

Annual Operating Instructions 2013

I. Authorized Use for 2013

Permittee	No. and Class	Permit Type	Season of Use
Doug Vickrey	225 C/c, 50 Yrl, 10 B	Term	06/16 - 09/30
Mike Vickrey	95 C/c, 5B	Term	06/20 - 09/30
Irv Lozier	100Yrl	Term	06/16- 09/30

II. Pasture Rotation Sequence and Use Standards

These Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) are made part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a) of your Term Grazing Permit for the Big Flattop Allotment and are considered an extension of your term grazing permit.

Lozier cattle will enter the allotment on approximately July 1st from behind the Box R Ranch. This part of the allotment is allocated to Vickreys but Loziers have been given permission to use this area to allow easier access to the allotment and to prevent cattle drift back into Willow Creek. Loziers will be required to trail through this area and reserve the forage for Vickrey cattle.

Cattle will be kept in the high country until utilization levels are met to save lower forage for the end of the season. During the last two weeks the cattle will utilize the lower face of the allotment from Willow Creek to the Z-U. Utilization of herbaceous forage will not exceed 50% current growth on upland or riparian sites.

Distribute cattle over the entire pasture being used. Make a concerted effort to use all grazable areas in a pasture. Please realize that it is in your best interest to keep cattle distributed throughout the pasture being used. Cattle will be moved off the allotment when forage use in riparian and/or upland areas is at grazing standards. If cattle are allowed to concentrate in riparian areas and/or water developments without being pushed to unused areas, the grazing capacity of the allotment is diminished. Use of riparian areas need to be carefully monitored. Forest Service range personnel will monitor forage use in areas where cattle concentrate.

Place salt in areas where past and or present forage use is light. Salt should be used to spread utilization across the pasture being grazed. Place salt at least a ¼ mile from riparian areas and at least 200 yards from system trails and roads. Salt should be picked up and moved when an area has been sufficiently used. Do not place salt in the same areas used last year. Contact the Rangeland Management Specialist if you need suggestions. The permittee is responsible for using water and salt to achieve the best distribution of cattle throughout the pasture.

The Big Flattop allotment is within the mandatory food storage area. All food, pet food, processed livestock feed, grain, and refuse must be made unavailable to bears. Any carcass or animals remains will be moved at least 100 yards from live water and roads. Animal carcasses must be moved at least 200 yards from system trails.

Animal carcasses in highly visible areas need to be relocated to more remote areas.

Range improvements must be maintained prior to placing cattle on the allotment. Improvements and associated maintenance specifications are listed in your grazing permit.

No ground disturbing activities should be conducted on the National Forest by the permittee or their personnel without approval from the Rangeland Management Specialist or other District staff.

Grazing fees must be paid before livestock can enter the National Forest. Please notify Forest Service Rangeland Management Specialist, Gary Hayward at 367-4326, at least 5 days before cattle are turned onto the National Forest.

Only livestock owned by the permittee are authorized to graze under this permit. If requested the permittee will furnish all evidence of ownership to the Forest Service. Only livestock branded as shown in the application upon which the term permit is based, will be allowed to graze under the term grazing permit.

Livestock purchased and subsequently sold back to the original owner, or to an agent, assignee, or anyone representing or acting in concert with the original owner, within a 24-month period without prior written approval by the Forest officer in charge will not be considered valid ownership of the livestock.

Range inspections may occur several times during the grazing season to check maintenance of range improvements, forage utilization, and compliance with the grazing rotation and standard requirements. You may be invited to participate in inspections conducted on the allotment.

Because of increasing public use, gates are often left open and cattle stray in to the wrong pasture. I realize this is a problem and an inconvenience. However, it is still the permittee's responsibility to keep their animals in the proper unit. Routine checks need to be made by you and your rider.

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 Gary Hayward and obtain approval from the District Ranger before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.

If you have any questions concerning these Annual Operating Instructions, please call Gary Hayward in Pinedale at 367-5723.

JOHN P. MOORE III
Acting District Ranger

Date

Permittee or Authorized Agent

Date