

## 2017 Annual Operating Instructions Willow Allotment

### Resource Objectives For This Grazing Season

Although conditions have been steadily improving the effects of the drought are still evident. Perennial grasses and major browse species within these pastures need rest in order to continue to recover from the drought we're currently experiencing. For this purpose it is important to livestock numbers balanced with currently available forage.

### Authorization

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

<u># of Livestock</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Grazing Period</u>
80 c/c	Willow West	March - April
80 c/c	Willow	May - June
80 c/c	Bootleg	July
80 c/c	Whoop-em-up	August – September
80 c/c	Bootleg	October
80 c/c	Willow	Nov- Feb 2018
7 horses	Willow west	Year round

The Forest Officer must be given actual use, by pasture, at the next authorization meeting or if needed before then. 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. If utilization levels are appropriate then livestock moves must be 90% accomplished by the dates given above. Ensure water is left in troughs (for wildlife) in pastures cattle are not in a wildlife escape ramps are in place.

### 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.

