

**Annual Operating Instructions
2015
Pioneer 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
Dean & John Larsen	yellow 1-49	46	Cow/calf	6/16-9/30	46	Cow/calf	6/16-9/30
	216-222	10 (BLM)	Cow/calf	6/16-9/30	10	Cow/calf	6/16-9/30
Stephenson cattle Co.	yellow 50-152	103	Cow/calf	6/16-9/30	103	Cow/calf	6/16-9/30
Richard Christensen	yellow 153-215 250-321	135	Cow/calf	6/16-9/30	135	Cow/calf	6/16-9/30
Justin & Logan Johnson	yellow 223-249	27	Cow/calf	6/16-9/30	27	Cow/calf	6/16-9/30
	400-403	4 Private land	Cow/calf	6/16-9/30	4	Cow/calf	6/16-9/30
*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

2014

Grazing Schedule

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*Grazing will begin when perennial grasses are in the flower head.

If allowable use levels are met early in the scheduled pasture, cattle will be moved to another area of the pasture, moved to another pasture, or removed from the Forest.

Type of rotation: Three Unit Rest Rotation System

All livestock must be removed from the Forest by the permitted off date listed above. This means if it requires you ten days to gather your cattle from the forest you should begin gathering on September 20.

Additional instructions: This year we will rest the Maple Hollow Unit. We will start grazing the lower portions of the Wide Canyon and Pioneer Unit. Then as the season progresses and proper-use is reached in these areas, cattle will be moved to the Higher elevations for the remained of the season or until proper use is reached.

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 are: Johnson Point, Pioneer flat and North Spring Areas.

Exceeding the utilization standards will 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 a pasture, even in the rested pastures and 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.

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.

Fences	Length	
Eagle Hollow Poison Fence (red fence)	2.2 miles	Sec. 11 T21S, R 3W
Maple Hollow zone fence	.1 mile	Sec. 22, T20 S, R3W
Pioneer zone fence	1 mile	Sec.
South Robins Valley Fence	.7 miles	Sec. 1, T21S, R3W
South Robins Valley North	.3 miles	Sec. 31, T20S, R3W
Pioneer Mountain Summit	1.5 miles	Sec. 11, T21S, R3W
Sawmill Zone Fence	.25 miles	Sec. 22,26, T20S, R3W
Wall Hill Fence	.5 Miles	Sec 28, T20S, R3W

Water Developments	
Bear Canyon Trough	Sec. 35, T20S, R3W
Coal Mine Spring Trough	Sec. 24, T20S, R3W
North Spring Trough	Sec. 24, T20S, R3W
Order Ranch Trough	Sec. 35, T20S, R3W
Probert Spring	Sec. 24, T20S, R3W
Teeples Canyon Trough	Sec. 10, T21S, R3W

Teeples Spring	Sec. 14, T20S, R3W
Quaking Aspen Spring Trough	Sec. 15, T20S, R3W
Buck Spring Trough	Sec. 28, T20S, R3W
Wide Canyon Spring Trough	Sec.14, T20S, R3W
Green Canyon Spring Trough	Sec. 11, T20S, R3W
Spring Branch Pond	Sec. 30, T20S,R2W
Upper Pioneer Pond 1 and 2	Sec. 1, T21S, R3W
Eagle Hollow Pond	Sec. 1, T21S, R3W
Pioneer Pond	Sec. 1, T21S, R3W
Baldy Pond 1 and 2	Sec. 11, T21S, R3W
Hebs Pond	Sec. 10, T20S, R3W
Wide Canyon Pond	Sec. 10, T20S, R3W
Coffee Peak Ponds	Sec. 24, T20S, R3W

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 aspen stands.

Salt must 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 and remain void of livestock for the remainder of the grazing season.

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.