

**Annual Operating Instructions
2013
Red Creek Allotment
Cedar City RD, Dixie 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.

NORTH

Permittee	Ear Tag Color & #'s	Permitted*			Authorized**		
		Number	Class	Season	Number	Class	Season
Richard Abbott	NA	40	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15	40	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15
Evans Family Trust	NA	41	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15	41	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15
Steve Applegate	NA	30	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15	30	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15
David Hulet	NA	44	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15	44	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15
Tom Robinson	NA	73	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15	73	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15
Dean Robinson	NA	32	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15	32	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15
Mark Robinson	NA	102	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15	102	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15
Mitchell Robinson	NA	24	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15	24	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15

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 **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.

SOUTH

Permittee	Ear Tag Color & #'s	Permitted*			Authorized**		
		Number	Class	Season	Number	Class	Season
Coy Stowell	NA	133	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15	133	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15
Clarence Benson	NA	18	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15	18	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15
Ralph Lister	NA	61	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15	61	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15
Donna D. Mitchell	NA	74	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15	74	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15
Thornton Trust	NA	18	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15	18	Cow/calf	6/16-10/15

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Non-use

Please be aware that nonuse in excess of 10% of your permitted numbers must be requested at least 30 days before the "on" date. 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. Longer periods of nonuse for range protection will only be approved under a written agreement.

Non-use requested: **Non-use:** If yes, identify if for resource protection or personal convenience. If for personal convenience identify if it is 1st, 2nd, or 3rd consecutive year or the 4th in a 10-year period.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

NORTH Grazing Schedule

Unit (Pasture)	Tentative Dates*
Middle Canyon	6/16-7/7
Lefevre/Sandy	7/7-8/19
Guard Station	8/19-9/11
Cottonwood/Bear Valley Riparian	9/11-10/15

SOUTH Grazing Schedule

Unit (Pasture)	Tentative Dates*
Aspen	6/16-7/26
Williamson Ranch	7/27-8/29
Blowup	8/30-10/5
Little Creek	10/5-10/15

*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.

Allowable use levels are more important than tentative dates listed above. If allowable use levels are met early in the scheduled pasture, cattle will be required to be moved to another area of the pasture, moved to another pasture, or removed from the Forest. If early pasture moves occur, District range personnel or the District Ranger must be notified. Delayed pasture moves require prior approval by the District Ranger.

Type of rotation: Deferred Rotation

All livestock must be removed from the Forest by the permitted off date listed above.

Previous year's grazing results: **Exceeded use in the Cottonwood, Williamson Ranch and Blowup pasture.**

Notice of Non-compliance/Suspension Actions:

Strategies to prevent the Cottonwood pasture of the Red Creek allotment from reaching suspension:

- **Reduce the number of days within the pasture.**
- **Better herding/ salting practices.**
- **Monitor to make sure the pasture is cleaned out and the rotation is followed.**
- **Monitor for unauthorized use off of BLM land.**

Strategies to prevent the Blow Up and Williamson Ranch pastures of the Red Creek allotment from reaching suspension:

- **Make sure that the herder’s temporary horse pasture is not located on the stream. A pre-approved location must be agreed upon before entering the pasture.**
- **Clean out the cattleguard on the Red Creek Reservoir road. To prevent cattle drifting between the Blow Up and Williamson Ranch pastures. The Forest Service will place the cleaning on the roads projects list however, the permittee is ultimately responsible to assure it is functioning prior to entering that pasture.**
- **Closer Monitoring.**

Additional instructions: **None**

UTILIZATION STANDARDS & MONITORING

Maximum Allowable Forage Use Criteria

Vegetation Type		Very Early	Early	Mid	Late	Comments
Riparian Hydric Species (i.e. rushes & sedges)		6"	6"	4"	4"	Stubble height remaining at end of growing season.
Riparian Emphasis Management Areas		6"	6"	6"	6"	Stubble height remaining at end of growing season.
Hydric species in wet meadows not influenced by streams (i.e. rushes & sedges)		6"	6"	4"	4"	Stubble height remaining at end of growing season.
Non-hydric species in riparian areas (i.e. Kentucky bluegrass)		2"				Stubble height remaining at end of growing season.
Upland species		50%				Varying in specific unit from 40-60%.
Wheatgrass seedings		60%				Management option to exceed 60% to maintain healthy seedings.
Riparian browse		<50%				New leader production.
Streambank alteration		<20%				Sloughing, trampling, dislodged stones, & animal tracks.
Goshawk nest areas & post-fledging family areas (PFAs)	Grass & forbs	<20%				Average <20% by weight and not exceed 40% in any given area.
	Shrubs	<40%				Average <40% by weight and not exceed 50% in any given area.

The above utilization standards take precedence over the tentative dates listed in the grazing schedule. 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.

Exceeding the utilization standards may be considered as non-compliance with your Term Grazing Permit and may be subject to suspension or cancellation of the permit.

Additional instructions: **None**

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.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

You are responsible for maintaining the range improvements assigned to you in Part 3 of your Term Grazing Permit. All improvements are to be maintained to standard prior to livestock entering the pasture being used, even in the event of non-use. Standards are 'found in your Term Grazing Permit' or at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/dixie/resources/rangemgt.shtml> . Livestock entry onto the Forest may be delayed if improvements are not maintained to acceptable standards.

Scheduled reconstruction for upcoming season: **The following improvements are identified as priority structures to repair or reconstruct:**

North

- ***Upper Cottonwood drift fence (Mark Robinson)**
- ***Buckskin boundary fence and gates (Mark Robinson, Dean Robinson, Tom Robinson, Mitchell Robinson and David Hulet)**

South

- ***Clean Cattleguard on Reservoir road (Thornton &Stowell)**
- ***Aspen Spring (Ralph Lister)**
- **Slide Spring Trough (Stowell)**
- **Caddy Creek fence (Stowell)**
- **Little Creek corral (Approval needed)**

***required maintenance inspection date (TBA)**

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 will be subject to suspension or cancellation of your permit.

Additional instructions: **None**

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 within 30 days of removal of livestock from the Forest.

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

Salt will be moved from areas where feed has been used to standards.

The Dixie National Forest Travel Plan must be followed while managing livestock unless approved in advance and in writing by the District Ranger.

Livestock should be drifted instead of trailed wherever possible. 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/dixie/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.

Additional instructions: **None**