

**2017 Annual Operating Instructions
Bald Hill Allotment**

Resource Objectives For This Grazing Season

Perennial grasses and major browse species within these pastures need rest in order to provide time to recover from the drought we're currently experiencing. Keep livestock numbers low and move cattle when utilizations in pastures are met. Ensure wildlife water is available in pastures cattle are not in and wildlife escape ramps are in place on troughs.

Authorization

Upon payment of fees livestock are authorized as follows for 2017

<u>Number of Livestock</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Grazing Period (may be modified)</u>
140 c/c	Arnold	March – May 31
140 c/c & 10 bulls	Bates	June
140 c/c & 10 bulls	Durphee	July 1 – Sept 1
140 c/c & 10 bulls	Bates	Sept 1- 15
140 c/c	Bald Hill	Sept 16- Feb 2018
10 bulls	Bull	Sept 16- Feb 2018
6 Horses	Bull and Pinto: <i>Mesa</i>	yearlong

The Forest Officer must be given actual use, by pasture, after livestock are off the allotment.

Any change from these Annual Operating Instructions is to be coordinated and confirmed in advance with the Forest Officer, best if a week or two in advance. If emergency conditions require making a change immediately, notify the Forest Officer promptly.

Move your livestock regardless of the date shown above, to avoid exceeding allowable use (utilization) levels.

Allowable Use

The following is maximum allowable use: Uplands: *On palatable grasses*: 35% while actively growing, 50% during dormant periods. This percentage is of the total weight of the current year's production. *On shrubs*: browsing of 50% of available leaders. Riparian: *On palatable grasses and sedges*: 30% of the total weight available. *On shrubs*: browsing of 50% of available leaders.

Cattle will be moved to the next scheduled pasture or off the allotment when allowable use standards are met, no matter what the dates on paper are. Failure to remove your cattle to avoid use above the allowable levels is a violation of these instructions and the terms of your grazing permit.

Salt And Supplements

The thoughtful placement of salt, mineral and protein is a valuable distribution aid. Salt will not be located in heavy use areas, including within ¼ mile of water. Instead, place supplements to draw livestock to areas that normally receive only light use.

Range Improvements

Maintenance will follow the standards in your Part 3 of your grazing permit.

Permittee Comments And Suggestions

Permit Conditions

These Annual Operating Instructions are a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 2, Section 8(a). They comply with the standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan. Failure to follow any of the terms and conditions specified in Parts 1, 2, and 3 of your Term Grazing Permit may result in suspension or cancellation, in whole or in part, after written notice. (Refer to Part 1, Section 3, of your permit.)

APPROVED BY: Todd [Signature] 2/8/2017
District Ranger Date

AGREED TO BY: Y.A. [Signature] 2/8/2017
Permittee Date