

**2012 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS  
CLIFTON BASIN CATTLE ALLOTMENT**

This is your Annual Operating Instructions for the Clifton Basin C&H Allotment. This Plan is part of your Term Grazing Permit as specified in Part 2, Number 8 (a) of your permit.

As part of the Terms & Conditions of your Permit, Part 2 Number 8 (i), all range improvements and maintenance on fences and water developments must be completed before cattle enter the forest. Non-use does not relieve any permittee from their range improvement maintenance responsibility.

Before livestock enter the forest, your grazing fees must be paid and notice received in this office. Failure to follow this procedure is a violation of your permit.

NUMBER AND CLASS OF LIVESTOCK BY PERMITTEES

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Use</u>	<u>Non-Use</u>
Kent Howell	58	0

PERMITTED SEASON OF USE

June 1 through September 30.

PROPER UTILIZATION FOR ALL UNITS

Once proper use levels are achieved, cattle must be removed from the allotment.

<b>Riparian Forage Utilization</b>	<b>Utilization Criteria</b>
Herbaceous Utilization (AIZ)*	Utilization in the Aquatic Influence Zone at the end of the grazing period will be 50%. (e.g. poa, redtop, etc)
Stubble Height (AIZ)*	Allowable stubble height measurements in the AIZ will vary between 3 to 6 inches at the end of the grazing period depending on the time of grazing and the condition of the stream.
Stubble Height (Greenline)*	Allowable stubble height measurements, along the greenline, will be 6 inches at the end of the grazing period. (e.g. carex)
Herbaceous Utilization (Greenline)	Utilization at the greenline at the end of the grazing period will be 50% depending on the time of grazing and the condition of the stream.
% Woody Species utilization	Allowable woody utilization 40%
	Refers to short term (annual) physical disturbance of alternation of the bank by livestock trampling. Allowable disturbance shall not exceed 10-15 %.
% Cumulative Bank Disturbance (Alteration)	

<b>Upland Forage Utilization</b>	<b>Utilization Criteria</b>
Grass and herbaceous species (% dry weight)	Utilization of upland forage species on this allotment should not exceed 50% of key species (Blue Bunch Wheat Grass and Idaho Fescue).
Shrubs (% Annual leader growth)	Utilization in the uplands will vary from 25% to 35% depending on whether it is considered as: winter range, critical winter range, or non-winter range.

MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Until a rotational system of grazing can be developed, the allotment will continue to be grazed season-long.

Salt is a tool to improve distribution of livestock on rangelands. Place salt at least ¼ mile from water, meadows or roads but on ridges to reduce riparian impacts. Do not salt in the lower flat of cottonwood trees directly north of the corral.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

The reconstructed water system on Buck Peak should be up and running prior to entry.

A forest closure exists for any hay or straw used in association with your permit and must be certified noxious weed or noxious weed seed free as directed by that order.

Please notify our office of any noxious weed populations on your allotment, so that a crew can be sent out to map and treat them.

Any change that deviates from this Annual Operating Instruction must be made in advance and be in writing by the District Ranger.

At the end of the grazing season, cattle must be herded, not drifted home. Cattle on the forest past your off-date are not authorized.

Please contact Hans Bastian at 236-7526 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Jeffery J. Hammes*

JEFFERY J. HAMMES  
Westside District Ranger

<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Date</u>
Kent Howell	<i>Meeting with Kent Howell via telephone.</i>	3/19/2012