

**Annual Operating Instructions
2015
Wildgoose 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
Ross Stevens	Green 1-196	202	Cow/calf	6/16-9/30	202	Cow/calf	6/16-9/30
Brad & Chris E. Thompson	Green 197-220	25	Cow/calf	6/16-9/30	25	Cow/calf	6/16-9/30
Clinton C. Quarnberg	Green 221-249	30	Cow/calf	6/16-9/30	30	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

Grazing Schedule

Unit (Pasture)	Tentative Dates*	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
Lower Ebbs Unit	Based on Proper-use	Variable	257
Upper Ebbs Unit	Based on proper-use	Variable	257
Upper Wildgoose Unit	Based on proper-use or until Sept 30	Variable	257
Lower Wildgoose Unit	Rested	Rested	Rested

*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.

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

Type of rotation: Rest Rotation

All livestock must be removed from the Forest by the permitted off date listed above. This means if it takes you 10 days to gather all your cows from the forest you should begin September 20.

Notice of Non-compliance/Suspension Actions: NONE

Additional instructions: This year cattle will begin grazing in the Lower Ebbs Unit. We will begin grazing when the perennial grasses are in the flower head. You will need to stay within proper use guidelines and plan to move cattle accordingly. You need to make sure that all cattle are moved in a timely manner, not drifted over several days when they are moved from one unit to another. You must NOT allow cattle to re-enter units already grazed.

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: In lower Wildgoose - Lower Wildgoose Flat, Upper Ebbs- The bench between the second trough below the spring and the new aluminum trough. Upper Wildgoose – Bench along pipeline between trough and Upper Wildgoose pond.

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

<u>Water Improvement</u>	Length	Location	Maintenance Responsibility
Dry Canyon Pipeline	2 miles	Sec. 23-35, T19S, R3W	
Dry Canyon Pipeline	2.5 miles	Sec. 35, T19S, R3W	
Ebbs Canyon Water System	5 ¼ miles	Sec. 12-25, T19S, R3W.	
Kenny Springs		Sec. 30, T19S, R2W.	
Maple Seep Spring Trough		Sec. 2, T19S, R3W.	

<u>Fences</u>	Length	Location	Maintenance Responsibility
Wildgoose Management Fence	4 miles	Sec. 22, T19S, R3W.	
Wildgoose Unit 3 & 4 Fence	3 miles	Sec. 23, T19S, R3W.	
Wildgoose Unit 2 & 3 Fence	3 miles	Sec. 22, T19S, R3W.	
Lower Ebbs Riparian Protection	Pole fence ¼ mile	Sec. 22 T19S, R3W	
Lower Wildgoose Riparian Protection	¼ mile	Sec. 27 T19S, R3W	

Scheduled reconstruction for upcoming season: Pond on the end of Wildgoose water line needs to be cleaned out. Upper Dry Fork Wildgoose Water line needs to be replaced, please work toward this in the next couple of years. Headbox and pipeline with trough need to be installed in Lower Wildgoose. All other fences and water improvements shall be maintained to standards as outlined in your term grazing permit.

Failure to maintain your assigned range improvements is considered non-compliance with your Term Grazing Permit and will be subject to suspension or cancellation of your permit.

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.

Please put extra effort in maintenance of the fence between Upper Wildgoose and Upper Ebbs.

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 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.