

GRAZING YEAR 2017
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
WAGONER ALLOTMENT 321

The objectives of these instructions are, prior to the grazing season, to:

- identify specific management tools/resource objectives for this grazing season
- review general permit administration and livestock management requirements, and
- document any needs or agreements beyond the standard directions.

AUTHORIZATION

Upon payment of fees livestock are authorized as follows for the 2017 Grazing year:

<u>Number of Cattle</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Grazing Period (may be modified to meet utilization)</u>
140 cows 14 Bulls	Cherry	8/12 - 11/7
140 cows 14 Bulls	Paxton	5/11 - 8/11 2/23 - 2/28 - 5/23
140 cows 14 Bulls	Horse	11/23 - 2/23
140 cows 14 Bulls	Headquarters	11/8 - 11/22
140 cows 14 Bulls	Cherry	
140 cows 14 Bulls	Big	3/1 - 5/10
14 Bulls	Knight and Bain	10/28 - 3/15

- 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 utilization levels. If utilization levels are appropriate then livestock moves must be 90% accomplished by the dates given above.
- You are responsible for your representatives and/or employees following all Forest Officer instructions.

ALLOWABLE USE

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.

The following is maximum allowable use:

- **Uplands:** A management guideline of 35-45% forage utilization of key forage plants as measured at the end of the growing season. Up to 50-60% browse use on key upland woody species.

- **Areas Needing Improvement:** A management guideline of up to 30% forage utilization of key forage plants in upland key areas as measured at the end of the growing season (see attached map).
- **Riparian:** *On palatable grasses and sedges:* 4-6" sedges and rushes and 8" where deergrass is key. *On shrubs:* browsing of 50% of available leaders.

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 (this includes seeps and springs). 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. In addition to routine maintenance, the following is planned for this year:


- *Enlarge Ross Tank – Arch good*
- *Reptace trough @ Ridge Spring – wait on Arch.*
- *Remove Exclosure Ross*

MANAGEMENT COMMENTS:

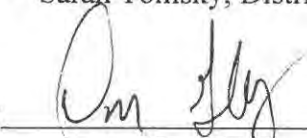
PERMIT CONDITIONS

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:


 Sarah Tomskey, District Ranger 2-19/17
Date

AGREED TO BY:


 Permittee 2/9/17
Date

