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ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Dry Creek C&H Allotment

2013

These Annual Operating Instructions for the Dry Creek Allotment for the 2013 grazing season will be considered part of your term grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2 item 8(a).

Situations may develop during the grazing season that would 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	Permittee
240	Cow/calf	7/5-9/6	Tom McCullough

Planned #s	Class of Livestock	Season of Use	Permittee
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Bill for Collection

The bill for collection will be made due and payable five (5) days prior to the scheduled turn on date. Payment must be received prior to the turn on date regardless of whether or not actual turn on is delayed. Failure to pay by the due date may result in additional administrative and interest charges. Grazing use that occurs prior to fee payment constitutes non-compliance with the grazing permit and will be charged at the unauthorized use rate, and may also subject the permit to suspension or cancellation action.

Proposed Pasture Rotation

Season of Use	Pasture Name
Spread Use <u>evenly</u> throughout the Dry Creek Forest Pasture. Do Not Exceed 50% Use in Any one Area	

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.

Grazing Standards and Guides

The following Standards and Guides from the 1997 Revised Forest Plan as included in Part 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.

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

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.				

Utilization monitoring and long-term trend monitoring will take place throughout the season while livestock are on the allotment. Permittee participation is encouraged in these monitoring activities.

Permittee and Rider Responsibilities

Salt should be placed in lightly used areas and used as a distribution tool. Salt is not permitted in riparian areas, forest plantations, shade-up areas, forest system roads and trails, areas of high public use or areas where cattle normally tend to congregate. Under no circumstances will salt or supplement be placed closer than ¼ mile to streams, springs, water developments, or other wetlands. Use of a packhorse is recommended to get salt into areas that receive light use. Rotate or remove salt from areas receiving heavy use.

Effective and frequent riding is a good method of achieving uniform forage utilization and extending use in riparian areas. The longer cattle can be kept out of these critical areas, the longer they can remain in the unit. Units should be checked regularly to ensure cattle are distributed evenly and are not exceeding utilization standards in any one area. Cattle repeatedly in the wrong area 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.

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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. Coordination with adjoining allotment permittees will be necessary to insure fences they are responsible for have been maintained.

Improvements

#1045A Dry Cr. Drift Fence	T12N R36E sec. 15,16,17,18
#1048 Cottonwood Dev. Fence	T12N R36E sec. 5,6,8,9,15,16
#1053 Dry Cr/Cottonwood Fence	T12N R36E sec.18 & T12N R35E sec.1,11,12,13
#1162 and #1163 Bear Spring W/D	T12N R36E sec. 6
#1272 Dry Cr. Hydraulic ram	T12N R36E sec. SE1/4NE1/4 16
#1272A Dry Cr. Hydric ram Middle Bench W/D	T12N R36E sec. 15
#1473 Lemons Spring W/D*	T12N R35E sec. NW 6
#1490 Middle Dry Cr. "Blue Jay" W/D	T12N R35E sec.12 NW1/4NW1/4

*It has been recommended that the Lemmon Spring trough be replaced. The District is prepared to provide a new trough for the project.

By signing this AOI, I, the permitted user, certify that the above improvements are present and in satisfactory condition unless otherwise noted.

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.

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.

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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/ Tom McCullough

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Date 3/13/2013

/s/ William G. Davis

WILLIAM G. DAVIS
Acting District Ranger

Date 3/13/2013