/4, Sec. 3, T22S, R3W
6	010214	The Mud Puddle Spring	NE 1/4 Sec. 1, T22S, R4W
7	010216	Lower Bear Hollow W/D	SE1/4, NW1/4, Sec. 34, T21S, R3W
8	010304	Cedar Spring Trough	NE1/4 Sec. 3, T22S, R3W
9	010339	Shingle Mill Spring Trough	SE1/4 Sec. 28, T21S, R3W

Water Storage			
1	010190	Dry Lake Res	NE1/4 Sec. 36, T21S, R3W
2	010193	Death Canyon Pond	NW1/4 Sec. 35, T21S, R3W
3	010199	Water Cy. Mason Gulch Res	NW1/4 Sec. 36, T21S, R3W
4	010200	Cedar Spring No3 Res	Center of Sec. 3, T22S, R3W
5	010201	Bear Hollow Ridge Res	NW1/4 Sec. 34, T21S, R3W
6	010221	Blue Ridge Cedar Spr Res	N1/2 Sec. 34, T22S, R3W
7	010299	Bear Hollow Spr No 2 Res	Sec. 34, T21S, R3W
8	010303	Cedar Spring Corral Res	Sec. 3, T22S, R3W
9	010318	Head of Cedar Spr Can Res	SE1/4 Sec. 33, T21S, R3W
10	010344	Turner Timber Upper Res	Sec. 2 T22S, R3W

Scheduled reconstruction for upcoming season: **Finish Fence on top from bear hollow corral across to ending point. Forest Service Road crew will install 2 cattle guards. The trough that is next to the pond at the end of the Bear Hollow road should be reconstructed to allow easy access for cattle and, have a sufficient overflow pipe that diverts water directly into the pond, rather than flowing across the ground creating a mud hole.**

All other range improvements must be maintained to standard before cattle enter pasture.

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 will be considered non-compliance with your Term Grazing Permit and will be subject to suspension or cancellation of your permit.

All Cattle must be kept in the scheduled pasture. When cattle are moved to next pasture in rotation, all cattle must be moved in just a few days and not be allowed to re-enter previously grazed pastures

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 removed 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ 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.