

Annual Operating Instructions
Cattle and Horse Allotments

For the
Teton Basin Ranger District
Idaho/Wyoming
Driggs, Idaho

2013

**Caribou- Targhee National Forest
Intermountain Region**

Game Creek C&H Allotment
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PLEASE CONTACT US FIVE DAYS IN ADVANCE OF STOCKING THE ALLOTMENT

Permit Information

Allotment	Number of livestock	Season of Use
Game Creek (Permitted) 309 HM	92 cow/calf	06/21 to 09/30
Game Creek (Authorized) 309 HM	92 cow/calf	06/21 to 09/30

The Game Creek Allotment is managed in rotation with the BLM Mud Lake Allotment. The boundary fence between the Forest and BLM runs from Fox Creek to Sweet Hollow and is maintained by the permittee. The Mud Lake Allotment (BLM) is grazed in the spring before the cattle go on the Forest and they return to the BLM in the fall.

The BLM unit is larger and can run a larger number of cattle; therefore the Forest Service is authorizing 100 head for a shorter grazing season.

2013 –Enter Game Creek Allotment on June 21 to Sept 30

COMPLIANCE

This AOI is a yearly agreement that is part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8 (a). It is a working document, and situations may develop during the grazing season which requires 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.

GRAZING STANDARDS

The Revised Targhee Forest Plan Standards are as follows:

1. Within the Aquatic Influence Zone (AIZ):
 - a. At least four inches of stubble must remain along the hydric greenline (HGL) at the end of the grazing period. The HGL is the first permanent vegetation next to the waters edge.
 - b. Away from the HGL, at least three inches of stubble will be left on the key riparian species at the end of the grazing period.
2. No more than 30 percent use of the current year’s growth is allowed on the woody riparian vegetation (i.e., willows)

3. Allowable use on grasses and forbs in the uplands is 45 percent (dry weight); on upland shrubs (i.e., mountain mahogany) it is 35 percent of the current year's growth.

Once these use rates are reached the cattle will have to be moved to the next unit or they may be required to leave the Forest prior to the end of the grazing season. As you know this can be a concern due to the possibility of a below normal moisture summer ahead. Please consider how you may be able to accommodate your livestock on alternate feed sources if they are required to leave the Forest Prior to the end of the grazing season.

OWNERSHIP

Cattle grazed under the Term Grazing Permit, must be owned by the term permit holder and branded with brand(s) authorized by the permit.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Fences and water developments will be maintained prior to cattle entering the allotment. The cattle access trails that were constructed through thick stands of brush and trees should be maintained to ensure cattle may utilize available forage in the uplands to lessen the use in the riparian areas.

We would like to review the allotment with you this summer to assess the needs of range improvements and overall management of the allotment. The authorized officer will contact you with a meeting date.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping in the control of noxious weeds. Remember, all livestock feed or straw brought on to the forest has to be certified weed free. We will be treating weeds again this season. Please report to us any new weed patches we have not been treating in the past.

Livestock carcasses will be removed from National Forest Service Lands when feasible. If it is not feasible to remove the carcass it will be disposed of ¼ mile from frequently occupied human areas (trails/ houses/ streams).

MOTORIZED ACCESS

The Revised Targhee Forest Plan restricts motorized travel to designated routes only. For administrative purposes, grazing permittee(s) will be issued a permit to travel cross-country to maintain facilities for up to two vehicles per week. This permit should be adequate to allow you to repair water troughs, fences, and other range improvements identified in your Term Grazing Permit on pages 6-8. For projects that will be require the permittee to travel off designated routes more than two times per week an additional permit will be required. **Remember**, anywhere you drive the public will follow.



Game Creek C&H



