

**2013 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
MILL CREEK CATTLE ALLOTMENT**

This is your Annual Operating Instructions for the Mill Creek 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.

Condition of the horse pasture fence on the south side of the allotment will be looked at to make sure cattle will not enter the campground.

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK COW/CALF BY PERMITTEE

	<u>Use</u>	<u>Non-Use</u>	<u>Authorized</u>
Potter Ranches	94	0	94

PERMITTED SEASON OF USE

APPROXIMATELY June 15 to August 15.
Upper Meadows in Mill Canyon is closed to grazing.

Rotation	Unit	Days
1 st	Mill Creek Flat	30
2 nd	South Canyon Mill Creek Flat	30

PROPER UTILIZATION FOR ALL UNITS

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 short term (annual) physical disturbance of alternation of the bank by livestock trampling. Allowable disturbance shall not exceed 10-15 %.

Should bank erosion of perennial streams be evident, soil displacement guidelines may also be used. Any changes in utilization levels for these areas will be cooperatively determined with you at each specific site.

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

When proper use is achieved in each grazing unit, all cattle must be cleaned from the unit and pushed into the next scheduled unit of use. After that, the previously used unit should be back rode to remove any cattle missed and cattle should not be allowed to return there again during the season.

Salt is an important management tool. It must be distributed throughout a given area before cattle enter a unit, and must be located at least a ¼ of a mile from water, meadows, and roads.

"Key" areas to be monitored are Mill Creek Flat and Bissell Spring area.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

A list of potential range improvement projects as time and funding is available:

1. New buck and poles around the spring enclosure on Mill Creek Flat.
2. Identify and spray noxious weeds.

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

At the end of the grazing season, cattle must be herded, not drifted home. Cattle on the forest after August 15 are not authorized.

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

Please notify our office of any weed infestations 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>	5/6/13