

2017 BUCKHORN ALLOTMENT AOI

PLANNING OBJECTIVES

- Identification of specific management tools/resource objectives and constraints for this grazing season.
- Review general permit administration and livestock management requirements.
- Document any needs or agreements beyond the standard directions.

AUTHORIZATION

Upon payment of fees livestock are authorized as follows for 2017 - 2018:

<u>Number of Cattle</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Grazing Period (may be modified to meet utilization)</u>
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Variable numbers not to exceed 60 Head Months (Equivalent of 5 cattle yearlong)

MANAGEMENT TOOLS

Follow forage and browse use standards. Utilization needs to be at a level that allows for sufficient litter to protect soils and watershed conditions and provide an opportunity for perennial grasses and major browse species to maintain or improve their vigor. Cattle will be moved off the allotment when allowable use standards are met, regardless of the planned move dates shown below. The following are maximum allowable use:

- Conservative grazing intensity (31-40% use) on key herbaceous species during the spring and summer growing periods (typically April 1 to September 30);
- Moderate grazing intensity (41-50% use) on key herbaceous species during the dormant season;
- Moderate grazing intensity (50-60% leaders browsed) on key upland woody species

Failure to remove your cattle to avoid use above the allowable levels is a violation of these terms and conditions of your grazing permit.

- The thoughtful placement of salt, mineral, and protein is a valuable distribution aid. Do not place salt, protein, or other supplements in heavy use areas or within a ¼ mile of water (this includes seeps and springs). Instead, place supplements to draw livestock to areas that normally receive only light use.
- 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.
- You are responsible for your representatives and/or employees following all Forest Officer instructions.

RANGE IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION OR BETTERMENT

Maintenance will follow the standards in your Part 3 of your grazing permit. In addition to routine maintenance, the following is planned for this year: *Nothing planned other than routine maintenance.*

MANAGEMENT COMMENTS

The permittee will maintain the south Forest Boundary fence to FS standards, the maintenance of this fence will allow permittee to close the access gate between buckhorn tanks and the Buckhorn allotment in order to disrupt livestock concentration patterns.

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).

AGREED TO BY: Tina Moore 2/1/17
Permittee Date

APPROVED BY: [Signature]
District Ranger Date
SARAH TOMSKY 3/2/17