

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
Table Mountain S&G Allotment
2012

These Annual Operating Instructions for the Table Mountain S&G Allotment for the 2012 grazing season will be considered part of your temporary grazing permit as stated in Part 3 of that permit.

Situations may develop during the grazing season which require changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some part of these instructions, contact the District Ranger and obtain approval **prior to initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.**

Livestock Management

Permitted #s	Class of Livestock	Season of Use	Allotment
1000	Ewe/lamb	7/6-9/10	Table Mountain
2	Horses	7/6-9/10	Table Mountain

Planned #s	Class of Livestock	Season of Use	Allotment
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Pasture Rotation

Pasture	Season of Use
E. Fork Bear Gulch (Trail-On)	Use areas to proper use of 35% to 55%
Hidden Springs*	
East Camas	
Wheeler Springs	
Rock Springs*	
Mule Meadows	

***Note: Plan to save one day's grazing on Hidden Springs to use as you slowly move the herd back to Mule Meadows from Rock Springs.**

The livestock rotations are tentative. Vegetative conditions on the allotment will dictate the actual turn out date and when livestock are moved from unit to unit. The following Standards and Guides from the 1997 Revised Forest Plan as included in section 3 of your term grazing permit will be monitored and used for determining removal of livestock from a unit and/or the allotment:

- 4 inch stubble height of key species along the hydric greenline.
- 3 inch stubble height of key species within the aquatic influence zone.
- 30% utilization of current year's growth on riparian woody plants.

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Upland Utilization Standards	Season-long Grazing		Rotation Grazing	
	Unsatisfactory Range Condition	Satisfactory Range Condition	Unsatisfactory Range Condition	Satisfactory Range Condition
Grasses and Herbaceous species	35%	45%	45%	55%
Shrubs	25%	35%	35%	35%

*The figures shown represent the best estimate of acceptable use levels which will provide for maintenance or improvement of these ecosystems. They shall be used as maximum use levels unless there is site-specific information to show that these levels are incorrect. Percent use is based on a dry weight percentage.

Permittee and Herder Responsibilities

- Sheep must use Forest system roads for trailing to and from the allotments.
- Trailing while on National Forest System land will be counted as part of the permitted days.
- Practice “once-over grazing” by grazing in areas only once and then moving on.
- Sheep are to bed in new locations each night. Do not bed sheep near streams, springs, Forest System roads and trails or at the herder’s camp. Noon bedding in riparian areas in not allowed.
- Keep the use of dogs to a minimum.
- Graze sheep into and away from water instead of trailing them.
- Salt should be placed in areas away from water, riparian areas, forest plantations, shade-up areas, or Forest System roads and trails. Salt in a different location each day and remove bags after use.
- Route sheep to avoid steep slopes with loose soil, and active gullies.
- Keep all camps clean; park herder camps off existing open roads at least 25 feet.
- Highline, picket, or hobble pack and saddle stock and move them frequently to avoid any over-grazed areas at camp sites.
- Report any fires to the Dubois District as soon as possible (208) 374-5422.

Failure to comply with these management responsibilities may be cause for action to be taken against the grazing permit including suspension or cancellation, in whole or in part.

Motorized Travel

Motorized travel is only allowed on designated routes. However, grazing permittees can travel cross country to maintain or construct range improvements. This motorized access must be less than two vehicles per week. The permits that you receive will authorize this use and must be in the vehicle when traveling cross country. No salting or herding should be done by motorized means except on designated roads or trails.

Noxious Weeds

Noxious Weeds are known to exist on your allotment. Please notify our office of any new (small) noxious weed populations on your allotment so that we can attempt to eradicate them early. Any hay or straw brought on the Forest must be certified "**weed free**". Contact the District Office for information on where to obtain weed free feeds.

Trucks or trailers transporting livestock to the allotment from areas where noxious weeds are present should not be cleaned out on National Forest System lands.

Range Improvement Maintenance

All range improvements must be maintained prior to livestock entering the allotment. Failure to properly complete the assigned maintenance to standard and in a timely manner will be cause for denial of permission to either place livestock on the allotment, or to move to another pasture, and/or may result in action being taken against the grazing permit. If the improvement is deteriorated beyond repair please contact our office to discuss options to resolve the situation.

Improvements

#1364A	Rock Springs. W/D. Trough	T14N R38E, sec. 16
#1466	Hidden springs W/D. Trough and Headbox.	T14N R37E, sec. 20 SWSW
#1475	Wheeler Spr. Dev.	T14N R38E, sec. 17
#1499	Bear Gulch Sheep Corral	T13N R38E, sec. 9

Grizzly Bear/Wolf Recovery Management

If you or your rider see any wolves or grizzly bears on your allotment please contact John Farr of Wildlife Services at 374-5202 **immediately** after any possible sightings. Then contact Shane Jacobson at 374-5422. Please keep us informed of the predator control activities conducted on your allotment. The information that you provide us on your Actual Use Form is very helpful.

A food storage order is in place which will require proper storage of food to render it unavailable to bears on National Forest System lands in Teton, Fremont, Madison, and Clark Counties east of Interstate-15. As part of the food storage order, human food, refuse and prepared livestock/pet foods associated with the livestock operation will be made unavailable to bears through proper storage, handling and disposal. Proper storage includes:

- inside a bear-proof container (such as bear proof panniers),
- suspended at least 10 feet clear of the ground at its lowest point and at least 4 feet horizontally from adjacent posts or trees,
- stored in a hard-sided vehicle or trailer, or
- other methods approved by the District Ranger.

The exception is when the food is being eaten or prepared for eating or when food and similar organic matter is being transported. Unburned human foods, garbage or other refuse will be carried off the Forest as often as practical.

Any dead livestock shall be moved to a location greater than 200 feet from water, out of view of roads or trails, and away from any areas of significant public use.

Reports and Record Keeping

Please fill out the forms in your folder that tracks your actual use, losses and expenditures for maintenance and management on your allotment and return to our office within **15 days of removing livestock**. That information is very helpful for our records and is used for upward reporting.

Notification of Problems/Coordination

In order to prevent small problems from becoming big problems, please work closely with your rangeland management specialist in his/her capacity as the representative of the District Ranger. Your rangeland management specialist is Shane Jacobson. The work telephone number is 374-5422, or you can call him at home. The mailing address is P.O. Box 46, Dubois, ID 83423.

 /s/David Dalling
Permittee

Date 4/25/12

 /s/Richard E. Newton
RICHARD E. NEWTON
District Ranger

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