

**2023**  
**Annual Operating Instructions**  
**West Bear Allotment**

This document serves as your 2023 Grazing Year, Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the West Bear Allotment. This AOI is part of your Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 2, section 8(a).

**GRAZING SCHEDULE**

The Annual stocking level (annual authorized livestock numbers and dates) are considered approximate. The actual dates and numbers may change due to many variables. Annual stocking level is based on current and expected forage production. The planned use period in a pasture and livestock numbers can/should be adjusted if conditions change, either (shortened or lengthened, depending on forage availability but not in excess of the permitted numbers and utilization in key areas).

\*Any changes from these Annual Operating Instructions is to be coordinated and confirmed in advance and will be made only with prior written Forest Service Officer Approval. (An Amendment)

\*If emergency conditions require making an immediate change, notify the Forest Service Officer promptly.

Authorization

Upon payment of fees, the following is the planned grazing sequence for the 2023 grazing season:

Number of Livestock	Pasture	Grazing Period
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See attached Biological Plan

Rested (Ungrazed) Pastures for the 2023 Grazing Season

None

**RESOURCE MONITORING**

Holistic Management uses the principle of avoiding repeated grazing without full regrowth.

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.

The permittee is encouraged to participate in the allotment Monitoring process.

### Actual Use

The permittee will document the following items on the enclosed Actual Use Form during the 2023 grazing year: 1) Pasture; 2) Actual Grazing Period; 3) Actual Livestock Numbers.

**\*It is very important that this Actual Use form be completed and submitted to your Rangeland Management Specialist at the end of the grazing year.**

### **RESOURCE OBJECTIVES for THIS GRAZING SEASON**

Proper livestock management practices, e.g. distribution, timing of grazing, and intensity of grazing, must be managed closely to provide for plant maintenance, improved vigor, and maintenance/improvement of vegetative ground cover. When cattle are not in a pasture, ensure water is available for wildlife and escape ramps are in place on troughs.

### **SALTING AND PROTEIN BLOCK PRACTICES**

Proper salt and protein block location can be a good tool to aid in livestock distribution and they will be used in a manner to spread livestock utilization throughout the pasture. A detailed description of the Salting and Supplemental Feeding policy can be found in Part 3 of your term grazing permit; (See AMP and Term Grazing Permit for the complete list of the guidelines.) Place supplements to draw livestock to areas that normally receive only light use.

### **RANGE IMPROVEMENTS**

#### Maintenance

Range improvements assigned to you are to be fully maintained annually to comply with permit requirements. Any maintenance you perform must conform to the standards specified by your District Rangeland Management Specialist. The grazing permittee is responsible for all maintenance materials, supplies and equipment necessary to properly maintain all range structural improvements. The Forest may replace range structural improvement materials and/or supplies at the end of the improvement's life if properly maintained; when maintenance and repair is no longer feasible to keep the improvement properly maintained and functioning.

#### Projects:

- Rockhouse pipeline, Daisy tank catchment conversion and one mile fence replacement in Bald Hill applied for in NRCS application.
- Roll up and remove non-functional fence in area of Wagontire dirt tank.
- Remove wire at eye level at Wagontire dirt tank on north end of tank.
- Remove non-functional corral at tri canyon.
- Maintain river fence at points on map given to permittee by FS.
- Heavy maintenance in Bean from KV lines east to Rattlesnake Canyon.

