

**2013 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
HAWKINS CATTLE ALLOTMENT**

This is your Annual Operating Instructions for the Hawkins 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. Non-use does not relieve any permittee from their range improvement maintenance responsibility.

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 PERMITTEE

	Use	Non-Use	On/Off	Total
Potter Ranch	87	0	5	92

PERMITTED SEASON OF USE

APPROXIMATELY June 1 through September 15.
The unit is grazed season long.

The FS is issuing an On/Off permit for the 5 head as indicated. For the time being, you are permitted to place 87 head on the Hawkins allotment. You will be billed for 92 head because of 60 acres of forest land fenced in with your private on the west side where you will graze the 5 head.

PROPER UTILIZATION FOR UNIT

Upland Forage Utilization	Utilization Criteria
Grass and herbaceous species (% dry weight)	Utilization of upland forage species on this allotment should not exceed 50% of key species (Blue Bunch Wheat Grass and Idaho Fescue).
Shrubs (% Annual leader growth)	Utilization in the uplands will vary from 25% to 35% depending on whether it is considered as: winter range, critical winter range, or non-winter range.

MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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

Cattle must be herded, not drifted home. Cattle on the allotment after September 15th are not authorized.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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

A Forest closure order exists for any hay or straw used in association with your permit. All hay and straw will be certified and tagged as noxious weed seed free as directed by the order.

Please notify our office of any weed populations on your allotment, so that we can send a crew out to map and treat them.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Debrah Tiller Acting For

JEFFERY J. HAMMES
Westside District Ranger

NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
Potter Ranches Richard Potter	<i>/s/ Richard Potter</i>	<i>5/6/13</i>