Annual Operating Instructions
2015
Fool 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
Spencer Butler (FS)	26-151 Green	88	Cow/calf	5/10-9/15	88	Cow/calf	5/10 - 9/15
Spencer Butler (BLM)	Above	37	Cow/calf	5/10-9/15	37	Cow/calf	
Shawn Finlinson	1-20 Green	20	Calf/cow	5/10-9/15	20	Cow/calf	

*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
North Unit	5/10 or seed to boot, until proper use	variable	145
Box Canyon Unit	based on proper-use	variable	145
Fool Creek Unit	Based on proper-use or until 9/15	variable	145

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.

Type of rotation: Deferred rotation

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

Previous year's grazing results: Thank for your efforts in helping managing the allotment. We look forward to working with you again this year.

Notice of Non-compliance/Suspension Actions: NONE

Additional instructions: This year cattle will begin grazing in the Box Canyon Unit and graze there until proper-use standards are met, and then moved to the Fool Creek Unit.

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.

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: Key Areas: **North Unit**- Flat near the mouth of Little Wild Horse Canyon. **Fool Creek Unit**-Flat between Morning Dove Canyon and Fool Creek Canyon. **Box Canyon**- areas between water troughs.

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 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 may be delayed if improvements are not maintained to acceptable standards.

Fences	Name
010462	Lower Wildhorse-Fool Creek unit fence
010464	Upper Wildhorse-Fool Creek unit fence
010110	Wood Canyon drift fence
010437	Fool Creek management fence
010438	Fool Creek-Oak Creek division fence
010075	Fool Creek-Pass Canyon division fence
010047	Fool Creek zone fence

Water Developments	Name
010453	Mine Hollow Spring:
010452	Mine Hollow pipeline trough
010474	Mine Hollow pond
010157	Morning Dove water development
010212	Pole Canyon spring trough
010465	Upper Anderson spring development
010218	Wildhorse spring water development
010598	Fool Creek irrigation pipeline trough
010599	Leamington culinary line trough
010170	Anderson spring trough
010459	Box Canyon troughs (BLM)

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 repellant.

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.

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.