Big Piney Ranger District
Bridger-Teton National Forest

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS 2026 NORTH COTTONWOOD ALLOTMENT #2005

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These Annual Operating Instructions are made part of your Term Grazing Permit consistent with Part 1, Item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a). Failure to follow these instructions is a violation of your permit.

I. INTRODUCTION

The permitted use for the Cottonwoods Allotment is as follows:

1,000 cattle, cow/calf, bull 07/01 - 10/05

The authorized numbers and season of use for the 2026 grazing season is as follows:

1000 cattle, cow/calf, bull 07/01 - 10/05

The Permittee(s) must notify Buck Draney at 307-367-5722(work) or 307-360-3045(cell), 5 days prior to the time livestock enter or leave the forest.

Non-use of less than 90% of the permitted livestock numbers requires written approval. Verbal applications will not be accepted. If total non-use is approved the permittee is still responsible for their assigned improvement maintenance.

A credit/refund application must be submitted within a week after placing livestock late on the allotment or removing livestock early. A credit/refund is not automatic but must be requested in writing by the permittee and approved by the District Ranger.

The permittee is responsible for meeting the terms and conditions of the grazing permit, including day to day monitoring of forage utilization, and moving livestock according to management guidelines. The vegetative utilization limits for this allotment are described below.

Forest Service personnel will be checking permit compliance periodically during the grazing season and will perform long term monitoring to determine if management objectives are being met.

The Forest Service will be asking for your actual use records at the end of the grazing season. This includes the number and dates livestock enter and leave grazing units. It also includes livestock losses and causes of death. Please keep accurate records.

II. MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK

The schedule for pasture rotation, head numbers and season of use is as follows:

South Horse Pasture	North Cottonwood Pasture	South Cottonwood Pasture
1000 head 07/01 to 7/30	**1000 head 08/01 to 09/15**	**1000 head 09/16 to 10/05**

Initial distribution of your livestock will be throughout the South Horse pasture, not just allowing the livestock to distribute themselves. All livestock will be removed from the South Horse Pasture as outlined above unless vegetative utilization limits are reached sooner. Camps are authorized at Johnson Camp behind the locked gate or on Nylander creek for the North Cottonwood Pasture, on the reclaimed well pad east of Soda Lake for the South Cottonwood Pasture and on Little Maki Creek for the South Horse Pasture. On pasture rotations 90% of cattle must be moved by on date and active back riding to continue until all cattle are on correct pasture. In order to make sure that 90% is achieved by the rotation date the move will be started a few days prior to the on date.

Vegetative utilization limits for this allotment are set at **50%** for riparian and upland range sites meeting objectives and **25%** utilization for sites not meeting objectives. Once vegetative utilization limits are reached livestock must be moved to the next pasture or off the allotment. A 4”- 6” stubble height should be retained along Bare Creek with specific attention paid to the intersection of the West and South Forks of Bare Creek.

Regular herding and riding practices is the key to achieving proper livestock distribution and provides for the fullest use of the grazing season.

Salt must be placed out of bottoms, oil locations, clearcuts, and no closer than ¼ mile from water, and not within 300 feet or insight of roads, forest system trails, and recreational sites.

Some flexibility in livestock turn on may be allowed for weather conditions, range readiness and livestock needs. However, any changes need to be approved by forest personnel.

In an attempt to reduce grizzly bear/ human conflicts the Forest Service is requesting all grazing permittees to take the following action:

- All livestock predations will be reported to Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), BTNF, and Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD).
- All depredation control work will be conducted by WGFD or its authorized agent following

Interagency Nuisance Bear Guidelines (pages 51-70 of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Guidelines, USD1 Fish and Wildlife Service 1986)

- Food Storage Guidelines will be followed for all camps associated with livestock operations (See Food Storage Order 04-00-104).*
- Riders are required to watch all livestock closely for sick, injured or stray animals
- Permanent FS employees will monitor allotments on a regular basis.
- All dead stock posing a health or safety hazard will be moved when within 1/4 mile of live streams, springs, lakes, water, riparian areas, system roads and trails, developed recreation areas, dispersed camping and picnic sites.
- Sick or injured animals will be removed when possible.
- No cattle carcass will be removed if human safety is of concern.

*Food Storage Guidelines for all camps associated with livestock operations (Food storage Order 04-00-104 (USDA Forest Service 2004)):

1. All food and refuse must be acceptably stored or acceptably possessed during daytime hours.
2. All food and refuse must be acceptably stored during nighttime hours, unless it is being prepared for eating, being eaten, being transported, or being prepared for acceptable storage.
3. Any harvested animal carcass must be acceptably stored, unless the carcass is being field dressed, transported, being prepared for eating, or being prepared for acceptable storage.
4. Camping or sleeping areas must be established at least 1/2 mile from a known animal carcass or at least 100 yards from an acceptably stored animal carcass.

III. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

All range improvements assigned in the 10-year Term Grazing Permit must be maintained to a good functioning condition 10 days prior to livestock being placed on the allotment.

IV. ALLOTMENT STATUS

The livestock management on North and South Cottonwood Allotment will follow the Allotment Management Plan (AMP) approved in 1998. The Standards and Guidelines identified in the Bridger-Teton National Forest Plan that deal with the management of this allotment are included in the AMP's. It is very important you understand these Standards and Guidelines since they form the basis for the management of this allotment.

V. OBSERVATIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS SEASON

The riparian area where the west and south forks of Bare Creek come together is a very sensitive area because it is a natural area for cattle to congregate. In 2025 cattle were allowed to congregate there for an extended period of time resulting in overuse and heavy streambank trampling.

VI. OTHER

The grazing fees for the 2026 grazing season are $1.69 per head month.

You are required to pay your grazing bill 30 days prior to livestock being turned onto the Forest.

ONLY Certified Weed-Free hay is allowed on national forest system land in Wyoming. If you need sources of Certified Weed-Free hay, please contact the Sublette County Weed and Pest Control office at 307-367-4728.

Approved by: /S/ Cary Swain 06/10/2026
District Ranger Date

Big Piney Ranger District
Bridger-Teton National Forest

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FISH CREEK ALLOTMENT #2002

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These Annual Operating Instructions are made part of your Term Grazing Permit consistent with Part 1, Item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a). Failure to follow these instructions is a violation of your permit.

I. INTRODUCTION

The permitted use on the Fish Creek Allotment is as follows:

300 Cattle, 07/01 – 10/05

The authorized numbers and season of use for the 2026 season is as follows:

300 cattle, cow/calf/bull **Complete Resource Protection NonUse**

The Permittee(s) must notify Buck Draney at 307-367-5722(work) or 307-360-3045(cell), 5 days prior to cattle entering the Forest.

Non-use of less than 90% of the permitted livestock numbers requires written approval. Verbal applications will not be accepted. If total non-use is approved the permittee is still responsible for their assigned improvement maintenance.

A credit/refund application must be submitted within a week after placing livestock late on the allotment or removing livestock early. A credit/refund is not automatic but must be requested in writing by the permittee(s) and approved by the District Ranger.

The permittee is responsible for meeting the terms and conditions of the grazing permit, including day to day monitoring of forage utilization and moving livestock according to management guidelines. The vegetative utilization limits for this allotment are described below.

Forest Service personnel will be checking permit compliance periodically during the grazing season and will perform long term monitoring to determine if management objectives are being met. Monitoring dates will be coordinated with you to encourage participation.

II. MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK

Initial distribution of your livestock on Aug 15th will be throughout the allotment, not just allowing the livestock to distribute themselves. Utilization limits on **Riparian & Upland** range sites is limited to **50%** of key forage species meeting objectives. All livestock must be removed from the allotment by Sept 30th, unless livestock need to be removed early due to vegetative utilization limits being reached prior to the end of the authorized season.

Some flexibility in livestock turn on may be allowed for weather conditions, range readiness and livestock needs. However, any changes need to be approved by forest personnel.

Regular herding and riding practices is the key to achieving proper livestock distribution and provides for the fullest use of the grazing season.

Salt must be placed out of bottoms, oil locations, clearcuts, and no closer than ¼ mile from water, and not within 300 feet or insight of roads, forest system trails, and recreational sites.

If you encounter any bear or wolf depredation problems on the allotment, please contact forest personnel.

Livestock that have died on the forest must be removed 300 feet from roads, trails and live water and out of sight.

III. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

All range improvements assigned in the 10-year Term Grazing Permit must be maintained to a good functioning condition 10 days prior to livestock being placed on the allotment.

IV. ALLOTMENT STATUS

The livestock management on the Fish Creek allotment will follow the Allotment Management Plan (AMP) approved in 1998. The Standards and Guidelines identified in the Bridger-Teton National Forest Plan that deal with the management of this allotment are included in the AMP. It is very important you understand these Standards and Guidelines since they form the basis for the management of this allotment.

V. OBSERVATIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS SEASON

VI. OTHER

The grazing fees for the 2026 grazing season are $1.69 per head month.

You are required to pay your grazing bill 30 days prior to livestock being turned onto the Forest.

ONLY Certified Weed-Free hay is allowed on national forest system land in Wyoming. If you need sources of Certified Weed-Free hay, please contact the Sublette County Weed and Pest Control office at 307-367-4728.

Approved by: /S/ Cary Swain Date 06/10/2026
District Ranger

Big Piney Ranger District
Bridger-Teton National Forest

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
2026
FISHERMAN CREEK ALLOTMENT #2012

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I. INTRODUCTION

The authorized use for the Fisherman Creek Allotment for 2026is as follows:

436 cattle, cow/calf	06/11 -10/15	KM CATTLE, INC.
275 cattle, cow/calf	06/11 -10/15	ROBERTS CATTLE CO.

The Permittee(s) must notify the range personnel at Big Piney, 5 days prior to the time livestock enter or leave the Forest. A full time rider will be necessary on the allotment in order to distribute livestock and comply with utilization levels. Once a rider is hired, please provide name and contact information to the Forest Service.

Non-use of less than 90% of the permitted livestock numbers requires written approval. Verbal applications will not be accepted. **If non-use is approved the permittee is still responsible for their assigned improvement maintenance.**

A credit/refund application must be submitted within a week after placing livestock late on the allotment or removing livestock early. A credit/refund is not automatic but must be requested in writing by the permittee(s) and approved by the District Ranger.

The permittees are responsible for meeting the terms and conditions of the grazing permit, including day to day monitoring of forage utilization and moving livestock according to management guidelines. The vegetative utilization limits for this allotment are described below. We have attached a landscape appearance form that provides a narrative description of what different vegetative utilization percentages look like in the field. The vegetative utilization descriptions should aid the permittees and their riders in determining when the vegetative utilization limits are reached. **As a rule of thumb two inches of stubble should remain in upland areas and four inches of stubble should remain in riparian areas.** Please contact the range personnel at Big Piney if you have questions or would like additional training in the use of these guides.

Forest Service personnel will be checking permit compliance periodically during the grazing season and will perform long term monitoring to determine if management objectives are being met.

The Forest Service will be asking for your actual use records at the end of the grazing season. This includes the number and dates livestock enter and leave grazing units. It also includes livestock losses and causes of death. Please keep accurate records.

II. MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK

PASTURE	SEASON
1	**06/11 - 07/20 200 head are allowed to remain in Stub Creek for 12 Days or until utilization is reached**
2	**Round up/Trailing**
3	**07/21 – 10/15**
4	**07/21 – 10/15**

Pasture 2 will be used during round-up to gather the livestock if sufficient vegetation is left. Movement of livestock will be based on the seasons identified above unless the vegetative utilization limits of **50%** on riparian key species and **40%** on upland key species are reached sooner. A lower utilization limit will be used if areas are not meeting objectives.

Some flexibility in livestock turn on and pasture moves may be allowed for weather conditions, range readiness and livestock needs. However, any changes to the grazing season need to be approved by forest personnel.

Regular herding and riding practices is the key to achieving proper livestock distribution on the allotment and provides for the fullest use of the grazing season.

Salt must be placed out of bottoms, oil locations, clearcuts, and no closer than ¼ mile from water, and not within 300 feet or insight of roads, forest system trails, and recreational sites.

If you encounter any bear or wolf depredation problems on the allotment, please contact forest personnel.

Livestock that have died on the forest must be removed 300 feet from roads, live water and trails and out of sight.

Permittees must familiarize themselves with the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) and comply with the travel restrictions. MVUM's are available free of charge at the District Office. Under certain circumstances a permittee may request use of a closed route by contacting Forest Personnel.

Open and positive communication is encouraged. Feel free to contact the range personnel if you have any questions or problems. They will be happy to discuss allotment management, on the ground status, Forest Plan standards and guidelines, and possible changes in allotment management.

III. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

All range improvements assigned in the 10-year Term Grazing Permit must be maintained to a good functioning condition before livestock are placed on the allotment. Improvements must be maintained to original specification to ensure the longevity of their functionality. Any alterations to these original specifications must be approved by Forest Personnel. Maintenance must be completed before livestock enter the unit adjacent to the fence.

V. OBSERVATIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS SEASON

Leaving part of the herd in Stub creek for an additional 2 weeks worked very well.

VI. OTHER

The grazing fees for the 2026 grazing season are $1.69 per head month.

You are required to pay your grazing bill before livestock are turned onto the Forest.

ONLY Certified Weed-Free hay is allowed on national forest system land in Wyoming. If you need sources of Certified Weed-Free hay, please contact the Sublette County Weed and Pest Control office at 307/367-4728.

Approved by: /S/ Cary Swain Date: 06/10/2026
District Ranger

Big Piney Ranger District
Bridger-Teton National Forest

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
2026
FORTRESS HILL ALLOTMENT #2035

I. INTRODUCTION

The permited use for the Fortress Hill Allotment is as follows:

6 horses, mature	06/11 - 10/15	CAMPBELL CATTLE CO.
6 horses, mature	06/16 - 10/15	VICTOR MACK

The authorized numbers and season of use for the 2026 grazing season is as follows:

6 horses, mature	06/11 – 10/15	CAMPBELL CATTLE CO.
6 horses, mature	06/16 - 10/15	VICTOR MACK

The Permittee(s) must notify the range personnel at Big Piney, 5 days prior to the time livestock enter or leave the Forest.

Non-use of less than 90% of the permitted livestock numbers requires written approval. Verbal applications will not be accepted. If total non-use is approved the permittee is still responsible for their assigned improvement maintenance.

A credit/refund application must be submitted within a week after placing livestock late on the allotment or removing livestock early. A credit/refund is not automatic but must be requested in writing by the permittee(s) and approved by the District Ranger.

The permittees are responsible for meeting the terms and conditions of the grazing permit, including day to day monitoring of forage utilization and moving livestock according to management guidelines. The vegetative utilization limits for this allotment are described below. We have attached a landscape appearance form that provides a narrative description of what different vegetative utilization percentages look like in the field. The vegetative utilization descriptions should aid the permittees and their riders in determining when the vegetative utilization limits are reached. Please contact the range personnel at Big Piney if you have questions or would like additional training in the use of these guides.

Forest Service personnel will be checking permit compliance periodically during the grazing season and will perform long term monitoring to determine if management objectives are being met.

The Forest Service will be asking for your actual use records at the end of the grazing season. This includes the number and dates livestock enter and leave grazing units. It also includes livestock losses and causes of death. Please keep accurate records.

II. MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK

Some flexibility in livesock turn-on may be allowed for weather conditions, range readiness and livestock needs. However, any changes to the grazing season need to be approved by forest personnel.

Movement of livestock will be based on the seasons identified above unless the vegetative proper utilization criteria of **50%** on riparian key species or **40%** use on upland key species is reached sooner. A lower utilization limit will be used if areas are not meeting objectives.

Regular herding and riding practices is the key to achieving proper livestock distribution and provides for the fullest use of the grazing season.

Salt must be placed out of bottoms, oil locations, clearcuts and away from water, roads, forest system trails, and recreational sites.

If you encounter any bear or wolf depredation problems on the allotment, please contact forest personal.

Livestock that have died on the forest must be removed 300 feet from roads and trails and out of sight.

Permittees must familiarize themselves with the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) and comply with the travel restrictions. MVUM's are available free of charge at the District Office. Under certain circumstances a permittee may request use of a closed route by contacting Forest Personnel.

Open and positive communication is encouraged. Feel free to contact the range personnel if you have any questions or problems. They will be happy to discuss allotment management, on the ground status, Forest Plan standards and guidelines, and possible changes in allotment management.

III. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

All range improvements assigned in the 10-year Term Grazing Permit must be maintained to a good functioning condition before livestock are placed on the allotment. Improvements must be maintained to original specification to ensure the longevity of their functionality. Any alterations to these original specifications must be approved by Forest Personnel. In the event these improvements cannot be brought up to standard, you should notify this office so we can schedule them for reconstruction as funds become available.

IV. ALLOTMENT STATUS

The livestock management on Fortress Hill allotment will follow the Allotment Management Plan (AMP) approved in 1987. The Standards and Guidelines identified in the Bridger-Teton National Forest Plan that deal with the management of this allotment are included in the AMP. It is very

important you understand these Standards and Guidelines since they form the basis for the management of this allotment.

Effectiveness monitoring is long-term monitoring that occurs over an extended period of time. It is used to determine if management practices are effective in meeting Forest Plan Goals, standards and objectives for livestock grazing. The specific objective based on the established monitoring bench mark areas for the Fortress Hill allotment are, ground cover of 70%, stream bank stability rating of 7 and riparian ecological status of late seral or higher on 85% of the steams. Based on the current condition of the Fortress Hill allotment the following allowable utilization limits for uplands and riparian areas will be applied:

PASTURE	GROUND COVER/TREND	STREAM BANK STABILITY RATING	RIPARIAN ECOLOGICAL STATUS	CURRENT ALLOWABLE UTILIZATION LIMIT
1	96/AS	n/a	n/a	40% Uplands
2	97/AS	Est. meeting	Est. meeting	40% Uplands 50% Riparian
3	96.8/S	8.6	Est. meeting	40% Uplands 50% Riparian

Trend Equals: U-upward, S-stable, D-down, AS-apparent trend rating form R4-2200-25 (1/93) FSH 2209.21 (93), N-one reading no trend yet.

VI. OTHER

The grazing fees for the 2026 grazing season are $1.69 per head month.
You are required to pay your grazing bill before livestock are turned onto the Forest.

ONLY Certified Weed-Free hay is allowed on national forest system land in Wyoming. If you need sources of Certified Weed-Free hay, please contact the Sublette County Weed and Pest Control office at 307/367-4728.

Approved by: /S/ Cary Swain Date: 06/10/2026
District Ranger

Annual Operating Instructions

2026

Granite Creek C&H

I. Authorized Use for 2026

Permittee	Allotment	No. & Class	Non-Use	Permit Type	Season of Use
JLC Wyoming	Granite Creek	300 C/c	0	Term	06/16-10/05

These Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) are made consistent with Part 1, Item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a) of your Term Grazing Permit for the Granite Creek Allotment and are considered an extension of your Term Grazing Permit.

II. Pasture Rotation Sequence and Use Standards

Pasture	Number	On Date	Off Date
Boulder Creek	300	06/16	07/22
Little Granite	300	07/23	08/28
Bull Creek	300	08/29	10/05
South Granite Creek	Round up/Trailing		

Upland use shall not exceed 50% in areas with Idaho fescue, Sandberg bluegrass, slender wheatgrass, or Letterman's needlegrass.

Riparian use shall not exceed 50% in areas with tufted hairgrass, water sedge, beaked sedge, Nebraska sedge, or Kentucky bluegrass.

The on-date will depend upon when range readiness occurs, thus, the move-on date serves as a guide only. Move dates are dependent on precipitation and temperature and their effects on vegetation production. Forage utilization will indicate when moves need to be made earlier. Longer stays can be arranged if an excess forage condition exists but must be coordinated with the Forest Service Rangeland Management Specialist.

Riding can generally provide better cattle distribution and proper range use. Permittees or associations will be required to provide the riding needed to properly manage the permitted livestock. Cattle must be monitored by riders and distributed through the pasture, not congregated in traditional areas. They should be well scattered and dispersed in small groups.

At the request of the permittee, a temporary cow camp is authorized at the Little Granite Creek Trailhead and at the pull-out across from the Jack Pine Homes where Jack Pine Creek crosses Road 30519 (see attached map). Should the permittee have need for another temporary cow camp or for one of the authorized camps to be in a different location, they shall first contact the Big Piney Ranger District for approval.

Salt is a valuable and flexible tool to distribute livestock to suitable range that otherwise would be lightly utilized. As a rule, salt should be placed where additional forage utilization is desirable. The possession or distribution of salt within wilderness areas is prohibited except when used for the management of livestock authorized in this permit.

- No more than 50 pounds of salt shall be placed in any one location at any time. Salt must be moved to a new location once a month or more often when the salting location appears to be becoming beat out to prevent permanent site damage. Salt should also be placed on rock or hardened areas to prevent salt leaching into the ground.
- No salting permitted within ¼ mile of water, riparian areas, roads, Forest System trails, developed recreation areas, dispersed camping and picnicking sites; except as agreed to by the Forest Service.
- No salting permitted within ½ mile of areas in which cattle typically congregate.
- When an area has been grazed to the desired utilization, salt shall be removed from the area.
- The distribution of salt within allotments is only allowed for the management of permitted livestock.

Lands within this allotment are occupied by grizzly and black bear. To minimize bear conflicts with humans and livestock, the following provisions are recommended:

- Sick or injured animals should be treated and/or removed from National Forest System lands as soon as practical or as directed by the Forest officer, unless human safety is a concern.
- All human, pet and prepared livestock food, beverages, garbage, cooking grease, and other odorous substances should be stored, handled, and disposed of in such a manner as to make it totally unavailable to bears at night and during the day when unattended. Unavailable means: stored in a bear-resistant container approved by the Forest Service, stored in a closed vehicle constructed of solid non-pliable material, or suspended at least ten feet clear of the ground at all points and 4 feet from any supporting tree or pole. Burying of food, garbage, refuse, or grease is prohibited.
- Livestock feed, especially sweetened feed, is a bear attractant. Feed should not be left on the ground after feeding livestock. Nosebags or containers are recommended to minimize spilled feed.
- Any carcasses or animal remains will be moved at least 100 yards from live water and roads, and at least 200 yards from system trails.

All known or suspected black bear, grizzly bear, wolf, and mountain lion activity will be reported to the USDA-FS, WGFD, or USFWS. All predator control will be coordinated by the WGFD in accordance with State and Federal Laws. The permittee and/or their agents shall not use or place poison or devices for predator control on National Forest System Lands.

Range improvements must be maintained no later than June 15, 2026. Any plans to reconstruct or build new improvements on the National Forest must first be coordinated with the Rangeland Management Specialist. 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. Cattle move-on counts may be conducted on randomly selected allotments this year. Brands will be checked periodically throughout the grazing season. 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.

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.

With increasing public use, gates are often left open and cattle stray into the wrong pasture. The USFS realizes 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/or your rider.

The Teton Ranger District has an approved Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). The MVUM restricts motor vehicle use to roads which are signed on the ground with a white arrow, which signifies an open route or that are on the MVUM. Please familiarize yourself and any employees conducting activities on your allotment with the MVUM. No travel off open routes is allowed without prior approval.

Situations may develop during the grazing season which require changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if it appears you cannot comply with some part of these instructions, contact Buck Draney to 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 Buck Draney at 307-367-5722(work) or 307-360-3045(cell).

Approved by: /S/ Cary Swain Date: 06/10/2026

District Ranger

Big Piney Ranger District
Bridger-Teton National Forest

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
2026
GRAVEYARD HILL #2038

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I. INTRODUCTION

The authorized use for the Graveyard Hill Allotment is as follows:

360 cattle,	yearlings	07/01 – 10/20	SAUNDERS RANCH CO.

The Permittee(s) must notify the range personnel at Big Piney, 5 days prior to the time livestock enter or leave the Forest.

Non-use of less than 90% of the permitted livestock numbers requires written approval. Verbal applications will not be accepted. If total non-use is approved the permittee is still responsible for their assigned improvement maintenance.

A credit/refund application must be submitted within a week after placing livestock late on the allotment or removing livestock early. A credit/refund is not automatic but must be requested in writing by the permittee(s) and approved by the District Ranger.

The permittees are responsible for meeting the terms and conditions of the grazing permit, including day to day monitoring of forage utilization and moving livestock according to management guidelines. The vegetative utilization limits for this allotment are described below. We have attached a landscape appearance form that provides a narrative description of what different vegetative utilization percentages look like in the field. The vegetative utilization descriptions should aid the permittees and their riders in determining when the vegetative utilization limits are reached. Please contact the range personnel at Big Piney if you have questions or would like additional training in the use of these guides.

Forest Service personnel will be checking permit compliance periodically during the grazing season and will perform long term monitoring to determine if management objectives are being met.

The Forest Service will be asking for your actual use records at the end of the grazing season. This includes the number and dates livestock enter and leave grazing units. It also includes livestock losses and causes of death. Please keep accurate records.

II. MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK

Movement of livestock will be based on the seasons identified above unless the vegetative proper utilization criteria of **50%** on riparian key species or **40%** use on upland key species is reached sooner. A lower utilization limit will be used if areas are not meeting objectives.

Some flexibility in livestock turn on may be allowed for weather conditions, range readiness and livestock needs. However, any changes to the grazing season need to be approved by forest personnel.

Regular herding and riding practices is the key to achieving proper livestock distribution and provides for the fullest use of the grazing season.

Salt must be placed out of bottoms, oil locations, clearcuts, and away from water, roads, forest system trails, and recreational sites.

Livestock that have died on the forest must be removed 300 feet from roads and trails and out of sight.

Open and positive communication is encouraged. Feel free to contact the range personnel if you have any questions or problems. They will be happy to discuss allotment management, on the ground status, Forest Plan standards and guidelines, and possible changes in allotment management.

III. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

All range improvements assigned in the 10-year Term Grazing Permit must be maintained to a good functioning condition before livestock are placed on the allotment. Improvements must be maintained to original specification to ensure the longevity of their functionality. Any alterations to these original specifications must be approved by Forest Personnel. In the event these improvements cannot be brought up to standard, you should notify this office so we can schedule them for reconstruction as funds become available.

IV. ALLOTMENT STATUS

The livestock management on Graveyard Hill allotment will follow the Allotment Management Plan (AMP) approved in 1987. The Standards and Guidelines identified in the Bridger-Teton National Forest Plan that deal with the management of this allotment are included in the AMP. It is very important you understand these Standards and Guidelines since they form the basis for the management of this allotment.

Effectiveness monitoring is long-term monitoring that occurs over an extended period of time. It is used to determine if management practices are effective in meeting Forest Plan Goals, standards and objectives for livestock grazing. The specific objective based on the established monitoring bench

mark areas for the Graveyard Hill allotment are, ground cover of 70%, stream bank stability rating of 7 and riparian ecological status of late seral or higher on 85% of the steams. Based on the current allotment conditions the following allowable utilization limits for uplands and riparian areas will be applied:

ALLOTMENT	GROUND COVER/TREND	STREAM BANK STABILITY RATING	RIPARIAN ECOLOGICAL STATUS	CURRENT ALLOWABLE UTILIZATION LIMIT
Graveyard Hill	92/N	8.6	Est. meeting	40% Uplands 50% Riparian

Trend Equals: U-upward, S-stable, D-down, N-one reading no trend yet.

VI. OTHER

The grazing fees for the 2026 grazing season are $1.69 per head month.

You are required to pay your grazing bill before livestock are turned onto the Forest.

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Approved by: /S/ Cary Swain 06/10/2026
District Ranger Date

Big Piney Ranger District
Bridger-Teton National Forest

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
2026
HOBACK ALLOTMENT #2017

I. INTRODUCTION

The authorized use for the Hoback Allotment is as follows:

240 cattle, yearling	06/11 - 10/15	CAMPBELL CATTLE CO.
60 cattle, cow/calf		
3 Horses		
150 cattle, cow/calf	06/11 - 10/15	LAZY S RANCH LLC
50 cattle, yearling		
3 Horses		
94 cattle, yearling	06/11 - 10/15	STEVE ROBERTSON
3 Horses		
81 cattle, cow/calf/bull	06/11 - 10/15	NEAL ROBERTSON
12 cattle, yearling		
2 Horses		
269 cattle, yearling	06/11 - 10/15	PAPE RANCHES, INC.
3 Horses		
1125 cattle, yearling	06/11 - 10/15	ROBERT A. SAUNDERS
1 Horse		
712 cattle, C/c, Yrl	06/11 – 10/15	JLC WYOMING
2 Horses		

The Permittee(s) must notify the range personnel at Big Piney, 5 days prior to the time livestock enter or leave the Forest.

Non-use of less then 90% of the permitted livestock numbers requires written approval. Verbal applications will not be accepted. If total non-use is approved the permittee is still responsible for their assigned improvement maintenance.

A credit/refund application must be submitted within a week after placing livestock late on the allotment or removing livestock early. A credit/refund is not automatic but must be requested in writing by the permittee(s) and approved by the District Ranger.

The permittees are responsible for meeting the terms and conditions of the grazing permit, including day to day monitoring of forage utilization and moving livestock according to management guidelines. The vegetative utilization limits for this allotment are described below. We have attached a landscape appearance form that provides a narrative description of what

different vegetative utilization percentages look like in the field. The vegetative utilization descriptions should aid the permittees and their riders in determining when the vegetative utilization limits are reached. **As a rule of thumb two inches of stubble should remain in upland areas and four inches of stubble should remain in riparian areas.** Please contact the range personnel at Big Piney if you have questions or would like additional training in the use of these guides.

Forest Service personnel will be checking permit compliance periodically during the grazing season and will perform long term monitoring to determine if management objectives are being met.

The Forest Service will be asking for your actual use records at the end of the grazing season. This includes the number and dates livestock enter and leave grazing units. It also includes livestock losses and causes of death. Please keep accurate records. As president of the Hoback Association, Kevin Campbell will be the Forest Service's primary contact.

II. MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK

The AMP for the Hoback Allotment emphasises that the below pasture move dates are approximate and that movement of livestock will be based on allowable use standards. The below dates are to be used for planning purposes. Actual move dates will be coordianated between the permittees and the District Rangeland Management Specialist as vegetation growing conditions dictate and will require high levels of communication. Also natable are that many of the pastures are either unfenced or managed using drift fences which do not prohibit livestock movement. Once an area is grazed to allowable use, livestock will not be allowed to congregate in those areas and use in those areas should be limited and managed through active herding.

MUDDY-COYOTE HERD (1200 Head Limit)

*Noble Basin Pasture 2	06/11-07/15
Coyote Gulch Pasture 1	07/16-08/05
Kilgore/Jamb Pasture 3	08/06-10/15
Muddy Pasture 4	09/11-10/15
Horse Pasture 5	Roundup & Horses

*Approximately 200 head of livestock will be placed in Upper Muddy concurrently with Noble Basin. If the range is not ready on June 11th cattle will be held off of National Forest until range readiness is achieved. The above dates are tentative and will be adjusted accordingly.

MONUMENT RIDGE RESEED HERD

Reseed Pasture-A (A portion to be rested. * See below for details and discription of project.)	06/11-07/10
Nutting/Horse Pasture-B	07/11-07/31
Cliff Creek	08/01-08/24
Shoal Creek	08/01-08/24
North of Miller Draw Pature-C	08/25-10/15
Clarks Butte Pasture	Roundup (Pape)
**Reseed Pasture-A	Roundup

**Reseed Pasture-A Roundup- At the end of the grazing season and if sufficient forage remains this pasture has historically and will continue to be used to help with roundup of livestock from the Hoback C&H. Ensure suffficient forage remains for this purpose.

BATTLE MOUNTAIN HERD (75 Head Limit)

West side of Highway Pasture	06/11-06/30
Battle Mountain pasture	07/01-07/31
Shoal Creek Basin Pasture	08/01-10/15

Cattle will be distributed out of Cliff Creek after allowable use is met on or around 08/24. Cattle will funnel back into Cliff Creek until the off date but will be redistributed and not be allowed to congregate.

Movement of livestock will be based on the proper vegetative utilization criteria of **50%** utilization on key forage species for riparian range sites meeting objectives and **40%** utilization on uplands meeting objectives. A lower utilization limit will be used if areas are not meeting objectives.

Regular herding and riding practices are key to achieving proper livestock distribution and provides for the fullest use of the grazing season.

Salt must be placed out of bottoms, oil locations, clearcuts and no closer than ¼ mile from water, and not within 300 feet or insight of roads, forest system trails, and recreational sites.

The following locations have been problem areas in the past and a close eye needs to be kept on them to continue to insure they don't exceed proper vegetative use limits: Corner of the Hoback Guard Station Fence in Reseed pasture, Cliff Creek fence adjacent to HW 189/191, Miller Draw Pasture near Elkhorn, Clarks Draw above and below Eight mile drift fence primarly in riparian, Lower portion of Kilgore Creek and fence corner along Upper Hoback road. The permittees and riders need to continue to monitor these areas to insure the vegetative utilization limits are being met.

Livestock that have died on the forest must be moved 300 feet from roads, live water and trails and out of sight.

Permittees must familiarize themselves with the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) and comply with the travel restrictions. MVUM's are available free of charge at the District Office. Under certain circumstances a permittee may request use of a closed route by contacting Forest Personnel.

Open and positive communication is encouraged. Feel free to contact the range personnel if you have any questions or problems. They will be happy to discuss allotment management, on the ground status, Forest Plan standards and guidelines, and possible changes in allotment management.

III. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

All range improvements assigned in the 10-year Term Grazing Permit must be maintained to a good functioning condition before livestock are placed on the allotment. Improvements must be maintained to original specification to ensure the longevity of their functionality. Any alterations to these original specifications must be approved by Forest Personnel. In the event these

improvements cannot be brought up to standard, you should notify this office so we can schedule them for reconstruction as funds become available.

VI. OTHER

The grazing fees for the 2026 grazing season are $1.69 per head month.
You are required to pay your grazing bill before livestock are turned on to the Forest.

ONLY Certified Weed-Free hay is allowed on national forest system land in Wyoming. If you need sources of Certified Weed-Free hay, please contact the Sublette County Weed and Pest Control office at 307/367-4728.

Approved by: /S/ Cary Swain Date: 06/10/2026
District Ranger

Annual Operating Instructions

Jack Creek C&H

2026

I. Authorized Use for 2026

Permittee	Allotment	No. & Class	Non-Use	Permit Type	Season of Use
Campbell Cattle	Jack Creek	287 C/c, Yrl 2 Horses	0	Term	06/11-10/20
JLC Wyoming	Jack Creek	330 C/c 4 Horses	0	Term	06/11-10/20

These Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) are made consistent with Part 1, Item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a) of your Term Grazing Permit. Failure to follow these instructions is a violation of your permit.

II. Pasture Rotation Sequence and Use Standards

Unit	Campbell	JLC
Wertz Draw	06/11-08/25	
Lake Bottom		06/11-07/05
Jack Creek Basin		07/06-09/25
Hailey Draw	08/06-10/20	08/26-10/20
Riling Draw	08/26-10/20	08/26-10/20
Pocket	10/1-10/20	
Dell Creek	06/11-08/06	

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Upland use shall not exceed 40% or 2” stubble height.

Riparian use shall not exceed 50% or 4” stubble height.

The on-date will depend upon when range readiness occurs, thus, the move-on date serves as a guide only. Move dates are dependent on precipitation and temperature and their effects on vegetation production. Forage utilization will indicate when moves need to be made earlier. Longer stays can be arranged if an excess forage condition exists but must be coordinated with the Forest Service Rangeland Management Specialist.

Riding can generally provide better cattle distribution and proper range use. Permittees or associations will be required to provide the riding needed to properly manage the permitted livestock. Cattle must be monitored by riders and distributed through the pasture, not congregated in traditional areas. They should be well scattered and dispersed in small groups.

Salt is a valuable and flexible tool to distribute livestock to suitable range that otherwise would be lightly utilized. As a rule, salt should be placed where additional forage utilization is

desirable. The possession or distribution of salt within wilderness areas is prohibited except when used for the management of livestock authorized in this permit.

- No more than 50 pounds of salt shall be placed in any one location at any time. Salt must be moved to a new location once a month or more often, when the salting location appears to be becoming beat out to prevent permanent site damage. Salt should also be placed on rock or hardened areas to prevent salt leaching into the ground.
- No salting permitted within ¼ mile of water, riparian areas, roads, Forest System trails, developed recreation areas, dispersed camping and picnicking sites; except as agreed to by the Forest Service.
- No salting permitted within ½ mile of areas in which cattle typically congregate.
- When an area has been grazed to the desired utilization, salt shall be removed from the area.
- The distribution of salt within allotments is only allowed for the management of permitted livestock.

Lands within this allotment are occupied by grizzly and black bear. To minimize bear conflicts with humans and livestock, the following provisions are recommended:

- Sick or injured animals should be treated and/or removed from National Forest System lands as soon as practical or as directed by the Forest officer, unless human safety is a concern.
- All human, pet and prepared livestock food, beverages, garbage, cooking grease, and other odorous substances should be stored, handled, and disposed of in such a manner as to make it totally unavailable to bears at night and during the day when unattended. Unavailable means: stored in a bear-resistant container approved by the Forest Service, stored in a closed vehicle constructed of solid non-pliable material, or suspended at least ten feet clear of the ground at all points and 4 feet from any supporting tree or pole. Burying of food, garbage, refuse, or grease is prohibited.
- Livestock feed, especially sweetened feed, is a bear attractant. Feed should not be left on the ground after feeding livestock. Nosebags or containers are recommended to minimize spilled feed.
- Any carcasses or animal remains will be moved at least 100 yards from live water and roads, and at least 200 yards from system trails.

All known or suspected black bear, grizzly bear, wolf, and mountain lion activity will be reported to the USDA-FS, WGFD, or USFWS. All predator control will be coordinated by the WGFD in accordance with State and Federal Laws. The permittee and/or their agents shall not use or place poison or devices for predator control on National Forest System Lands.

Range improvements must be maintained no later than June 10, 2026. Any plans to reconstruct or build new improvements on the National Forest must first be coordinated with the Rangeland Management Specialist. 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. Cattle move-on counts may be conducted on randomly selected allotments this year. Brands will be checked periodically throughout the grazing season. 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.

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.

With increasing public use, gates are often left open and cattle stray into the wrong pasture. The USFS realizes 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/or your rider.

The Big Piney Ranger District has an approved Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). The MVUM restricts motor vehicle use to roads which are signed on the ground with a white arrow, which signifies an open route or that are on the MVUM. Please familiarize yourself and any employees conducting activities on your allotment with the MVUM. No travel off open routes is allowed without prior approval.

Situations may develop during the grazing season which require changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if it appears you cannot comply with some part of these instructions, contact Amanda Atkinson, 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 Buck Draney at 307-367-5722(work) or 307-360-3045(cell).

Approved by: /S/ Cary Swain Date: 06/10/2026

District Ranger

Big Piney Ranger District
Bridger-Teton National Forest

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
2026
INDIAN-SPRINGMAN ALLOTMENT #2003

67 FAMILY PARTNERSHIP
C/O MIKE MILLER
P.O. BOX 67
BIG PINEY, WY 83113

HF RANCH
C/O BRENT HOGGE
P.O. BOX 1386
BIG PINEY, WY 83113

These Annual Operating Instructions are made part of your Term Grazing Permit consistent with Part 1, Item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a). Failure to follow these instructions is a violation of your Term Grazing Permit.

I. INTRODUCTION

The authorized use for the Indian-Springman allotment is as follows:

105 cattle, cow/calf	07/01 – 09/30	67 FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
97 cattle, cow/calf	07/01 – 09/30	HF RANCH

The permitted numbers and season of use for the 2025 grazing season are as follows:

105 cattle, cow/calf	07/01 – 08/15	67 FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
97 cattle, cow/calf	07/01 – 08/15	HF RANCH

Non Use

Permittee	Resource Protection	Personal Convenience	PC Year of 10
	#	#	#
	#	#	#

The Permittee(s) must notify Buck Draney at 307-367-5722(work) or 307-360-3045(cell), 5 days prior to the time livestock enter or leave the Forest.

Non-use of less than 90% of the permitted livestock numbers requires written approval. Verbal applications will not be accepted. If total non-use is approved the permittee is still responsible for their assigned improvement maintenance.

The permittees are responsible for meeting the terms and conditions of the grazing permit, including day to day monitoring of forage utilization and moving livestock according to management guidelines. The vegetative utilization limits for this allotment are described below. We have attached a landscape appearance form that provides a narrative description of what different vegetative utilization percentages look like in the field. The vegetative utilization descriptions should aid the permittees and their riders in determining when the vegetative utilization limits are reached. **As a rule of thumb, two inches of stubble should remain in upland areas and four inches of stubble should remain in riparian areas.** Please contact the range personnel at Big Piney if you have questions or would like additional training in the use of these guides.

Forest Service personnel will be checking permit compliance periodically during the grazing season and will perform long term monitoring to determine if management objectives are being met.

The Forest Service will be asking for your actual use records at the end of the grazing season. This includes the number and dates livestock enter and leave grazing units. It also includes livestock losses and causes of death. Please keep accurate records.

II. MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK

Initial distribution of your livestock on August 15th will be throughout the allotment, not just allowing the livestock to distribute themselves. Vegetative utilization on **Riparian & Upland** range sites is limited to **50%** of key forage species. All livestock will be removed from the allotment by October 1st, unless vegetative utilization limits are reached before the end of the season.

Some flexibility in livestock turn on may be allowed for weather conditions, range readiness and livestock needs. However, any changes need to be approved by forest personnel.

Regular herding and riding practices is the key to achieving proper livestock distribution and provides for the fullest use of the grazing season.

Salt must be placed out of bottoms, oil locations, clearcuts, and no closer than ¼ mile from water, and not within 300 feet or insight of roads, forest system trails, and recreational sites.

If you encounter any bear or wolf depredations on the allotment, please contact forest personnel. Take no lethal control action.

Livestock that have died on the forest must be removed 300 feet from roads, trails and live water and out of sight.

Open and positive communication is encouraged. Feel free to contact the range personnel if you have any questions or problems. They will be happy to discuss allotment management, on the ground status, Forest Plan standards and guidelines, and possible changes in allotment management.

III. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

All range improvements assigned in the 10-year Term Grazing Permit must be maintained to a good functioning condition 10 days prior to livestock being placed on the allotment. In the event these improvements cannot be brought up to standard, you should notify this office so we can schedule them for reconstruction as funds become available. The North Indian Creek allotment boundary fence is assigned to the Indian/Springman permittees and must be maintained prior to the Fish Creek turn on date of July 1st when Indian/Springman is on their late rotation.

IV. ALLOTMENT STATUS

The livestock management on Indian-Springman allotment will follow the Allotment Management Plan (AMP) approved in 1998. The Standards and Guidelines identified in the Bridger-Teton National Forest Plan that deal with the management of this allotment are included in the AMP. It is very important you understand these Standards and Guidelines since they form the basis for the management of this allotment.

V. OBSERVATIONS OF THE PREVIOUS SEASON

VI. OTHER

The grazing fees for the 2026 grazing season are $1.69 per head month.

You are required to pay your grazing fees 30 days prior to livestock being turned onto the Forest.

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Approved by: /S/ Cary Swain Date: 06/10/2026

District Ranger

Big Piney Ranger District
Bridger-Teton National Forest

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
2026
NORTH PINEY ALLOTMENT #2006

VANDERSLOOT FARMS
PO BOX 50277
IDAHO FALLS, ID 83405

STEED CANYON CATTLE CO.
PO BOX 96
LABARGE, WY 83123

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I. INTRODUCTION

The permitted use on North Piney Allotment is as follows:

447 cattle, cow/calf, bull	07/06 - 10/05 VANDERSLOOT FARMS
90 cattle, cow/calf, bull	07/06 – 10/05 STEED CANYON CATTLE

The authorized numbers and season of use for the 2026 grazing season is as follows:

447 cattle, cow/calf, bull	07/06 – 08/05	South Pasture
447 cattle, cow/calf, bull	08/06 - 10/05	North Pasture

Non Use

Permitee	Resource Protection	Personal Convenience	PC Yr of 10
Vandersloot Farms			0/10
Steed Canyon Cattle	90 hd ‘26	90 hd ‘25	1/10

The Permittee(s) must notify Buck Draney at 307-367-5722(work) or 307-360-3045(cell), 5 days prior to the time livestock enter or leave the forest.

Non-use of less than 90% of the permitted livestock numbers requires written approval. Verbal applications will not be accepted. If total non-use is approved the permittee is still responsible for their assigned improvement maintenance.

A credit/refund application must be submitted within a week after placing livestock late on the allotment or removing livestock early. A credit/refund is not automatic but must be requested in writing by the permittee(s) and approved by the District Ranger.

The permittees are responsible for meeting the terms and conditions of the grazing permit, including day to day monitoring of forage utilization and moving livestock according to management guidelines. The vegetative utilization limits for this allotment are described below. We have attached a landscape appearance form that provides a narrative description of what different vegetative utilization percentages look like in the field. The vegetative utilization descriptions should aid the permittees and their riders in determining when the vegetative utilization limits are reached. **As a rule of thumb, two inches of stubble should remain in upland areas and four inches of stubble should remain in riparian areas.** Please contact the range personnel at Big Piney if you have questions or would like additional training in the use of these guides.

Forest Service personnel will be checking permit compliance periodically during the grazing season and will perform long term monitoring to determine if management objectives are being met.

The Forest Service will be asking for your actual use records at the end of the grazing season. This includes the number and dates livestock enter and leave grazing units. It also includes livestock losses and causes of death. Please keep accurate records.

II. MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK

Initial distribution of your livestock will be in the South Pasture. Movement of livestock will be based on the seasons identified above unless the vegetative proper utilization criteria of **50%** on riparian key species or **50%** on upland key species is reached sooner. If objectives are not met allowable utilization limits of vegetation will be reduced to 25% to provide for improvement. Once the percent allowable vegetative utilization is achieved, livestock must be moved to the next pasture or off the allotment.

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 ¼ mile from riparian areas and at least 200 yards from system trails. Salt should be picked up and moved when an area has been sufficiently used.

Regular herding and riding practices is the key to achieving proper livestock distribution and provides for the fullest use of the grazing season.

If you encounter any bear or wolf depredations on the allotment, please contact forest personnel.

Livestock that have died on the forest must be removed 300 feet from roads and trails and out of sight.

Permittees must familiarize themselves with the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) and comply with the travel restrictions. MVUM's are available free of charge at the District Office. Under certain circumstances a permittee may request use of a closed route by contacting Forest Personnel.

III. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

All range improvements assigned in the 10-year Term Grazing Permit must be maintained to a good functioning condition 10 days prior to livestock entering on the allotment. The permittees are responsible for their assigned maintenance even if they do not plan to graze during the season.

IV. ALLOTMENT STATUS

The livestock management on North Piney allotment will follow the Allotment Management Plan (AMP) approved in 1998. An Environmental Assessment for the allotment was approved in 1995. The Standards and Guidelines identified in the Bridger-Teton National Forest Plan that deal with the management of this allotment are included in the AMP. It is very important you understand these Standards and Guidelines since they form the basis for the management of this allotment.

V. OTHER

The grazing fees for the 2026 grazing season are $1.69 per head month.

You are required to pay your grazing bill before livestock are turned onto the Forest.
ONLY Certified Weed-Free hay is allowed on national forest system land in Wyoming. If you need sources of Certified Weed-Free hay, please contact the Sublette County Weed and Pest Control office at 307-367-4728.

Approved by: /S/ Cary Swain Date: 06/10/2026

District Ranger

Big Piney Ranger District
Bridger-Teton National Forest

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
2026
SHERMAN ALLOTMENT #2007

LEISA & LOU ROBERTS
P.O. BOX 34
DANIEL, WY 83115

These Annual Operating Instructions are made part of your Term Grazing Permit consistent with Part 1, Item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a). Failure to follow these instructions is a violation of your permit.

I. INTRODUCTION

The permitted use for the Sherman Allotment is as follows:

858 cattle, cow/calf	07/01 - 09/15	LOUIS ROBERTS

The authorized numbers and season of use for the 2026 grazing season is as follows:

773 cattle, cow/calf	07/01 - 08/05	North Pasture
773 cattle, cow/calf	08/05 - 09/15	South Pasture

Non Use

Resource Protection	Personal Convenience	PC Years of 10
		0/10

The Permittee(s) must notify Buck Draney at 307-367-5722(work) or 307-360-3045(cell), 5 days prior to the time livestock enter or leave the Forest.

Non-use of less than 90% of the permitted livestock numbers requires written approval. Verbal applications will not be accepted. If total non-use is approved the permittee is still responsible for their assigned improvement maintenance.

The permittees are responsible for meeting the terms and conditions of the grazing permit, including day to day monitoring of forage utilization, and moving livestock according to management guidelines. The vegetative utilization limits for this allotment are described below.

As a rule of thumb, two inches of stubble should remain in upland areas and four inches of stubble should remain in riparian areas. Please contact the range personnel at Big Piney if you have questions.

Forest Service personnel will be checking permit compliance periodically during the grazing season and will perform long term monitoring to determine if management objectives are being met.

The Forest Service will be asking for your actual use records at the end of the grazing season. This includes the number and dates livestock enter and leave grazing units. It also includes livestock losses and causes of death. Please keep accurate records.

II. MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK

Initial distribution of your livestock will be in the North Pasture. Some flexibility in livestock turn on and pasture moves may be allowed for weather conditions, range readiness and livestock needs. Three days are authorized for mothering and distribution. This will allow for better initial distribution of cattle into the North Pasture. Any changes to the grazing season need to be approved by forest personnel.

The opening of livestock trails through the burned areas of the allotment is authorized. An ATV may be used to facilitate saw work and winching of logs out of the trails. If an ATV is utilized, use discrete access points and do not travel in areas that will damage vegetation nor leave tracks that will cause recreating public to make new roads and trails. Also, please notify Forest Service personnel when this activity begins and ends.

A cow camp is authorized for your use on the Indian Trail Road (#10372). Coordinates 42.932034,-110.412231.

The following Bridger-Teton National Forest plan proper use standards shall apply to this allotment for all classes of livestock:

Upland range sites - not to exceed 50% utilization on key forage species for rangelands meeting objectives and 25% utilization for rangelands not meeting objectives. Key forage species identified for the allotment in the AMP are **Festuca idahoensis** (Idaho fescue), **Poa secunda** (Sandberg bluegrass), **Agropyron trachycaulum** (Slender wheatgrass), and **Stipa lettermanii** (Letterman needlegrass).

Riparian range sites - not to exceed 50% utilization on key forage species for riparian areas meeting objectives and 25% utilization for riparian areas not meeting objectives. Key forage species identified for the allotment in the AMP are **Deschampsia caespitosa** (Tufted hair-grass), **Carex aquatilis** (Water sedge), **Carex rostrata** (Beaked sedge), **Carex nebraskensis** (Nebraska sedge) and **Poa pratensis** (Kentucky bluegrass). Once the percent allowable vegetative utilization is achieved, livestock must be moved to the next pasture or off the allotment.

Regular herding and riding practices is the key to achieving proper livestock distribution and provides for the fullest use of the grazing season.

Salt must be placed out of bottoms, oil locations, clearcuts, and no closer than ¼ mile from water, and not within 300 feet or insight of roads, forest system trails, and recreational sites.

In an attempt to reduce grizzly bear/ human conflicts the Forest Service is requesting all grazing permittees to take the following action:

- All livestock predation will be reported to Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), BTNF, and Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD).
- All depredation control work will be conducted by WGFD or its authorized agent following Interagency Nuisance Bear Guidelines (pages 51-70 of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Guidelines, USD1 Fish and Wildlife Service 1986)
- Food Storage Guidelines will be followed for all camps associated with livestock operations (See Food Storage Order 04-00-104).*
- Riders are required to watch all livestock closely for sick, injured or stray animals
- Permanent FS employees will monitor allotments on a regular basis.
- All dead stock posing a health or safety hazard will be moved when within 1/4 mile of live streams, springs, lakes, water, riparian areas, system roads and trails, developed recreation areas, dispersed camping and picnic sites.
- Sick or injured animals will be removed when possible.
- No cattle carcass will be removed if human safety is of concern.

*Food Storage Guidelines for all camps associated with livestock operations (Food storage Order 04-00-104 (USDA Forest Service 2004)):

1. All food and refuse must be acceptably stored or acceptably possessed during daytime hours.

2. All food and refuse must be acceptably stored during nighttime hours, unless it is being prepared for eating, being eaten, being transported, or being prepared for acceptable storage.

3. Any harvested animal carcass must be acceptably stored, unless the carcass is being field dressed, transported, being prepared for eating, or being prepared for acceptable storage.

4. Camping or sleeping areas must be established at least 1/2 mile from a known animal carcass or at least 100 yards from an acceptably stored animal carcass.

Permittees must familiarize themselves with the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) and comply with the travel restrictions. MVUM's are available free of charge at the District Office. Under certain circumstances a permittee may request use of a closed route by contacting Forest Personnel.

Open and positive communication is encouraged. Feel free to contact the range personnel if you have any questions or problems. They will be happy to discuss allotment management, on the ground status, Forest Plan standards and guidelines, and possible changes in allotment management.

III. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

All range improvements assigned in the 10-year Term Grazing Permit must be maintained to a good functioning condition 10 days prior to livestock being placed on the allotment.

IV. ALLOTMENT STATUS

The livestock management on Sherman allotment will follow the Allotment Management Plan (AMP). The Standards and Guidelines identified in the Bridger-Teton National Forest Plan that deal with the management of this allotment are included in the AMP. It is very important you understand these Standards and Guidelines since they form the basis for the management of this allotment.

V. OBSERVATIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS SEASON

VI. OTHER

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Big Piney Ranger District
Bridger-Teton National Forest

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
2026
SNYDER BASIN ALLOTMENT #2008

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These Annual Operating Instructions are made part of your Term Grazing Permit consistent with Part 1, Item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a). Failure to follow these instructions is a violation of your permit.

I. INTRODUCTION

The permitted numbers and season of use for the Snyder Basin C&H is as follows:

209 cattle, cow/calf	07/01 - 10/05	PAM CHRISMAN
225 cattle, cow/calf	07/01 - 10/05	JOHN J. CHRISMAN

The authorized numbers and season of use during the 2026 grazing season are as follows

434 cattle, cow/calf	07/01 - 08/10	North Pasture
434 cattle, cow/calf	08/11 - 10/05	South Pasture

Non Use

Permittee	Resource Protection	Personal Convenience	PC Years of 10

The Permittee(s) must notify Buck Draney at 307-367-5722(work) or 307-360-3045(cell), 5 days prior to the time livestock enter or leave the Forest.

Non-use of less than 90% of the permitted livestock numbers requires written approval. Verbal applications will not be accepted. If total non-use is approved the permittee is still responsible for their assigned improvement maintenance.

The permittees are responsible for meeting the terms and conditions of the grazing permit, including day to day monitoring of forage use and moving livestock according to management guidelines. The vegetative utilization limits for this allotment are described below. We have attached a landscape appearance form that provides a narrative description of what different vegetative utilization percentages look like in the field. The vegetative utilization descriptions should aid the permittees and their riders in determining when the vegetative utilization limits are reached. **As a rule of thumb, two inches of stubble should remain in upland areas and four inches of stubble should remain in riparian areas.** Please contact the range personnel at Big Piney if you have questions or would like additional training in the use of these guides.

It is the responsibility of Forest Service personnel to check for compliance with permit terms and conditions and perform long term monitoring to determine if management objectives are being met.

The Forest Service will be asking for your actual use records at the end of the grazing season. This includes the number and dates livestock enter and leave grazing units. It also includes livestock losses and causes of death. Please keep accurate records.

II. MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK

Movement of livestock will be based on the seasons identified above unless the vegetative proper utilization criteria of **60%** on riparian key species or **40%** on upland key species is reached sooner. Gates can be opened on August 1st to facilitate natural drift into the second pasture. A lower utilization limit will be used if areas are found to be in less than satisfactory condition. Once the percent allowable vegetative utilization is achieved, livestock must be moved off the allotment.

Some flexibility in livestock turn on and pasture moves may be allowed for weather conditions, range readiness and livestock needs. However, any changes to the grazing season need to be approved by forest personnel.

Regular herding and riding practices is the key to achieving proper livestock distribution and provides for the fullest use of the grazing season.

Salt must be placed out of bottoms, oil locations, clear-cuts, and no closer than ¼ mile from water, and not within 300 feet or insight of roads, forest system trails, and recreational sites.

In an attempt to reduce grizzly bear/ human conflicts the Forest Service is requesting all grazing permittees to take the following action:

- All livestock predation will be reported to Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), BTNF, and Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD).
- All depredation control work will be conducted by WGFD or its authorized agent following

Interagency Nuisance Bear Guidelines (pages 51-70 of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Guidelines, USD1 Fish and Wildlife Service 1986)

- Food Storage Guidelines will be followed for all camps associated with livestock operations (See Food Storage Order 04-00-104).*
- Riders are required to watch all livestock closely for sick, injured or stray animals
- Permanent FS employees will monitor allotments on a regular basis.
- All dead stock posing a health or safety hazard will be moved when within 1/4 mile of live streams, springs, lakes, water, riparian areas, system roads and trails, developed recreation areas, dispersed camping and picnic sites.
- Sick or injured animals will be removed when possible.
- No cattle carcass will be removed if human safety is of concern.

*Food Storage Guidelines for all camps associated with livestock operations (Food storage Order 04-00-104 (USDA Forest Service 2004)):

1. All food and refuse must be acceptably stored or acceptably possessed during daytime hours.

2. All food and refuse must be acceptably stored during nighttime hours, unless it is being prepared for eating, being eaten, being transported, or being prepared for acceptable storage.

3. Any harvested animal carcass must be acceptably stored, unless the carcass is being field dressed, transported, being prepared for eating, or being prepared for acceptable storage.

4. Camping or sleeping areas must be established at least 1/2 mile from a known animal carcass or at least 100 yards from an acceptably stored animal carcass.

III. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

All range improvements assigned in the 10-year Term Grazing Permit must be maintained to a good functioning condition 10 days prior to livestock being placed on the allotment.

Improvement Name	Impr. Number	Units	Maint. Responsibility
D2 Boundary Fence	2001	1.5mi	Permittee
Porcupine UDF	2031	1.0mi	Permittee
Riley Ridge Fence	2032	2.9mi	Permittee
North/South Unit AIF	2038	0.8mi	Permittee
North/South Unit AIF	2040	0.1mi	Permittee
Coal Creek Fence	2202	0.1mi	Permittee
N. Half Thompson Pass	2041	1.5mi	Permittee

IV. ALLOTMENT STATUS

The livestock management on Snyder Basin allotment will follow the Allotment Management Plan (AMP) approved in 1996. The Standards and Guidelines identified in the Bridger-Teton National Forest Plan that deal with the management of this allotment are included in the AMP. It is very

important you understand these Standards and Guidelines since they form the basis for the management of this allotment.

Effectiveness monitoring is long-term monitoring that occurs over an extended period of time. It is used to determine if management practices are effective in meeting Forest Plan Goals, standards and objectives for livestock grazing. The specific objective based on the established monitoring benchmark areas for the Snyder Basin allotment are, ground cover of 70%, stream bank stability rating of 7 and riparian ecological status of late seral or higher on 85% of the steams. If these objectives are met allowable utilization limits of vegetation will be 50% of key species. If objectives are not met allowable utilization limits of vegetation will be reduced to 25% to provide for improvement.

V. OBSERVATIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS SEASON

VI. OTHER

You are authorized to set a rider camp at the crossroads in the South Unit (south of the State Section within Section 21, T29N, R116W) to aid in livestock management. All camp materials and equipment are required to be hauled out at the end of the grazing season. All structures must be removed. Please keep a clean camp.

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