

**2013 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
BURNETT CANYON CATTLE ALLOTMENT**

This is your Annual Operating Instructions for the Burnett Canyon C&H Allotment. This plan is part of your Term Grazing Permit as specified in Part 2, Number 8(a) of your permit.

As part of the Terms & Conditions of your Permit, Part 2 Number 8 (i), **all range improvements and maintenance on fences and water developments must be completed before cattle enter the forest. This will be verified by a pre-season inspection.** Non-use does not relieve any permittee from their range improvement, maintenance responsibility.

Proposed projects:

1. Plumb trough at Maple Springs
2. Fix water line at the blue trough
3. Water lane on division fence.

Before livestock enter the forest, your grazing fees must be paid and notice received in this office. Failure to follow this procedure is a violation of your permit.

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK (COW/CALF) BY PERMITTEES

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Non-Use</u>
Monte Price	51	-	0
Leo Williams Dry Creek Partnership	34	-	0
Garth Josephson & Lloyd Miner	126	-	0
NGW Ranch- (Schoenenberger)	56	-	0
Brooks Clark (Sheep Dip Mtn)	-	20	0
<i>Henderson Allotment (2012-Tubbs)</i>	50	-	-
Total	337		0

PERMITTED SEASON OF USE:

June 1 to September 30

The amount of time allotted for each unit is approximate, based on the proper utilization criteria listed below.

Rotation:

Muddy-Burnett Canyon: 60 days

Stubble Height	Greenline	3-4 inch
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Steel-Trail Canyon Muddy-Burnett Canyon: 60 days

Stubble Height	Greenline	5 inch
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PROPER UTILIZATION FOR ALL UNITS

<u>Upland Forage Utilization</u>	<u>Utilization Criteria</u>
Grass and herbaceous species (% dry weight)	Utilization of upland forage species on this allotment should not exceed 35% of key species (Blue Bunch Wheat Grass and Idaho Fescue) in critical winter range and 50% for non-winter range.
Shrubs (% Annual leader growth)	Utilization in the uplands 10% in critical winter range and 25to 35% in non-winter range.

Riparian Forage Utilization	Utilization Criteria
Herbaceous Utilization (AIZ)*	Utilization in the Aquatic Influence Zone at the end of the grazing period will be 50%. (e.g. poa, redtop, etc)
Stubble Height (AIZ)*	Allowable stubble height measurements in the AIZ will vary between 3 to 6 inches at the end of the grazing period depending on the time of grazing and the condition of the stream.
Stubble Height (Greenline)*	Allowable stubble height measurements, along the greenline, will be 6 inches at the end of the grazing period. (e.g. carex)
Herbaceous Utilization (Greenline)	Utilization at the greenline at the end of the grazing period will be 50% depending on the time of grazing and the condition of the stream.
% Woody Species utilization	Allowable woody utilization 40%
% Cumulative Bank Disturbance (Alteration)	Refers to annual physical disturbance of alternation of the bank by livestock trampling. Allowable disturbance shall not exceed 15 %.

MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Once a unit is grazed, any drift-back is detrimental. The objective of rotational grazing is to give vegetation and soils time for recovery in order to promote continued and increased productivity.

Riding and salting away from bottoms is a very important management tool. Salt must be located at least a ¼ mile from water, meadows, and roads.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

A Forest closure order exists for any hay or straw used in association with your permit and must be certified and tagged as noxious weed or noxious weed seed free as directed by that order. Please notify our office of any noxious weed populations on your allotment, so that a crew can be sent out to map and treat them.

Any change that deviates from this Annual Operation Instruction must be made in advance and approved by the District Ranger.

At the end of the grazing season, cattle must be herded, not drifted home. Cattle on the forest after past your off-date are not authorized.

Please contact Hans Bastian at 236-7526 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeffery J. Hammes

JEFFERY J. HAMMES
Westside District Ranger

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Monte Price	<i>/s/ Sterling Nesbit</i>	4/1/13
Leo Williams Dry Creek Partnership	<i>/s/ Garth Josephson</i>	4/1/13
Loyd Miner & Garth Josephson	<i>/s/ Garth Josephson</i>	4/1/13
Brooks Clark	<i>/s/ Brooks Clark</i>	4/1/13
NGW Ranch	<i>/s/ Dan Orin</i>	4/1/13