

**Annual Operating Instructions  
2015  
Watts Mountain 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
Missouri Flat Limited Partnership South Division	White 1-406	420	Cow/calf	6/11-10/15	420	Cow/calf	6/11-10/15
Missouri Flat Limited Partnership North Division	Blue 12-322	325	Cow/calf	6/11-10/15	325	Cow/calf	6/11-10/15
Art Jensen Cattle Co. On-off	Blue 1-11	12	Cow/calf	6/11-10/15	12	Cow/calf	6/11-10/15

\*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**

**2015 South Division Grazing Schedule**

Unit (Pasture)	Tentative Dates*	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
Big Bench	6/11-Proper use	Variable	420
Lewis Hollow	Based on proper use	Variable	420
Dry Hollow	Based on proper use	Variable	420
Indian Creek	Based on proper use	Variable	420

**2015 North Division Grazing Schedule**

Unit (Pasture)	Tentative Dates*	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
Mud Spring	6/11- proper use	Variable	337
Trail Spring	Based on proper use	Variable	337
Peavine	Base on proper use	Variable	337

\*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.

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. Once proper use is achieved **ALL** cattle need to be removed from the pasture.

**All livestock must be removed from the Forest by the permitted off date listed above. This means if it takes you 10 days to remove your livestock you should begin on October 5**

Previous year’s grazing results: Thank you for your cooperation on last year keeping grazing use within proper use standards, and for your work in maintaining improvements.

Additional instructions: Grazing will begin when perennial grasses reach the flower head stage. Please keep cattle in pastures where they are supposed to be.

**UTILIZATION STANDARDS & MONITORING**

**Maximum Allowable Forage Use Criteria**

<b>Vegetation Type</b>	<b>Stubble Height/Use</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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 each unit scheduled for grazing this year are: **South Division**; Lewis Hollow Unit- Flat east of Butler Spring. Indian Creek Unit- Bottom of Indian Creek. **North Division**; Mud Spring Unit- Little Grass Valley area; Peavine Unit- Indian Flat; Trail Spring Unit- bottom of Trail Spring Canyon.

Exceeding the utilization standards is considered 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 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.

Ponds	N. Watt's	Name	Township & Range									
	010049	Grassy Hollow Res.		1/4	SW	1/4	Section	9	T	24S	R	4W
	010327	Lower Mortensen Cr Res.		1/4		1/4	Section	15	T	24S	R	4W
	010307	Choke Cherry Res	NE	1/4	NW	1/4	Section	13	T	24S	R	4.5W
	010400	Rose Hollow Res.	NE	1/4	NE	1/4	Section	24	T	24S	R	4W
	010482B	Rose Hollow Res 2	SW	1/4	SW	1/4	Section	18	T	24S	R	4W
	010481	Panama Res		1/4	SE	1/4	Section	14	T	24S	R	4 W
	010330	Lower Twisty Cyn Pond		1/4		1/4	Section	13	T	24S	R	4W
	010013	Hog Flat Spring and Trough		1/4	NE	1/4	Section	19	T	24S	R	4W
	010018	Oak spring Trough	NW	1/4	SW	1/4	Section	14	T	24S	R	4W
	010082	Rock Spring Trough #1		1/4	NE	1/4	Section	11	T	24S	R	4W
	010083	Rockwood Peak Spring Pond	SW	1/4		1/4	Section	26	T	24S	R	4.5W
	010084	S. Fork Big Hollow #2	SE	1/4	NE	1/4	Section	9	T	24S	R	4W
	N WATTS											
	010235B	Horse Flat RD Pond 1		1/4		1/4	Section	18	T	24S	R	4W
	010523	Lower Panama Res		1/4		1/4	Section	14	T	24S	R	4.5W
	010314	Grass Hollow #1 Res	SW	1/4	SE	1/4	Section	9	T	24S	R	4W
	010315	Grass Hollow #2 Res	SE	1/4	SW	1/4	Section	9	T	24S	R	4W

	010316	Hansen Reservoir	NE	1/4	SE	1/4	Section	18	T	24S	R	4W
	010337	S. Fork Big Hollow #1 Res	NE	1/4	NE	1/4	Section	9	T	24S	R	4W
	010390C	Horse Flat RD Pond 2		1/4		1/4	Section	13	T	24S	R	4W
	010450A	Horse Flat RD Pond 3		1/4		1/4	Section	12	T	24S	R	4w
	010451	Horse Flat RD Pond 4		1/4		1/4	Section	11	T	24S	R	4W
	010475C	Trail Spr Bench WD	SW	1/4	NE	1/4	Section	18	T	24S	R	4W
	010485	Right Fk Grassy Hol Res	NE	1/4	SW	1/4	Section	8	T	24S	R	4W
	010483	South Trail Spr Res	SW	1/4	NE	1/4	Section	18	T	24S	R	4W
	010484	Lower Tr Spr Res	SW	1/4	NE	1/4	Section	18	T	24S	R	4W
<b>Water System</b>	010396	Grassy Holl Pipe		1/4		1/4	Section	8	T	24S	R	4W
	010328	Lower oak Spring Trough	NE	1/4	NW	1/4	Section	23	T	24S	R	4W
	010475B	Trail Spr Bench WD		1/4		1/4	Section	18	T	24S	R	4W
	010476	Trail Spr Bench Pond		1/4		1/4	Section	18	T	24S	R	4W
	010475	Trail Spr Bench Pipeline		1/4		1/4	Section	18	T	24S	R	4W
	010151	Frandsen Spring Trough	NE	1/4		1/4	Section	25	T	25S	R	4.5W
<b>Fences</b>	010094	Watts Mtn-Kanosh Division		1/4		1/4	Section	10	T	24S	R	4.5W
	010123	Cottonwood Watts Mtn Div.	NE	1/4		1/4	Section	3	T	24S	R	4W
	010143	Corn Cr Trail Spr Cyn		1/4		1/4	Section	6	T	24S	R	4W

	<b>N. Watt's</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Township &amp; Range</b>									
<b>Fences</b>	010180	Middle Ridge		1/4	SW	1/4	Section	18	T	24S	R	4W
	010521A	Indian Flat Fence		1/4		1/4	Section	22	T	24S	R	4W
	010492	Trail Spr Ridge Fence		1/4	NE	1/4	Section	18	T	24S	R	4W
	010413	Indian Flat Fen		1/4		1/4	Section	27	T	24S	R	4.5W
	010308	Coal Bed Pass Division		1/4		1/4	Section	10	T	24S	R	4W
	010349	West Coal Bed Pass					Section	10	T	24S	R	4W
	010301	Big Hollow Fence		1/4		1/4	Section	4	T	24S	R	4W

	<b>S. Watt's</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Township &amp; Range</b>									
<b>Ponds</b>	010355	Willards Pond		1/4		1/4	Section	10	T	25S	R	4.5W

010012	Gardner Hollow Res	NE	1/4		1/4	Section	4	T	25S	R	4.5W
010052	Hidden Reservoir	SW	1/4		1/4	Section	10	T	25S	R	4.5W
010058	Lower Big Bench Res	NE	1/4		1/4	Section	20	T	25S	R	4.5W
010059A	Lower Gap Reservoir		1/4		1/4	Section	29	T	24S	R	4W
010089	Upper Big Bench Reservoir	NE	1/4		1/4	Section	17	T	25S	R	4.5W
010089B	Upper Big Bench Res		1/4		1/4	Section	9	T	25S	R	4.5W
010107	Indian Cr Res	SW	1/4		1/4	Section	6	T	25S	R	4W
010127	Lower Lions Hol Res		1/4		1/4	Section	11	T	25S	R	4.5W
010309	Dell Lott Reservoir	SW	1/4	SE	1/4	Section	12	T	25S	R	4.5W
010323	Lewis Hollow Res	SW	1/4	SW	1/4	Section	3	T	25S	R	4.5W
010331	Max's Pond	NE	1/4	SE	1/4	Section	3	T	25S	R	4.5W
010332	Mount Joseph Reservoir	NE	1/4	SE	1/4	Section	12	T	25S	R	4.5W
010334	Oak Hollow Res	SE	1/4	SE	1/4	Section	11	T	25S	R	4.5W
010340	Snow McDonald Reservoir	SW	1/4	SW	1/4	Section	1	T	25S	R	4.5W
010347	W. Fk. Indian Cr. #1		1/4		1/4	Section	1	T	25S	R	4.5W
010348	W. Fk. Indian Cr. #2	NW	1/4		1/4	Section	1	T	25S	R	4.5W
010397	L. Big Bench #2		1/4		1/4	Section	30	T	25S	R	4.5W
010401	Upper Lewis Hol Res		1/4		1/4	Section	3	T	25S	R	4.5W
010407A	Dry Hollow Res #1	NW	1/4		1/4	Section	8	T	25S	R	4W
010407B	Lower Dry Hollow Res		1/4		1/4	Section	8	T	25S	R	4W
010471	Upper Dry Hollow Res	NW	1/4	NW	1/4	Section	5	T	25S	R	4W
010473	West Indian Cr. Res.	SW	1/4	SW	1/4	Section	6	T	25S	R	4W
010480	Lower Lewis Hol Res		1/4		1/4	Section	10	T	25S	R	4W
010522	Butler Res		1/4		1/4	Section	4	T	25S	R	4.5W

<b>Water System</b>	010138	Butler Spr Trough	SW	1/4		1/4	Section	4	T	25S	R	4.5W
	010395	Gardner Spr	NE	1/4	NE	1/4	Section	8	T	25S	R	4W
	010411A	Gardner Pipeline		1/4		1/4	Section	8	T	25S	R	4W
	010411B	Gardner Trough No 1	NE	1/4	NE	1/4	Section	8	T	25S	R	4W
	010411C	Gardner Hollow Pipeling		1/4		1/4	Section	20	T	25S	R	4W
	010479	Big Bench Ditch		1/4		1/4	Section	4	T	25S	R	4.5W
				1/4		1/4	Section		T		R	
<b>Fence</b>	010520	Big Bench BDRY #2		1/4		1/4	Section	8	T	25S	R	4.5W
	010495B	Middle Bench Fence	NW	1/4	NW	1/4	Section	16	T	25S	R	4.5W
	010495A	Middle Bench Fence	NE	1/4		1/4	Section	17	T	25S	R	4.5W
	010300A	Big Bench #1		1/4		1/4	Section	4	T	25S	R	4.5W
	010300B	Big Bench Div No 1	NW	1/4		1/4	Section	17	T	25S	R	4.5W
	010115B	Parker-Indian Cr Zone	NW	1/4	NW	1/4	Section	5-6	T	25S	R	4W
	010115A	Parker-Indian Cr Spr Zone	NW	1/4		1/4	Section	7	T	25S	R	4W
	010093	Watts MT Drift		1/4		1/4	Section	29	T	24S	R	4W

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.

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 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.

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.