

2012 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
INDIAN MILL CATTLE ALLOTMENT

This is your Annual Operating Instruction for the Indian Mill 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 OF LIVESTOCK (COW/CALF) BY PERMITTEES

Permittee	Term	Non-use
John Wittman	107	0
John Blaisdell	120	0
Totals	227	0

PERMITTED SEASON OF USE

APPROXIMATELY May 15 to September 1

The amount of time allotted in each unit is approximate, based on proper utilization criteria standards listed below.

Rotation:

Rotation	Unit	Days
1 st	Bill Morgan/ Danish	16
2 nd	Drift for 5 days to Bill Morgan Flat	5
3 rd	Bill Morgan Flat	5
4 th	Indian Mill (N. of Indian Mill Canyon)	39
5 th	Farmers Canyon	42

PROPER UTILIZATION FOR ALL UNITS

Riparian Forage Utilization	Utilization Criteria
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%
% Cumulative Bank Disturbance (Alteration)	Refers to short term (annual) physical disturbance of alternation of the bank by livestock trampling. Allowable disturbance shall not exceed 10-15 %.

When proper use is achieved in each grazing unit, all cattle must be cleaned from the unit and pushed into the next scheduled unit of use.

Upland Forage Utilization	Utilization Criteria
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

Part of good cattle management on the allotment is riding and salting to assure proper cattle distribution. Salt must be located at least a ¼ of a mile from water, meadows, and roads.

Once a unit is grazed any drift-back is detrimental. The objective of rotational grazing is to give vegetation and soils time for recovery in order to promote continued and increased productivity. Failure to follow this direction can result in reduced grazing seasons.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Any change that deviates from this Annual Operation 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 after September 1st are not authorized.

A forest closure order exists for any hay or straw used in association with your permit. All hay and straw will be certified and tagged as 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.

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>
John Wittman		
John Blaisdell		

