

**ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
FOR THE 2013 GRAZING SEASON
SQUIRREL MEADOWS C&H ALLOTMENT**

The following instructions represent the operating plan for the grazing season. These instructions are issued as provided for in Part 2, Clause 8 (a) of your Term Grazing Permit. The instructions state the yearly direction as described in the allotment management plan. These operating instructions become a part of your term grazing permit when signed by the forest officer in charge. 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 before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.

1. PERMITTED LIVESTOCK

Permittee	Term	Temp.	Non-use	Private	Total
Carol Albertson	42 c/c				42
Fritz Harrigfeld	66 c/c				55
Harshbarger Farms	143 yrl.				143
Cody and Terri Hill	95 c/c				95
Jonathan Kay	40 c/c				40
Larry Orme	336 yrl.				336
Dan Reynolds	228 yrl.				228
Stohl Ranches	202 Yr.				202
[Association Animals]	5 horses				5
				Total	1157

2. PERMITTED SEASON OF USE 6/16 - 10/15

Unit	Head	Period of Use	Actual Use
Dry Creek	1157	6/16 – 6/24	
Chain Lakes	1157	6/25 – 7/15	
Cow Heaven	1157	7/19 – 8/13	
Coyote Meadows	1157	8/14 – 9/3	
Bitch Creek	1157	9/4 – 9/25	
Dry Creek	1157	9/26 – 10/15	

Unsatisfactory conditions will occur when:

- A. Sequence of use for each unit is not followed.

- B. Grazing use occurs in closed areas.
- C. Specified dates are not followed unless modified by actual use conditions or a Forest Officer.
- D. Complete livestock removal is not attained by the end of a specified season of use.
- E. Livestock are allowed to graze outside the permitted allotment or outside the permitted season of use.

3. ALLOWABLE USE

Allowable use is the degree of grazing specified for a particular area and/or plant(s). The use level stated below is the maximum utilization allowed for the planned season of use.

Rotation and/or removal of livestock will be required if allowable use levels are met before the planned rotation date. Cattle should be rotated to meet the allowable use level. This may require you to begin rotating cattle before the Forest Standards and Guidelines are met.

Unit & Key Area	Key Species	Proper Use
Unit: Bitch Creek Key Area: Elk Creek (SE1/4, NW1/4, Sec. 26, T8N, R45E)	Riparian (grasses and sedges) Riparian shrubs (willows) Upland grasses Upland shrubs	4 inch stubble height (HGL) 3 inch stubble height (AIZ) 30% current years growth 55% current years growth 35% current years growth
Unit: Coyote Meadows Key Area: Coyote Creek (NW1/4, NE1/4, Sec. 34, T47N, R118W)	Riparian (grasses and sedges) Riparian shrubs (willows) Upland grasses Upland shrubs	4 inch stubble height (HGL) 3 inch stubble height (AIZ) 30% current years growth 55% current years growth 35% current years growth
Unit: Chain Lakes Key Area: Squirrel Creek (SE1/4, NE1/4, Sec. 9, T47N, R118W)	Riparian (grasses and sedges) Riparian shrubs (willows) Upland grasses Upland shrubs	4 inch stubble height (HGL) 3 inch stubble height (AIZ) 30% current years growth 55% current years growth 35% current years growth
Unit: Dry Creek Key Area: Squirrel Creek or Dry Creek Meadows (NW1/4, NW1/4, Sec. 11, T8N, R45E)	Riparian (grasses and sedges) Riparian shrubs (willows) Upland grasses Upland shrubs	4 inch stubble height (HGL) 3 inch stubble height (AIZ) 30% current years growth 55% current years growth 35% current years growth
Unit: Cow Heaven Key Area: Jackass Meadows (NW1/4 NW1/4 T47N, R118W)	Riparian (grasses and sedges) Riparian shrubs (willows) Upland grasses Upland shrubs	4 inch stubble height (HGL) 3 inch stubble height (AIZ) 30% current years growth 55% current years growth 35% current years growth

4. MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS

A. Improvement maintenance is assigned to you as shown in the grazing permit and/or attached map.

B. All fences and water developments will be maintained to Forest Service standards annually prior to the time the improvement is needed to serve its intended purpose. This includes the needs of adjoining allotments with respect to allotment boundary fence maintenance.

C. Unsatisfactory condition will occur when:

1. Fences and spring developments do not serve the intended purpose or maintenance does not meet Forest Service standards.
2. Livestock are outside the permitted area or in the wrong grazing unit due to down fences.

5. MULTIPLE USE COORDINATION

A. None identified.

6. DEVELOPMENT WORK

A. None identified.

Items needing further field review and planning:

A. None identified.

7. OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED

A. Grazing Fees: \$1.35/HM. **Fees must be paid/received prior to turnout.**

B. 2012 Grazing Season: Overall, forage production was good and water sources held-up. Full time Rider did an excellent job this past summer

C. Noxious Weeds: Discussed need of permittees to keep note of where they see new infestations.

D. Wolf and grizzly bear activity increasing—be aware and take necessary precautions.

E. Allotment is still “conflict” because of confirmed depredation of livestock by g. bear.

F. Graze all units in 2013.

G. Permittees can kill wolf if predating on livestock. Permittees to contact FS and Wildlife Services within 24 hours. Contact Lee Czapenski (Wildlife Services) if predator problems occur this grazing season (208) 359-1828 HM, (208) 681-8798, or **John Farr** 681-8798 (Ashton/Island Park).

Additionally:

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 livestock operations will be made unavailable to bears through proper storage, handling and disposal. Proper storage includes:

- inside bear-proof container (such as bear proof pannier)
- 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
- other methods approved by the District Ranger

Motorized travel is allowed only on designated routes. Permittees can travel on non-designated routes and/or cross-country to maintain, construct, or repair improvements. If you need to drive on a non-designated route more than twice a week, please call or stop by our office to obtain a permit for this situation.

The following acts are prohibited on National Forest System Lands:

Possessing, storing, or transporting, non-pelletized hay, straw or mulch on National Forest System Lands without having each individual bale or container tagged or marked as weed free, or having original and current evidence of weed free certification documentation present. All markings must meet the State and/or County standards for certification as weed free.

Agreed to by Permittees:

Carol Albertson
Carol Albertson

Date: 3-26-13

Fritz Harrigfeld
Fritz Harrigfeld

Date: 3-29-13

Harshbarger Farms By Brent
Harshbarger Farms

Date: 3/26/13

Cody Hill
Cody Hill

Date: 3/29/13

Jonathan Kay

Jonathan Kay

Date: 3-26-13

Larry Orme

Larry Orme

Date: 3/26/13

Dan Reynolds

Dan Reynolds

Date: 3/26/13

Stohl Ranches

Stohl Ranches

Date: 3-26-13

APPROVED BY:

Elizabeth Davy

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District Ranger

Ashton/Island Park Ranger District

3-26-13
Date