

**Ruby Mountains Ranger District**  
2008 Annual Operating Instructions *CORRECTED*

PERMITTEE: Sandra L. Sharp Revocable Living Trust  
ALLOTMENT: Polar Star & Ruby C&H

The following is a revised version of the 2008 Annual Operating Instructions. As we discussed March 19, 2008 you were billed for Herd 1 and Herd 2 and this was incorrect. As requested, your 2009 grazing season will be credited \$243.00 for 180 Head Months. Please pay the full amount on the original bill.

**Authorized Use and Routing**  
**Ruby C&H**

Allotment	Number	Class	Season	Days/Head Month
Ruby C&H #00206				
Herd 1 Pasture Rotation	Numbers	Class	Season	Days/Head Month
Granite	78	Cow/Calf	6/1-6/27	27/69
Devils Slide	78	Cow/Calf	6/28-7/24	27/69
Gardner	122	Cow/Calf	8/7-9/10	
Conners	REST	REST	REST	

Note: Alan Sharp will run 122 head with Herd 1, giving a total of 200 head.

**Authorized Use and Routing**  
**Polar Star C&H**

Allotment	Number	Class	Season	Days/Head Month
Polar Star C&H #00222	27	Cow/Calf	5/1-7/30	122/108

**Forage Utilization Standards and Guidelines**

- The permittee is responsible for tracking and complying with permitted forage use levels stated below and in your Term Grazing Permit.
- Once use levels have been reached movement to another unit or removal of livestock will be required regardless of time remaining in the grazing season or Head Months paid for.

Garry Brown  
Rangeland Management Specialist  
March 24, 2008



Managament Category	Area Name	Key Species	Utilization
Class I Riparian	Hidden Lakes Robinson Lake	Desireable Grasses and Forbs	35%
Class II Riparian	Robinson Creek Wilsons Creek Murphy Creek Starvation Creek Griswold Creek Dads Creek Withington Creek Soldier Lake Soldier Creek Joe Billy Creek Springs and Seeps	Desireable Grasses and Forbs	35% 35% 35% 35% 35% 35% 35% 35% 35% 35% 45%
Class III Riparian	Murphy Creek Springs and Seeps	Desireable Grasses and Forbs	45% 60%
Class IV Riparian	Gardner Creek Conners Creek Devil's Slide Creek Ross Creek Mineral Spring Springs & Seeps	Desireable Grasses and Forbs	45% 45% 45% 45% 45% 60%
Class V Riparian	Wilson Creek Granite Spring Spings & Seeps	Desireable Grasses and Forbs	55% 55% 65%
Upland Areas	All Units	Shrubs/Aspen	50%
*Upland Browse	All Units	Shrubs/Aspen	40%
*Riparian Browse	All Units	Shrubs/Aspen	25%

\*Utilization based on current year's growth for browse and shrubs

## General Range Management

- **Salt and Supplement Placement:** Place salt or supplement at least 200 yards from water sources, roads, trails and recreation sites. Place salt in areas lightly grazed to encourage an even distribution of utilization on the range. Salt will be removed from areas where maximum allowable use levels have been reached or at the end of the grazing season. Salt fed in loose form shall be contained in an approval receptacle that will keep it from spilling onto the ground.
- **Riding and Herding:** To improve livestock distribution and reduce resource damage we encourage the riders to breakup livestock concentrations and move them away from water or sensitive areas to areas with lighter use.
- **Disposal of Dead Livestock:** Dead livestock shall be moved to a location greater than 300 feet of any water source, out of view of roads or trails, and away from areas of significant public use.
- **Noxious Weeds:** Your assistance is needed in identifying new infestations of noxious weeds. Pay particular attention to areas where stock are concentrated such as loading/unloading areas, water developments, and salting areas. By USDA order 04-00-097, all non-pelletized hay, straw or mulch possessed, stored, or transported on National Forest

System Lands, in individual bales or containers, must be tagged or marked as noxious weed free, or must have the original and current evidence of noxious weed free certification documentation present. All markings must meet the State and/or county standards for certification as noxious weed free. It is your responsibility to ensure that your livestock do not contribute to the transport of noxious weeds onto the allotment.

## **Vegetation Monitoring**

We strongly encourage you to take utilization measurements (see the Nevada Rangeland Monitoring Handbook or Ranchers' Monitoring Guide <http://www.ag.unr.edu/nsrm>) in designated key areas of your pastures. Doing so will track when livestock need to be moved to ensure standards are met. We will work with you to ensure that you understand the monitoring methods and will assist in determining key areas. Monitoring forms are available at the ranger station. You are encouraged to send your monitoring data to your Rangeland Management Specialist to be kept in your permanent file.

## **Range Improvements**

- All improvements will be maintained prior to livestock entering the allotment.
- If the allotment is in non-use status, you are still responsible for improvement maintenance.
- Improvements used in common will be maintained before either operator is scheduled to turn on.
- Please work with the Rangeland Management Specialist to develop a replacement schedule for large projects and troughs.
- All the improvements which you are responsible for maintaining are listed in Part 3 of your Term Grazing Permit.

## **Meeting Notes (Structural/Nonstructural Improvements, Rotation, etc.)**

<p>Your grazing season for herds 1 and 2 have been moved up 2 weeks as requested and will coincide with Alan's rotation. The Polar Star season has been reduced from 5/1-8/30 to 5/1-7/30 as requested. This will more accurately reflect the actual available production on this allotment. Cows may need to be removed even earlier-need to monitor.</p>
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## **Nonuse**

Please remember that a request for nonuse must be made in writing in advance. Nonuse for permittee convenience can be authorized for no more than 3 consecutive years, and not more than 4 years in any 10 year period.

## **Grazing Use Record**

Enclosed is a Grazing Use Record for the upcoming season. Please use this form to record the dates livestock spend on the allotment as well as other information such as livestock loss, grazing use, resource concerns, improvement needs, etc. The grazing use record should be submitted to the district office by December 31. Blank forms can be found at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf/resources/range/index.shtml>.

**Notice**

**The permittee will provide the Ruby Mountains/Jarbridge District with written notification of any changes or deviation he or she wishes to make in these Annual Operating Instructions. This includes changes in animal numbers, class of livestock, period of use (changes in entry or exit dates from unit to unit), or changes in pasture rotation. No changes in these instructions will be recognized without this verification.**

We look forward to working with you and solicit your cooperation and involvement in bringing about sound range and livestock management practices that will enhance all of the allotment resources. If you have any ideas or suggestions that will improve the management of the allotment, we would like to hear from you. Please keep us posted about activities and conditions on the allotment. If you have any questions or concerns regarding management, please don't hesitate to contact Garry Brown at (775) 752-1714.

Permittee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

District Ranger: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosures: Bill for Collection, Grazing Use Record