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ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
Medicine Lodge Cattle and Horse Allotment
2013

These Annual Operating Instructions for the Medicine Lodge 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 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 **prior to initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.**

Livestock Management

Authorized #'s	Permitted #'s	Season of Use	Permittee
	184	8/1-10/18	Argora Ranch
	162	8/1-10/18	Egan Land & Cattle
	1159	7/18-10/18*	Howard Taylor & Sons
	93	8/1-10/18	Hoggan Bros.
	292 (Total)	8/1-10/18	Medicine Lodge Assn.
	104		Argora Ranch
	68		Goble Land & Livestock
	52		Hoggan Brothers
	68		Ken Rowland

*Split herd: 940 head authorized to go on 7/18, the remaining go on 8/1.

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

Unit		Tentative Schedule of Use
Fritz Creek	Taylor Herd # 1 (940)	7/18 to 7/31
Fritz Creek	All Cattle	8/1 to 8/16
Divide Creek	All Cattle	8/16 to 10/18

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.

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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.
- 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. **Cattle should be completely "cleaned out" of past unit within 3 days of the move date** unless other arrangements have been approved by a Forest Officer. Units should be checked regularly to ensure cattle have not drifted into previously grazed areas or into ungrazed areas. Cattle repeatedly in wrong units may be cause for action to be taken against the grazing permit including suspension or cancellation, in whole or in part.

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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. 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 and/or Unit. 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 that each are responsible for have been maintained.

Improvements

#1006 Fritz Cr. Fence sec. 28,29,30 T13N R32E
#1033 Divide Cr. Cow Camp D/F sec. 7 T13N R32E
#1038 Inter. Forest D/F sec. 2,11,25 T13N R31E
#1039 Lime Cr. D/F sec. 4 T13N R32E
#1058 Warm Cr. D/F sec. 9 T13N R32E
#1067 M.L. Border Fence sec. 28,33,34 T13N R32E
#1074 Medicine Lodge B/F #2 sec. 15,16,21 T13N R32E
#1108 Divide Cr. Rider Cabin sec. SWSW 12 T13N R32E
#1165 Cow camp B/F sec. 12 T13N R31E
#1175 Cole Can W/D sec. 8 T12N R32E
#1175A Cole Canyon W/D #2 sec. SESE 8 T12N R33E
#1175C Cole Spr. Extension sec. 8 T12N R32E
#1181A Divide Cr. W/D sec. 26 T13N R31E
#1181B Divide Cr. W/D sec. NENE 34 T13N R31E
#1191 Limestone Gulch W/D sec. 5 T13N R32E
#1205 Porky Springs W/D sec. NE 13 T13N R31E
#1220 Warm Cr. W/D sec. 10 T13N R32E

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#1235 Porky Springs Ext. sec. NESW 17 T13N R32E
#1238 Porky Springs Ext. #2 sec. NENW 21 T13N R32E
#1239 Porky Springs Ext. #2 water line sec. 21,17 T13N R32E
#1240 Lower Divide Cr. W/D sec. SESW 8 T13N R32E
#1240A Limestone line ext. sec. SESE 8 T13N R32E
#1240B Limestone Ext. W/D sec. SWSW 9 T13N R32E
#1241 Lower Divide Cr. W/D sec. 8 T13N R32E
#1242 Horse Cr. W/D #1 sec. 18 T13N R32E
#1243 Horse Cr. W/D #1 waterline sec. 19 T13N R32E
#1263 Horse Cr. W/D #2 sec. 28 T13N R32E.
#1264 Horse Cr. W/D #2 pipeline sec. 28,29,30 T13N R32E
#1368 Cole cyn ext. sec. NW 9 T12N R32E
#1396 Cole cyn system spring dev. Sec. SESE 9 T12N R32E
#1419 Cole cyn system dist. Pipeline sec. NESE 8 T12N R32E
#1419B Cole cyn ext. Steel trough sec. NENE 9 T12N R32E
#1419C Cole cyn Ext. Steel trough sec. SESW 4 T12N R32E
#1419D Cole cyn Ext. Steel trough sec. SWNE 4 T12N R32E
#1419E Cole cyn Ext. Steel trough sec. SENE 5 T12N R32E
#1419F Cole cyn Ext. Steel trough sec. SWSE 33 T13N R32E
#1419G Cole cyn Ext. Steel trough sec. NWNE 5 T12N R32E
#1453 Webber-Cole cyn D/F sec. 16 T12N R32E
#1453A Webber-Cole cyn D/F ext. sec. 6 T12N R32E
#1465 S. Fork Horse Cr. Pipeline sec. SENE 25 T13N R32E
#1465A S. Fork Horse Cr. Pipeline sec. 30 T13N R32E
#1465 B S. Fork Horse Cr. Pipeline sec. 25 T13N R31E
#1531 Fritz-Divide Cr. Fence sec. 25 T13N R31E
#1540 Narrow's drift fence sec. SWSW 22 T13N R31E
#1541 spook Draw D/F sec. SWNW 14 T13N R3

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

Grizzly/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 Scott McCoy at 374-5422.

Thank you for keeping 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.

