

**ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Kelly Canyon S&G Allotment &  
Snakey Canyon S&G Allotment  
2013**

These Annual Operating Instructions for the Kelly Canyon and Snakey Canyon Allotments for the 2013 grazing season will be considered part of your temporary grazing permit.

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**

Permitted #s	Class of Livestock	Season of Use	Allotment
1000	Dry Ewe	11/20-1/3	Kelly Canyon
1200	Dry Ewe	11/6-1/2	Snakey Canyon

Planned #s	Class of Livestock	Season of Use	Allotment
1000	Dry Ewe	11/20-1/3	Kelly Canyon
1200	Dry Ewe	11/6-1/2	Snakey Canyon

**Bill for Collection**

Grazing will be provided free of charge.

**Proposed Pasture Rotation**

**Kelly Canyon S&G Allotment**

Rotation	Use
Start in Gallagher Canyon and work Counter-clockwise to Kelly Canyon	Spread Use Evenly throughout the Units. Do Not Exceed 50% Use in Any one Area

**Snakey Canyon S&G Allotment**

Rotation	Use
Start in Juniper Canyon and work Clockwise to Corral Canyon	Spread Use Evenly throughout the Units. 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.
- 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 Herder Responsibilities**

- Sheep must use Forest system roads for trailing to and from their allotment.
- Trailing while on National Forest System land will be counted as part of the permitted days.
- Practice “once-over” grazing by grazing sheep in areas only once and then moving on.
- Sheep are to bed in new locations each night. Do not bed sheep near streams, springs, Forest System roads and trails or at the herder’s camp. Noon bedding in riparian areas in not allowed.
- Keep the use of dogs to a minimum.
- Graze sheep into and away from water instead of trailing them.
- Salt should be placed in areas away from water, riparian areas, forest plantations, shade-up areas, bed grounds, or Forest System roads and trails. Salt in a different location each year and remove bags after use.
- Route sheep to avoid steep slopes with loose soil, and active gullies.
- Keep all camps clean; park herder camps off existing open roads at least 25 feet.
- Highline, picket, or hobble pack and saddle stock and move them frequently to avoid any over-grazed areas at camp sites.

Permittee: U.S. Sheep Experiment Station

- Report any fires to the Dubois District as soon as possible (208) 374-5422.

Failure to comply with these management responsibilities 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. 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.

### **Fire Use**

In order to restore natural ecological processes lightning caused fires may be allowed to burn in parts of your allotment. There are specific criteria that land managers will evaluate to determine if the natural caused fire is a candidate for fire use. You as a permittee will be consulted prior to the decision. All fires that do not meet fire use criteria will be managed with the appropriate management response. Report any forest fires you see on National Forest lands and the fire managers will determine the actions to be taken.

### **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.

### **You are Responsible for the Following Range Improvements:**

There are no Range Improvements on these allotments.

