

**McFARLAND PASTURE C&H ALLOTMENT  
2010 ANNUAL OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS**

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These are the annual operating instructions (AOI) for the 2010 grazing season for the McFarland Pasture Allotment. These instructions will become part of your permit as provided for in Part 1, Item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a) of your term grazing permit. Only livestock branded according to the Certificate of Brand Registrations provided by the permittee to the Forest Service will be allowed to graze on the allotment.

Please note situations may develop during the grazing season which you feel may require changes to these instructions. If you believe this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some part of these instructions contact Concetta Brown and obtain approval from the Line Officer before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions. McFarland Pasture permittee 2010 operating instructions are as follows:

## I. Authorized Use and Grazing Schedule

### McFarland Pasture Allotment Dates and Numbers<sup>1</sup>

Table 1

Permittee	Authorized Use			Term Grazing Permit		
	Numbers	Head Months	Season of Use	Numbers	Head Months	Season of Use
McFarland Livestock	129	7	6/1-7/15	1	7	1/1-12/1

Table 2

Unit	Sequence	Numbers	Season of Use
McFarland Pasture	1	129	6/1-7/15

<sup>1</sup>Dates and grazing sequence are tentative and may change as needed due to forage conditions, weather conditions, and/or other factors. Range readiness will be monitored to determine if changes to the expected on date need to be made.

## II. Utilization Standards and Guidelines

Utilization standards and greenline residual stubble height guidelines for the McFarland Pasture Allotment are presented below in Table 3. Standards and guidelines will generally be monitored at key areas of the allotment. Key areas are those areas of the allotment most preferred by livestock, are typically grazed first, and receive the most concentrated use. Cattle will be removed from each unit before utilization standards and guidelines are exceeded at key areas. Cattle will be removed from National Forest lands when standards or guidelines have been met at key areas in the last unit to be grazed or by the off date for the allotment, whichever comes first. It is the permittees' responsibility to ensure standards and guidelines shown in Table 3 are not exceeded. Every effort must be taken to completely remove cattle off of the National Forest by the scheduled off date. For example, if it requires 3 days of riding to gather your cattle, then you should start riding at least 3 days prior to your scheduled off date.

If using a range rider, you should be prepared to assist him/her as needed to ensure units remain clean after livestock have been removed from a unit, provide him/her with the necessary information such as

allotment maps and Annual Operating Instructions so that rider work is adequately performed, and inform the rider to keep you up to date with any problems. Please remember, it is ultimately your responsibility to correct any problems including problems caused by drift from other units.

Table 3 Utilization Standards and Guidelines

Grazing Schedule			Utilization Standards	
Unit	Numbers	Season of Use	Riparian	Uplands
McFarland Pasture	129	6/1-7/15	50%	50%

### III. Other Items Discussed

Proper distribution of livestock is important to proper forage utilization. This requires riding and salting be properly conducted throughout the entire grazing season. Rotate your salting areas during the grazing season and from year to year. Place your salt in good forage producing areas where cattle do not go by preference with salt being placed salt at least ¼ mile from water or open meadows and not adjacent to roads and trails. Cattle need to be kept in their appropriate units, properly distributed in those units, and moved from unit to unit as needed. It is especially important cattle be kept in the unit they are supposed to be in and an even distribution of your cattle be maintained while in a unit, since any area reaching proper utilization means it is time to move into the next unit or to come home. The permittee is responsible for keeping cattle spread out and not over utilizing the range.

All boundary fences with adjacent allotments must be maintained to specification at least one week prior to livestock entering any allotment that uses this fence to control livestock movement. Maintenance on all interior fences and other improvements must be complete one week prior to entering each pasture. This will provide adequate time for forest personnel to inspect improvements and address any concerns prior to livestock entering each pasture. You are responsible to provide all materials and labor needed to complete this maintenance. ATVs may be used off of designated routes for improvement maintenance prior to livestock entering Forest lands. Once livestock are on the allotment, ATV use off of designated routes should be limited to the unit cattle are currently in and the unit scheduled to be grazed next only for managing your livestock and/or maintaining improvements. Other item(s) discussed during the permittee meeting area as follows:

- Water troughs are to be filled before cattle enter any of the grazing units. When cattle leave a grazing unit, the troughs in that unit are to be drained.
- You will need to apply for nonuse if you are planning to put less than 90% of the permitted cattle on the allotment
- Any hay or straw used in association with this permit will be certified and/or tagged as noxious weed, or noxious weed seed free as directed by the order (#04-00-097, 2/03, according to 36CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), and 36 CFR 261.58 (t)).
- Please keep track of the dates, numbers, and any other facts that may be pertinent to your grazing on the allotment this season. Note these items on the attached Actual Use form and return them to the Leadore Office by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

#### **IV. Billing Information**

Grazing fees are \$1.35 per head month for the 2010 grazing season. These fees need be paid to Lockbox at Los Angeles, California by the date specified on the Bill for Collection and before livestock enter the Salmon-Challis National Forest. In addition the Forest Service will be billing \$0.10 per head month for the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission. This will be billed separately from your grazing fees.

