

**Annual Operating Instructions
2016
Dry 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
W C Hatch Ranch LLC	Pink 1-110	114	Cow/calf	6/11-9/30	114	Cow/calf	6/11-9/30
Royce and Susan Memmott Trust	111-155	47	Cow/calf	6/11-9/30	47	Cow/calf	6/11-9/30
Robert Monroe	156-187	33	Cow/calf	6/11-9/30	33	Cow/calf	6/11-9/30
Monroe Land and Livestock LLC	188-243	58	Cow/calf	6/11-9/30	58	Cow/calf	6/11-9/30
<small>*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. + Actual Authorized entry date will be based on seedripeness of native species. Seed ripe will be determined by Forest Service personnel</small>							

Non-use:

Non-use for resource protection may be approved for consecutive years and is not subject to restrictions of non-use for personal convenience. 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.

Non-use requested: None

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

Grazing Schedule

Unit (Pasture)	Tentative Dates*	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
North Unit	6/11 until proper use is reached	Variable	252
Long Canyon South Unit	Based on proper use or until Sept 30	Variable	202
Head of Oak Creek	Based on proper-use or until Sept 30	variable	50

*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: Deferred Rotation

All livestock must be removed from the Forest once proper use standards have been met or by the permitted off date listed above. All cattle should be off the forest no later than the permitted “off” date. This means if it takes you 5 days to gather your cattle you should begin to gather no later than Sept 20.

Additional instructions: Grazing in the fire area will begin when perennial grasses reach the seed ripe stage.

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 as follows: The mouth of little Oak Creek, the Head of Oak Creek and the mouth of Long Canyon. The Lower Portion of Oak Creek is a 9A riparian area and should maintain a stubble height of 6”.

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. Livestock will not be allowed on the forest until payment is confirmed.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

You are responsible for maintaining the range improvements assigned to you in Part 3 of your Term Grazing Permit. All improvements must be maintained to standard prior to livestock entering the pasture, even in the event of non-use.

Livestock entry onto the Forest will be delayed if improvements are not maintained to acceptable standards.

Standards are found in your Term Grazing Permit or at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/resources/rangemgt.shtml> .

Fences	Length
Oak Creek/Dry Creek Div	1.5 miles
Dry Creek Unit Fence	1 mile
Little Oak Creek Drift Fence	.25 mile
Dry Creek Management Fence	11 miles
Whiskey Creek/Dry Creek Div	.75 miles

Water Improvement	Length
Cow Canyon Spring	
Cow Canyon Pipe	2 miles
Cow Canyon Trough and Pond	
Quarry Spring Development	
Quarry Spring Trough (2)	
Quarry Spring Pipeline	1 mile
Upper Little Oak Creek Spring	
Upper Little Oak Creek Trough and Pond	
Bill Hatch SU Pipeline	
Bill Hatch Troughs (3)	
Little Oak Creek Troughs	

Little Oak Creek Pipeline	.8 miles
Upper John Williams Spring	
Upper John Williams Pipe	
Upper John Williams Trough	
Scipio West Bench Grazers Spring	
Scipio West Bench Grazers Pipe	3.5 miles
Lower John Williams Spring	
Lower John Williams trough	
Little Long Canyon Spring Pond	
Fisher Spring Dev	
Fisher Spring Trough	
Radford Canyon Spring	
Radford Canyon Trough	

Scheduled reconstruction for this year: Continue rehab on the Pipeline in John Williams by flattening mounds of dirt, dragging natural debris on to the line to prevent vehicle travel, building water bar where they are needed, and return cuts in slopes back to natural grade. Once rehab work is complete, the rehabbed area will need to be reseeded by the permittee.

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 will 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 OCTOBER 31.

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. Avoid salting in or near tree plantations or aspen stands. Exceptions to these standards must have prior approval.

Salt will be removed from areas where grazing use standards are met.

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.